

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus
19:2-6

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe
the Good News!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
9:36 – 10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 17th / 18th JUNE, 2023



**"The harvest is
abundant but the
labourers are few."**

Matthew 9:37

Living the Gospel as apostles and not disciples...

There is a lovely distinction in the gospel passage between disciples and apostles. Jesus calls his twelve disciples, commissions them and sends them out to continue his work. From then on, they are referred to as 'apostles'. Disciples are followers, but apostles have been sent out. In our own lives we are called to accept the challenge of being apostles, not disciples. For we are not just followers, we have been sent out by Jesus to continue his work. To be a disciple is just the first step. Disciples follow a path; apostles take the initiative and forge their own path.

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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.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
Year A - 17th / 18th June, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Jack Pattison, Don Larkins, Joan O'Farrell,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Julie Caprackas, Gumersindo Nombrado,
Martin Nombrado, Noel Huttley,

....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
2022 to Christ the King 2023 are taken from
Year A 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.

UPDATE ON COVID RESTRICTIONS:
General Guidelines from the Archdiocese
(Update #62: 26 November, 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>



OLA KNITTING GROUP will
next meet on Tuesday 27th June at
1pm in the Church Meeting Room.
All are most welcome. The upcoming **Knitting
Stall** will be held at OLA on Sunday 2nd July
after the 9am and 11am Masses. All Blankets
\$20. All proceeds will go to St Vincent De
Paul's 2023 Winter Appeal.



**2023 PROPAGATION OF
THE FAITH APPEAL** We
would like to thank you again
for your generosity, whether
it be a one-off gift or through your
commitment as a Mission Partner, through
the recent Catholic Mission Appeal. Your
generosity and prayers are supporting
life-changing mission programs like the
Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale,
Timor-Leste, where they are addressing
critical health issues such as tuberculosis,
malnutrition and maternal mortality. To learn
more about the impact of your support, visit
catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also
sign up for our regular newsletter. If you have not
yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at
catholicmission.org.au/timor. Your Action will make
a real lasting impact.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2023
WINTER APPEAL 18th JUNE**

The Cheltenham & Highett St Vincent
de Paul Conferences are requesting donations of
money (cash/credit card) & non-perishable food,
in support of this year's Winter Appeal. Thanks
to your past generosity our volunteers have been
able to provide much appreciated help to the
needy in our area. During the last twelve months
we made 377 home visits to help 485 adults and
310 children with assistance valued at around
\$67,567.00. Our volunteers will be in the Foyer
of the churches **this weekend, the 18th of June**,
to receive your donation. Receipt books, Appeal
envelopes and Credit card facilities will also be
made available for donations. Thank you for
your generous support.

† UPCOMING FUNERALS †
Tuesday 20th June at 12.30pm (OLA)
Jack Pattison (RIP)

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
VICTORIA AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL
SERVICES AUSTRALIA** invite you to join
them in a Webinar Series on the: *'Indigenous
Voice To Parliament - Moments for healing
this country'*.

Dates: **Thursdays 29th June and 27th July**
Venue: **via Zoom** (link will be provided)
Enquiries: Kate Stilwell: office@css.org.au
Book here: trybooking.com/events/landing/1052799



The **OLA GARDENING GROUP** will have a
working bee on **Saturday 1st July at 10 am**.
Bad weather has prevented the group from the
June gathering! If you have an hour to spare
on that Saturday, the group would appreciate
your help. Bring gloves and your favourite
tools. Your help would be most appreciated.
Contact John Tetteroo at 9583 4628.

WORLD REFUGEE DAY 2023 Prayer
Service hosted by the Australian Catholic
Migrant and Refugee Office, with dioceses and
migrant refugee offices from around Australia.
You are warmly invited to join this prayer
service so we can unite in prayer for the dignity
and justice for all refugees, and to thank God
for the good news stories of refugees who have
found safety and freedom.

Register at: [Online Prayer Service for Refugee Week
2023](http://Online Prayer Service for Refugee Week 2023).

For more information, visit [Australian Catholic
Migrant and Refugee Office](http://Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office).