

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy;

another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

18th/19th JANUARY, 2025



One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

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 [OLA Church] 9:45 am
Saturday [OLA Church] 9.30 am

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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YEAR C - 18th/19th JANUARY, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Francis Bell, Mervyn Nathan,
Gerald Watson, John Wagstaff,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Monica Cashin, Marie Snell,
Kevin Andrews, Thomas Smith,
Kathleen Blair, Annette Clarke, Juan Chavez,
Caridad David, Annie Bukasongo,
Absalon Layos, Caterina Pittari,
Joseph Scicluna, Antonino Maccora,
Evelyn Palacio,

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

*...additionally, we keep in our prayers all
who are currently unwell.*

Readings for this liturgical year from Advent 2024 to Christ the King 2025 are taken from Year C in the Lectionary cycle.
Should you wish to view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:
universalis.com/australia.melbourneP/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 generously support our parish i.e. through their contributions to both our Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections. With the assistance of the Archdiocese we are currently working on refining the facility for parishioners to contribute to Christ Our Light Parish via an online portal.

PUBLIC LECTURE Fr Robert McCulloch, (originally from the parish of Cheltenham), and Eric Siray, a Hospital Administrator, will be speaking on their missionary and educational work in Hyderabad, Pakistan.

When: 7pm on Monday 20th January

**Where: St Patrick's Parish Centre,
3 Mitchell Street, Mentone.**

The evening has been arranged by the Knights of the Southern Cross, and all are welcome.

To assist with catering you're asked to advise either John Tetteroo M: 0432 649 659 or John Beruldsen E: johnberuldsen@gmail.com or M: 0429 693 030.

ST AGNES' SCHOOL UPDATE The works to resurface the school playground with Astro-turf at St Agnes' school continue. Unfortunately, due to this earlier commencement of works, we have been advised that the school playground will be unavailable for parking over these weeks. The timing of these works is out of our hands and sadly will impact on available parking to the rear of St Agnes' church, as the works will not be completed until around mid-January due to a delay in the provision of the sand, which is used to stabilise the new artificial surface. This upgrade is needed for safety reasons because the asphalt area has significantly deteriorated over time and is very rough, causing considerable injury when children fall. The school had hoped to minimise any impact on the community; however, the exact timing of the contractor's work wasn't within our control. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The Parents & Friends Committee of the school have fundraised \$65,000 to enable this improvement for the children. This solution is the only cost-effective and viable solution. Thank you for your consideration.

- Lachlan Foott, Principal



The Jubilee Logo The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

To find out more about **Jubilee 2025** visit the Official site for the Year of Jubilee 2025:

www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html

Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ has a good summary article on our call to be 'pilgrims of hope', throughout this jubilee year. You can read Fr Andrew's reflection at the following link:

<https://www.pray.com.au/bring-on-the-jubilee/>



BRINGING THE GOSPEL TO YOU! Audio Divina is a lectio-divina inspired Podcast that features Gospel reflections by **Fr Francis J. Moloney SDB AM**.

If you would like to listen to Fr Moloney's reflections on each Sunday's Gospels, visit:

salesians.org.au/resources/audio-divina-podcast