

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the book of Exodus

16:2-4. 12-15

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our hearts content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your hearts content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

4:17. 20-24

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you

failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

6:1-15

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered:

*(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)*

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2024



Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him. Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living that witnesses to our new understanding, our new life.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** 9583 6161  
Monday - Friday 9am – 3pm  
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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.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2024**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Josie Jouaneau, Elizabeth Bala,  
Eugene Dunne, Brendon Dwyer,  
Ray Martin,  
... and all those who died recently.

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

William Ralph, James Monaghan,  
Nancy Quirke, Lucian D'Oliveira,  
Carmel Burgess, Angels Esquivel,  
Jorge Chacon, Dagmar Puccetti,  
Marco Paoli, Molly Fowler, Paul Flood,  
Lillian Fowler, Ruby Holloway  
Maureen Noonan, Richard Calleja,  
Peter Home, Dorothy George,  
Stephen Exton,

...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>



**CELEBRATIONS** This Sunday,  
the **4<sup>th</sup> of August**, we celebrate the  
**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Sr Margaret  
Pelly CSB and her 70<sup>th</sup> Jubilee**  
of religious profession. Next weekend, on the  
**10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> August**, we celebrate the **Sacrament  
of First Eucharist**, as well as the formal  
establishment of '**Christ Our Light Parish**'.  
And, on the **17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> of August**, we will mark  
**Fr Alan's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood  
Ordination**. You are welcome to bring  
something to share, as we celebrate these  
milestones with a cuppa after our Masses.

**† UPCOMING FUNERALS †**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 11am (OLA)  
**Anna Wronka (RIP)**

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 11am (OLA)  
**Josie Jouaneau (RIP)**

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



**OLA FETE - 23<sup>rd</sup> November  
2024 SPONSORSHIP AND  
CASH DONATIONS** If you  
run, work in, or know of a  
business that might be willing  
to donate cash or sponsor a  
stall/ride, please contact  
Antonella at [biv\\_is@hotmail.com](mailto:biv_is@hotmail.com) or Liz at  
[liz.grace.dawson@gmail.com](mailto:liz.grace.dawson@gmail.com).

**LUCKY BOTTLES STALL** Throughout  
August, the Fete committee are collecting  
wine, bubbles or spirits for the lucky bottles  
stall. Kindly drop your donations into the  
school office.

**DO YOU HAVE A MARQUEE?** We are on  
the lookout for any size marquees to use during  
the event. If you have a marquee that we could  
use for the fete, please email John Bardon at  
[jbardon@gmail.com](mailto:jbardon@gmail.com) or call 0407 507 571.

**PLANTS STALL** requires indoor/outdoor  
plants, indoor/ outdoor plant pots or any  
donations for the stall.

*Gospel reading continued...*

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**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, as well as a verbal description of those 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/>



**HEART OF LIFE Enneagram  
Day (In Person) – Saturday 31<sup>st</sup>  
August (9am to 4.30pm)** This one-  
day practical workshop offers a  
transformational experience where  
you will gain invaluable insight into the unique  
way in which we relate and respond to the people  
with whom we share our lives, and the world  
around us. Cost \$80 (includes notes). BYO  
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