

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

10:34. 37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad.**

## SECOND READING

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

3: 1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now

the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;  
let us feast with joy in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!,**

## GOSPEL READING

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

20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.



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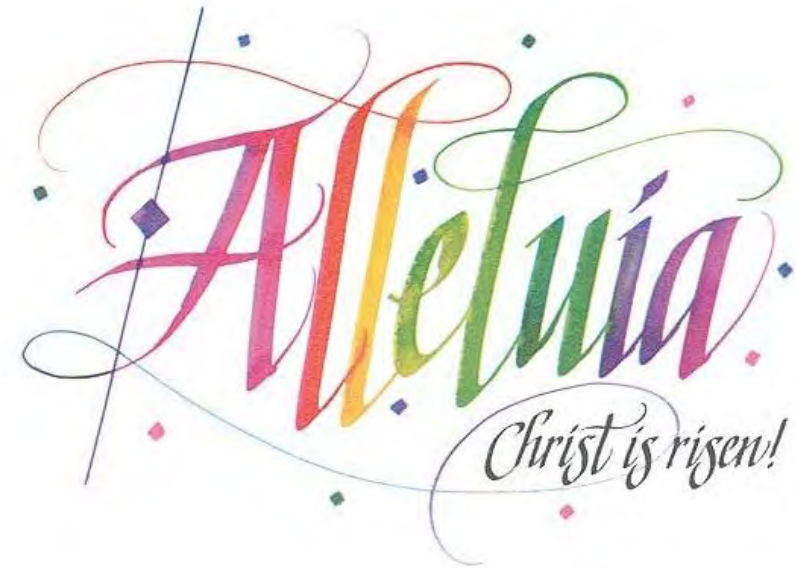
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## EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

YEAR B - 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, 2024



John's Easter story is closer to our real experience than many of the other Resurrection stories. Here we have no angels announcing 'He is raised'; no Jesus present to change sadness into joy. Resurrection is more subtle in this Gospel. Mary and Peter miss the signs. They remain locked in grief still carrying the painful burden of Golgotha. It is the disciple named 'beloved' who first experiences resurrection in his openness to believe in God's power to raise Jesus. Easter calls for faith. Those who know the loss and pain of death know too well the hard, long search to find signs of life. We don't experience a sudden glorious moment of life returned. Like the anonymous disciple, we often stay some time within the tomb before finding grace to turn and enter into life. Such grace is found in simple signs of a love that does endure. Perhaps this is why 'the beloved' disciple first reaches Easter faith.

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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.

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RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
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PRAYING FOR:

Grace Lamden, Lena Thomas,  
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Saverina De Gilio, Femili Turkalji,  
Antonino Fucile, Brian Paulraj,  
Giulio Pertile, Fortunata Morabito,  
Nina Kopczynski, Mary Cass,  
Michael Campion,  
Mary & Joseph Dunkley,

....and all whose anniversaries occur about  
this time.

...and 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>

 **PROJECT COMPASSION**  
AUSTRALIA 2024 Happy Easter from all  
at Caritas Australia! Thank you for your  
continued support for Project Compassion –  
past, present and future. Together, we can help  
vulnerable communities face their challenges  
today and build a better tomorrow '*For All  
Future Generations*'. Thank you for  
supporting Caritas Australia's Project  
Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal. Please  
return any boxes / envelopes to either of our  
church sacristies, as soon as possible, so we  
can finalise this year's contributions and  
send them off to Caritas. Thanks again.



UPCOMING FUNERAL

Funeral Mass  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11.00am (OLA)  
**William Byrne (RIP)**

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



PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

For those who contribute to our  
parishes via envelopes, new sets of  
envelopes are available for collection  
from our respective church foyers.

Thank you once again for your ongoing practical  
and financial support for the mission of both our  
parishes.



**OLA KNITTING GROUP** will  
next meet on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at  
1pm, in the Church Meeting  
Room. All are welcome. '*In the  
rhythm of the needles, there is  
music for the soul*'.

The detailed '**Implementation Plan**' for the  
'**Reconfiguration of the Bayside Parishes**',  
can be downloaded directly from the  
following link: [bit.ly/47JiBtHr](http://bit.ly/47JiBtHr)



Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April,  
you're invited to stay and  
join fellow parishioners  
for a cuppa **after the 9am  
& 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting  
Room.



Dear Friends,

The great joy of Easter defines us as  
Christians, and I pray that we will be  
transformed, once again, by the saving grace  
of God, revealed to us in the Paschal  
mystery: that is the life, death and  
resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Let's celebrate with joy, that '**Christ is risen,  
he is risen indeed. Alleluia!**', for we truly  
are His Easter people.

My heartfelt thanks go out to all who have  
given of their time and effort to the planning  
and celebration of our Holy Week and Easter  
liturgies. It's worth remembering that things  
don't just happen all by themselves! Once  
again, the generosity of many comes to the  
fore, contributing to the richness and  
prayerfulness of our sacred liturgies.

Thank you, in particular, to our parish staff,  
to those who assist at our liturgical  
celebrations: our lectors, ministers of the  
Eucharist, computer operators, those who cut  
down palms, those who help adorn our  
churches with flowers and colour, those who  
assist with the clean up after each liturgy and  
help set up for the next, and to all those who  
give of their time and energy to the day to  
day mission of both our parishes.

May I take this opportunity to wish you, and  
your families, every blessing for a happy and  
holy Easter.

Fr Alan