

**THE COMMEMORATION OF THE
LORD'S ENTRANCE INTO
JERUSALEM**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to
John 12:12-16**

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the king of Israel!' And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt.' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the
Philippians 2:6-11**

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, To the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

**Christ became obedient for us even to death
dying on the cross**

**Therefore God raised him on high
and gave him a name above all other names.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!**

**THE PASSION OF
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ACCORDING TO MARK**

(Mk 14:1 – 15:47)

Please refer to handout...



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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
YEAR B - 23rd/24th MARCH, 2024**



In this final Lenten Sunday we look again at the significance of Christ in our lives. We recognise him as our saviour, but we look more closely in order to discover just what kind of saviour he is. He has taken the form of a slave; he has been glorified with a name above all other names; he continues to suffer with us. We have not been saved through military might, but through the self-offering humility of Jesus. Though he was really in the form of God, Jesus came in the form of a slave. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. In the face of this, we must ask a fundamental question: Why does God love us with such abandon? Our Saviour was lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. He became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. Unlike conquerors who triumph by putting down their opponents, Jesus was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down. Our Saviour first offered himself for us and continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. The Passion narrative leaves us up in the air. It leaves us in a better position than the disciples because we know the end of the story! Jesus' disciples were downcast by what they felt was the defeat of Jesus, however we know that out of this darkness, light and hope will emerge!

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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.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD
YEAR B - 23rd / 24th March, 2024

PRAYING FOR:

Matt Ryan, Minerva Nuguid,
Francisco Delvalle, Bryan Symons,
Denis Dupont, Sy Bun Siu, William Byrne,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Frank Patterson, Frank Lohan,
Nell O'Sullivan, John Goulding,
Ken Holloway, Audrey Homan,

....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>

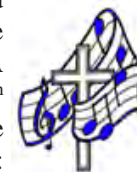
The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>


 **Caritas AUSTRALIA** PROJECT COMPASSION


2024 As Project Compassion
2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for
your incredibly generous support throughout
Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of
three inspiring women from across the globe,
who overcame challenges to complete their
education, access water and find secure
employment. There is still time to donate!
Together, we can help vulnerable communities
face their challenges today and build a better
tomorrow, for all future generations. Please give
generously to Project Compassion through
either the boxes or envelopes that are available
in each of our church foyers, or by visiting
caritas.org.au/project-compassion or calling 1800
024 413.

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

OLA CHOIR Come along and
sing with us!! The last practice
for our Easter Choir at OLA
will be this Sunday, 24th
March, from 10am All are
most welcome. Enquiries:
Tony 0468 453 156 or Helen
0432 866 039.



 **PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM**
For those who contribute to our
parishes via envelopes, new sets of
envelopes are available for collection
from our respective church foyers.
Thank you once again for your ongoing practical
and financial support for the mission of both our
parishes.

 **OLA KNITTING GROUP** The
Knitting Group would like to thank
everyone who donated wool and
supported our stall last Sunday. We have passed
on to St Vincent de Paul, (OLA Conference) the
wonderful sum of \$600.

HOLY WEEK 2024 - TIMETABLE

Tuesday - 26th March, 2024

6pm - Mass (with extended Penitential Rite)
- OLA Church

Holy Thursday 28th March, 2024

7pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper
- St Agnes Church

Good Friday 29th March, 2024

9am - Way of the Cross - OLA Church

Holy Saturday 30th March, 2024

7pm - Easter Vigil - St Agnes Church

Easter Sunday 31st March, 2024

Masses: 9am & 11am - OLA Church

Please Note: As is the Church's liturgical custom
no morning Masses are to be celebrated on Holy
Thursday, Good Friday or Holy Saturday.

Reconciliation (Individual)

Tues. 26th March 9.30am - St Agnes' Church

Tues. 26th March 6.45pm - OLA Church

Wed. 27th March 9.45am - OLA Church

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES Thank you to
all those who volunteered for the various
liturgical ministries across Holy Week. Please
consult the updated sign-up sheets available
on the table in both churches' foyers, to
confirm your participation/ministry in the
these liturgies.

**HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF
FEET:** Please add your name and phone
number to sign up sheet if you would like to
be part of this ritual on **Holy Thursday, 28th
March, at 7pm at St Agnes' church.**

