

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John

3: 1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!,**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND With great joy the Church of God welcomes Sophie Imperatori who is to be Baptised this weekend.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B - 20th/21st APRIL, 2024



This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

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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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PRAYING FOR:

Jaclynn Hanna, Marie Dillon,
Ruby Robinson, Priscilla Trindade,
Filippina Giarrusso, Carlyle D'Souza,
...and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Alan Roberts, Dominica Rozier,
Perpetua Rozier, Carmen Zahra,
Norman Dodgson, Loata Ravu,
Elenoa Bukasongo, Lauryn Clark,
Joe Piccolo, Vera Grima, Jack McHugh,
Lyn McHugh, Marie Bradford.

....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>

CHELTENHAM-HIGHETT DISCERNMENT SESSION

The second Discernment Session to discuss and
plan for the forthcoming formal amalgamation
of Highett & Cheltenham parishes, is as follows:

**Session 2: 7-8.30pm on Thurs. 2nd May
at Brigid Hall - OLA,
9 Centre Dandenong Rd Cheltenham**

The invitation is open to all parishioners of OLA
and St Agnes', including the staff of both our
parish schools, as well as all school families.

To register please visit: trybooking.com/CQYIM

The detailed '**Implementation Plan**' for the
'**Reconfiguration of the Bayside Parishes**',
can be downloaded directly from the following
link: bit.ly/47JiBhr

Documents referred to in these sessions will be
progressively added to the OLA News Page:
<https://olacheltenham.org.au/2024/04/19/discernment-sessions-phase-2-documents/>

OLA FETE - NOVEMBER 2024

Calling all plant lovers and green thumbs!

The plant stall is one of the most successful and
most loved stalls at our fete. This year we need
your help to make sure it is blooming and bigger
than ever.

We are looking for people who can:

- Donate indoor/outdoor plants, indoor/ outdoor
plant pots (can be creative) or source donations
for the stall; or
- Propagate plants that you may have in your
garden/home to donate to the fete. Even if it is
just a few - every little bit helps.

If you can assist, please contact Alysha on
0404 283 615.

JAMS & PRESERVES

Once again, our Fete Cake Stall will seek
donations of jams, curds, oils and preserves.
These items are always very popular so please
make as many jars as you can. Any questions,
contact Kara Bogicevic on 0409 353 957.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2024




Sunday we celebrate Good
Shepherd Sunday - the
World Day of Prayer for
Vocations. Pope Francis
reminds us that: *There can
be no greater joy than to
risk one's life for the Lord!*

Let us not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls
you to follow this path, do not pull your oars
into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the
young people in our community, and in our
families and circle of friends. May our prayers
help them to be open to the Lord's call to the
consecrated life or to priesthood.



BASP TRIVIA NIGHT The Brigidine
Asylum Seeker Project Trivia Team is
organising another Trivia Night, via Zoom, on
Friday 3rd May at 7.30pm. This event is to
raise funds for asylum seekers and refugees.
You can join in the quiz from your own home,
or catch up with friends to play together.
Register your own team, or join the 'OLA/St
Agnes' team when you register. There is a
suggested minimum donation of \$30 per team
member. To register, go to <https://cohdig.au/trivia>
or contact Adrian Foley at ade.foley@gmail.com
or mobile 0497 780 233.

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