

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say. Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of

bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever,
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C – 5th / 6th NOVEMBER, 2022



Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. Jesus assures us that death is not powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. This is the hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME – Yr. C
5th/6th November, 2022

PRAYING FOR:

Des Jensen,
...and all those who have died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Tommy Byrne, Irena Kowalczyk,
June Rigby, Leo McGannon,
Samuel Bukasongo, Marian Zolkos,
Sharon Brown, Cynthia D'Cruxe,
William Dean, Marie Thomas,
Zeph Thomas, Lorna Melia,
Teresa Gchorski, Armide Madie de Robillard,
Charles Farrugia & Jinny Farrugia.
....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: 20th July, 2022) are available online at:

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



This Sunday 6th 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**.

OLA FETE – 26th 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

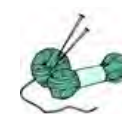
Can you make jam, preserves, sauces, or oils for the preserves stall? This is always so popular but we'd love a few more contributions. Please contact Kara on 0409 353 957 if you can contribute.

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 8th November at 1pm, in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.

