

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Wisdom  
11:22-12:2**

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians  
1:11-2:2**

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
God loved the world so much,  
He gave us his only Son,  
That all who believe in him  
might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
19:1-10**

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'



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## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2022



*“Today salvation has  
come to this house!”*

### Luke 19:8

σταθείς δὲ Ζακχαῖος εἶπεν πρὸς τὸν κύριον· ἰδοὺ τὰ ἡμίσια μου τῶν ὑπαρχόντων,  
And standing Zacchaeus said to the Lord: Behold [,] the half of my possessions  
κύριε, τοῖς πτωχοῖς δίδωμι, καὶ εἴ τινός τι ἐσυκοφάντησα ἀποδίδωμι  
Lord, to the poor I give, and if anyone anything I accused falsely  
τετραπλοῦν.  
I restore fourfold.

*Zacchaeus' short defence has usually been taken as an expression of a conversion he has just undergone, a statement of intent to amend his sinful ways and adopt in the future a new pattern of life. The problem with this is that in the Greek text the verb is in the present, not the future. Zacchaeus does not say, '... I will give to the poor and, ..., I will restore', but 'I give ..., I restore'. He seems to be stating present policy. Maybe he is not such a bad tax collector after all. Maybe he is not the one who has to undergo conversion – or at least not the only one.*

*Fr Brendan Byrne SJ*

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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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C  
29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

**PRAYING FOR:**

Tony Langenbacher,  
Norman Kenneth Rankin,

...and all those who have died recently.

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Mervyn Patterson, Eldon Rozario,  
Baba Varghese, Emir Nunes Moreira  
& Frances Max

....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 #60: 20<sup>th</sup> July, 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>

**Readings for this liturgical year from Advent 2021 to Christ the King 2022 are taken from Year C in the Lectionary cycle**  
[universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass](http://universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass)



Next Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



**MONTH OF NOVEMBER  
Remembering Our Dearly Departed**

**The Cross Of Remembrance**

You are invited to inscribe the names of your dear loved ones who have died. A cross is located near the Altar in each of our churches.

November Offering envelopes are available in our church foyers and at the Remembrance Crosses, for those who would like Masses offered for deceased loved ones.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL  
FLOOD APPEAL 2022** in support

of those who have been affected by the devastating floods, particularly in Northern Victoria. Contributions can be made by: Calling **13 18 12**; Donate online by visiting: <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022> ; or by making a monetary donation **through any Vinnies Shop** at point of purchase; or **via your local IGA** where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods. St Vincent de Paul thanks you for your support.



The **Rite of Christian  
Initiation of Adults** is a "journey" designed for

people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to participate in the RCIA with your questions, your insights and your faith story. If you're aware of anyone who may wish to know more about the faith we share, within the Catholic Church, please consider inviting them to take up the 'journey' to the Easter Sacraments. For more information, please contact the **Parish Office on 9583 6161**.

**MASSES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY**  
St Agnes' Church Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 9.00 am  
OLA Church Tues. 1<sup>st</sup> Nov. 6.00 pm

**MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY**  
OLA Church Wed. 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 9.15 am

**OLA FETE – 26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022**

**CAN YOU DONATE?**

Any donations to the following stalls will be greatly appreciated:

**CHOC-O-BLOCK AND CUPCAKE  
DECORATING STATION:**

We need chocolate blocks (any size or flavour), lollies (for decorating cakes) and wrapped lollies (eg minties, sherbies, starburst etc), Betty Crocker vanilla frosting, cupcake toppings (sprinkles, sour straps, mini marshmallows etc). Please drop your donation into the choc o block box in the school office.

**PLANTS**

Donations of potted plants for the hugely popular plant stall are always welcomed. We are also seeking volunteers to help run the stall on the day of the fete. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist.

**PRESERVES**

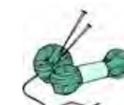
Can you make jam, preserves, sauces, or oils for the preserves stall? This is always so popular but we'd love a few more contributions. Please contact Kara on 0409 353 957 if you can contribute.

**OLA FASHION OP SHOP**

Good quality second hand clothes for the OLA Fashion Op Shop. Please drop your pre-loved clothes at the school office.

**BOTTLES OF WINE AND/OR SPIRITS**

Please drop the bottles off at the school office.



**OLA KNITTING GROUP** will next meet on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 1pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.