

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and

broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice,  
says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

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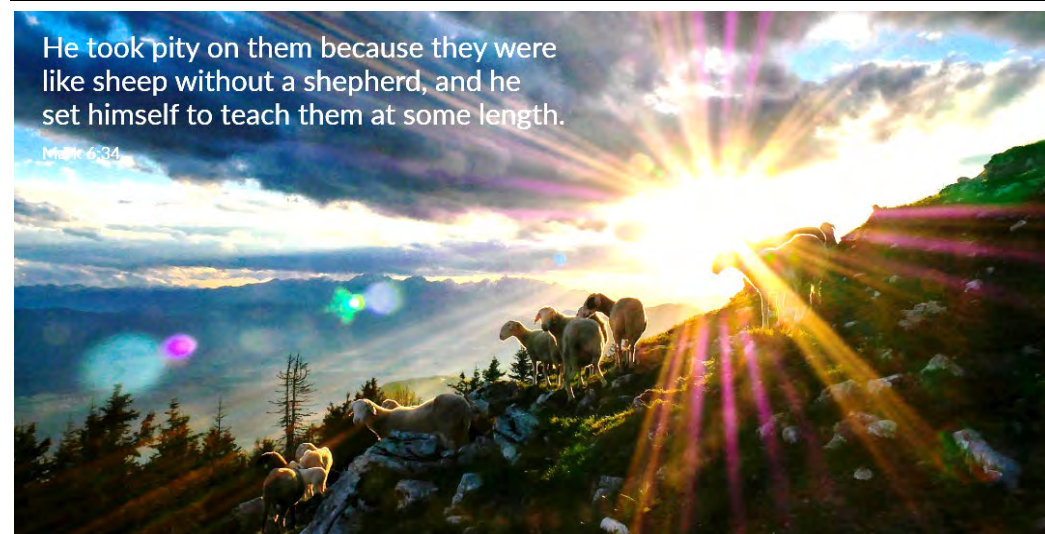
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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2024



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Mark 6:34

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them. In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** 9583 6161  
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**MASS TIMES – HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**  
**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.

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B - 20th / 21st JULY, 2024**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Maria Lettini, Tony Milicevic,  
Ronald D'Rozario,

... and all those who died recently.

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Josip Mandic, Milena Bilos,  
Ante Markovic, Silvestra Misajon,  
John Moran, Colleen Barrett,  
Lorraine Lack, Danny Cashin,  
Miro Smrdelj, Margaret Dowsey,

... 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](http://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>



**OLA KNITTING GROUP**  
would like to thank everyone  
who donated wool and supported  
our stall last Sunday. We have  
passed on to St Vincent de Paul,  
(OLA Conference) the  
wonderful sum of \$900. We next meet on  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1pm in the Church  
Meeting Room. All are most welcome.



**OLA GARDENING GROUP**  
will have a working bee on  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August from  
10am. If any Parishioner  
would like to give some time,  
or join the group, you would be made very  
welcome. Contact John Tetteroo 9583 4628  
for details. Many thanks in anticipation.

**ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH**

The next combined  
Parish Social Lunch will  
be at **on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>  
August, at 12 noon**, at  
the **Highett RSL**. All are most welcome.  
**Please RSVP by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July** to: Karen  
Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350 or via email:  
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**SEA SUNDAY** is the day set  
by many Christian Churches to  
remember, celebrate, pray for  
seafarers and their families, and  
give thanks for their lives and  
work. It is officially held on  
Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2024.

Seafarers work tirelessly on the high seas  
throughout the year, bringing us more than  
ninety percent of needed goods. In the  
Catholic Church, Sea Sunday is supported by  
Stella Maris around the world. Parishioners  
have the opportunity to support this Catholic  
ministry through the annual Sea Sunday  
appeal. To donate online, please go to:

[stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal](http://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal)

**PARISH AMALGAMATION - CHRIST  
OUR LIGHT PARISH, HIGHETT-  
CHELTENHAM**

Please see both churches' notice boards for  
the publication of **Archbishop Peter  
Comensoli's Decree, dated 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**,  
merging St Agnes' Parish, Highett and Our  
Lady of the Assumption Parish, Cheltenham,  
and, at the same time, establishing **Christ  
Our Light Parish, Highett-Cheltenham**.  
The formal amalgamation of the parishes  
becomes effective on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>  
August, 2024**.

An updated map showing the revised parish  
boundaries has been posted alongside the  
Archbishop's Decree.

The Decree can also be downloaded via the  
'News' page of the OLA website:

<https://olacheltenham.org.au/news/>

**OTHER BAYSIDE AMALGAMATIONS**

A number of people have enquired about the  
names given to the other newly established  
parishes in the Bayside area. **Brighton,  
Brighton East and Gardenvale**, will be  
formally known as **Emmaus Parish**, and  
**Sandringham, Hampton and Hampton  
East** will be formally known as **Holy Spirit  
and St Francis Parish**. We wish our  
neighbouring parish communities every  
blessing for this new chapter in our  
collective parish journeys.

**† UPCOMING FUNERALS †**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at 11am (OLA)  
**Maria Lettini (RIP)**

Rosary prior to Mass: 10.30am

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 12pm (OLA)  
**Tony Milicevic (RIP)**

*May the souls of all our faithful departed,  
rest in peace.*