

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden,' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ With the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God. That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no

eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**The prince of this world will now be cast out,
and when I am lifted up from the earth
I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 8th / 9th JUNE, 2024



**If a kingdom is divided against itself,
that kingdom cannot last.**

Mark 3:24

Throughout the Gospel of Mark, the evangelist explores the question of who people believe Jesus to be. Whilst his disciples have a less than perfect understanding of the question, 'Who do you say I am?', those whose faith reveals the truth of Jesus are quickly sworn to secrecy. In today's gospel, the misunderstanding of Jesus' family and the misunderstanding of the Scribes show their incomplete grasp of who Jesus is. Whilst the language about Satan, evil and unclean spirits is unfamiliar language today, the gospel writer uses this imagery to further his point that Jesus is the Messiah, the one who saves the world.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT
SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:
Saturday [St Agnes Church] 6:00 pm
Sunday [OLA] 9:00 am, 11:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:
Tuesday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Tuesday [OLA Church] 6.00 pm
Wednesday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Thursday [OLA Church] 9.15 am
Friday [St Agnes Church] 9.00 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE (except Public Holidays)
Monday [OLA Church] 9.15 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Wednesday 9:45 am
Saturday 9.30 am
i.e. following Mass (COVID-safe protocols apply)

BAPTISMS: Contact Parish Office: 9583 6161.

WEDDINGS: By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).

The clergy, employees and volunteers of our two parishes are committed to upholding a duty of care to all children, young people and vulnerable adults, taking all reasonable steps to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from all forms of abuse and harm and commit to safeguard their health and well-being.

TENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B – 8th / 9th June, 2024

PRAYING FOR:

Michael McKeever, Leila van Sanden,
Kevin Braganza, Jerry O'Sullivan,
...and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Prem Varghese, James Andrews,
Mariangela Montirosso (1 month),
....and all who we remember at this time.
...additionally we keep in our prayers all
who are currently unwell.

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent
2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from
Year B in the Lectionary cycle
Should you wish to view the Scripture
Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical
Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass

VOLUNTEERS: Please make sure that your
WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are
current, that is, have not expired, and copies
made available to the Parish Office.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP: Thank you to all
parishioners who continue to support both the
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through
your generous contributions. Both OLA & St
Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>

The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>

HIGHETT - CHELTENHAM

A sincere thank you to all those who submitted
suggestions re. a name for our newly forming
parish. All submissions have now been
forwarded to the Archbishop for review and for
his decision on our new parish name.

OLA FETE - 23rd November 2024 The fete
is fast approaching, and we could use your
help! The fete's Donation & Sponsorship
team are currently seeking donations /
sponsorship for the silent auction / raffle. If
you run a business/or know anyone who
does, or work for a company who would like
to donate (or would just like to donate an
item yourself) we'd be extremely grateful.
There is an official sponsorship letter
outlining what we are fundraising for –
copies of this can be found in the OLA
Church foyer.

We are also looking for people to help us
distribute the fundraising letters in the local
community. If you can spare some time to
assist us this would be greatly appreciated.
For further information, please contact
Antonella Taranto biv_js@hotmail.com or **Liz**
Dawson liz.grace.dawson@gmail.com or please
call OLA School Office on 95849488. The
more donations / sponsorships we have – the
more successful the fete will be! Thank you.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
23rd and 30th June

It is that time of year again when the St Vincent
de Paul Society are making their Winter
Appeal. This is the major appeal made by the
local conference to generate funds to enable us
to support local needy families.

In this past year we made 530 home visits to
more than 130 local households, providing
assistance to approximately 300 adults and 200
children. The support given includes food,
food vouchers, Vinnies vouchers (for clothing
and furniture), fuel cards and assistance with
utility costs and educational expenses.

In the past the Winter Appeal has been the
major source of our funds, enabling us to do
this good work on behalf of the parishioners.

We will have people in the foyer to collect and
provide receipts for donations made at Masses
on the above-mentioned dates.

Gospel reading continued...

His mother and brothers now arrived and,
standing outside, sent in a message asking for
him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time
the message was passed to him, 'Your mother
and brothers and sisters are outside asking for
you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my
brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in
a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother
and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of
God, that person is my brother and sister and
mother.'



**2024 PROPAGATION OF
THE FAITH APPEAL**

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar
suffered a life-altering injury
while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle,
leaving him unable to work and reliant on
scarce support services for basic needs.
Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar
faces the real risk of freezing to death.
Resources are limited, but the Church in
Mongolia is working hard to provide essential
services to people in need.

**This World Mission Month, we invite you to
extend your generosity to help enhance
these vital services. Your support for next
weekend's appeal (15th/16th June) can make
a significant difference to the lives of many,
offering hope and tangible assistance to
individuals like Chuluunbaatar.**



OLA COMMUNITY PANTRY is

now located at the end of the Wilson
Street exit to our car park. Created
& designed by the amazing Grade
3/4 students, this pantry is a symbol
of our community spirit. Offering a helping
hand to those in need, we gratefully accept
donations of non-perishable food items.
Together, through your generosity and the
creativity of our young leaders, we can build
a stronger and more supportive community
for all. **Please take what you need & give
what you can.**