

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah 8:23 – 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness as seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 4:12-23

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled: Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 21<sup>st</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY, 2023



This week we hear Matthew portray Jesus as the fulfilment of Sacred Scripture. Throughout his gospel, Matthew is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of Scripture, Matthew attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people. Jesus' call to repent is a call to see our relationship with God in a whole new way.

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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 IN ORDINARY TIME  
Year A - 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023

PRAYING FOR:  
John Murray, Fr Tao Pham,  
...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:  
Robert Prosser, Mary Andrews,  
Ken Middlebrook, Vincent D'Souza,  
Margaret Roche, Constance Laragy,  
Paul Ormonde, Jimmy Giles,  
Dom Placid Lawson OSB, Coco Urrutia,  
Evadne Boustead, Caridad David,  
Juan Chavez, Lionel D'Cruze,  
Pauline McIntyre, David Robinson,  
Sr Mary Chai, Kit Sunderland,

...and all who we remember about this time.

...and we keep in our prayers all who are currently unwell.

**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.

**UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS:** General Guidelines from the Archdiocese (Update #61: 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2022) are available online at:

[melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines](http://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines)

**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>



**ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH**  
The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be at 12 noon on Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, at the Highett RSL. All are most welcome. RSVP by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January to: Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350 or via email: [karen.mitri@gmail.com](mailto:karen.mitri@gmail.com)

Readings for this liturgical year from **Advent 2022 to Christ the King 2023** are taken from Year A in the Lectionary cycle  
[universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass](http://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass)



**YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION ONLINE ENROLMENTS FOR 2023**  
Register online at [www.ytu.edu.au](http://www.ytu.edu.au) or via phone: (03) 9890 3771. Handbooks for 2023 are available at OLA Parish Office.



**ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS** For all the latest news of what's happening in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, including the announcement that the Archdiocese will be hosting the 'Australian Catholic Youth Festival' in 2024, please visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news>



**UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS** The Funeral Mass for the late **John Murray** is to be celebrated at **OLA Church** on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 11am.**



**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Please note: Regular Parish Office hours of 9am – 3pm resume this week.

**AUSTRALIAN REFLECTIONS ON SYNOD'S WORKING DOCUMENT PUBLISHED**



You may be interested to read that the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) have published a working document in preparation for two Synod of Bishops assemblies, set for October 2023 and October 2024. More information can be found at the following link: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Australian-reflections-on-Synod-s-working-document-published>



**HEART OF LIFE Centre for Spiritual and Pastoral Formation** is now receiving applications for their 2023 formation programs. Programs

include:

**Siloam Program** – for the formation of spiritual directors.

**Emmaus Supervision Program** – for the formation of professional supervisors.

**Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program** – for the formation of spiritual leaders.

**Let the Heart Listen Program** – for people involved in listening to and supporting others in life's journey.

These programs, among a number of other programs, can be undertaken full-time in-person, or part-time in-person or online. For more information visit: [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

**RETURNING COMMUNION**

**PYXES** Any parishioners who have volunteered to take Communion to the sick in the past, and still have a parish pyx in their possession, are asked to please return it to the OLA Parish Office. Thanks.

