

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus
20:1-3. 7-8. 12-17

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery'.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it'.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy'.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you'.

'You shall not kill'.

'You shall not commit adultery'.

'You shall not steal'.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour'.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house'.
'You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

**God loved the world so much,
he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.**

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GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B - 2nd/3rd MARCH, 2024



"Take all this out
of here and
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John 2:16

When Jesus called himself the new temple, he was claiming to be the centre of the universe and the presence of God in the midst of the community. When we accept him in faith, we are accepting these claims. We may profess this belief, but do our lives reflect it? To say that Jesus is the wisdom of God means that God's wisdom is made known in him and that he is the way that points to God. While laws often embody distinctive cultural values or customs, as wisdom of God, Jesus crosses cultural boundaries and breaks down cultural distinctions. As the wisdom of God, Jesus fulfils the expectations of any and all codes of law. Both the law and the temple witness to the power of God in the lives of believers. However, both institutions pale in the light of Jesus who is identified as the power of God. This divine power is not revealed in lofty precepts or in magnificent stones, but rather in the broken and pierced body of Jesus Christ. How willing are we to accept him?

Dianne Bergant CSA

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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR B
2nd / 3rd March, 2024

PRAYING FOR:

Bill Rowe, Lawrie McKeown,
Deirdre Webb, Larry Answerth,
Leigh Sullivan, Karlo Frankovic,
Fiona Mullin (Ireland),
Agnes D'Souza, John Giffney,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Adam Wanless, Kathleen Kealy,
Carmela del Rossi, Rita Giugni,
James Phelan, Kerry King, Dolores Aviles,
Jack Holloway, Joanne Clifford,
Bert Ritossa,

....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

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>

 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** PROJECT COMPASSION

2024 **Leaia** lives with her five children, husband, brother and sister-in-law on the island of Upolu in Samoa. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water caused Leaia a lot of worry. Their home is not connected to a piped water system, so they had to rely solely on rainwater collected in old fridges. When their water ran out, Leaia had to walk with her young children to collect water in buckets and containers from a neighbour down the street. With the support of Caritas Australia's local partner, Caritas Samoa, a water tank was installed at Leaia's home. She and her family now have a steady supply of clean drinking water at home. Next year, they will also have a toilet built, with the support of Caritas Samoa, which will further improve their health and living conditions. Please give generously to Project Compassion through either the boxes or envelopes that are available in each of our church foyers, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or calling 1800 024 413.



This Sunday 3rd March,
you're invited to stay and
join fellow parishioners
for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in
the OLA Church Meeting Room.



OLA KNITTING GROUP will
next meet on Tuesday 5th March at
1pm, in the Church Meeting Room.
All are most welcome. The next **Knitting
Stall** will be held at OLA on Sunday 17th
March after the 9am and 11am Masses. All
proceeds will go to the St Vincent De Paul
Cheltenham Conference.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL †

Funeral Mass

Tuesday 5th March at 1.00pm (OLA)

Leonard O'Reilly (RIP)

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

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A COMMUNITY
GATHERING for parishioners of OLA &
St Agnes' - An opportunity to get to know one
another, as we seek to build our new identity in
preparation for our approaching amalgamation:
Wednesday 13th March from 7pm to 8.30pm
at St Agnes' School Hall, 1 Locinda St, Highett.**

**PARISHES OF THE BAYSIDE AREA:
RECONFIGURATION** Let's continue to
pray for our local Church in the Bayside area,
as together we work to implement the
upcoming changes to our local parishes. The
detailed '**Implementation Plan**' for the
'**Reconfiguration of the Bayside Parishes**',
can be downloaded directly from the
following link: bit.ly/47JiBHR

OLA CHOIR Come along and sing with us!!
Easter Choir practice will continue at OLA
each Sunday from 10am until Easter. All are
most welcome. Enquiries: Tony 0469 453 156
or Helen 0432 866 039.



**ST AGNES' PRIMARY
SCHOOL FETE**

Saturday 16th March 2024

Come along to our school fete!

There will be loads of stalls, great food,
Devonshire tea, entertainment and rides for
all the family to enjoy.

Pre order your ride wristband
at www.trybooking.com/CPNUB

Raffle tickets are available at the St Agnes'
Primary school office and will be sold after
Masses each Saturday & Sunday in March.



The Australian Catholic Bishops
Conference, through its
**National Centre for Pastoral
Research**, has created a profile for each parish
across Australia, based on the data from the
2021 Australian Census. You can download a
copy of the 'Parish Social Profile' for every
parish within the Archdiocese, including our
own parishes of **Highett** and **Cheltenham**, via
the following link: ncpr.catholic.org.au/2021-parish-social-profiles-melbourne/