

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

56:1. 6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans

11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

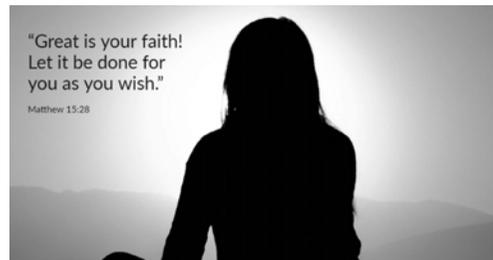
Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A - 19th / 20th AUGUST, 2023



The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of messianic fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

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 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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
19th / 20th August, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Kathleen Parker, Clive Eastwood,
Neville Joseph, Laima Jomantas,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Theresa Awe, Marie Burgess, William Rigby,
Angeles Chan, Antonio Pardo, Anthony Eke,
Daniel Braganza, Domenica Algeri,
Renee Herft, Hubert Cimioti, Noreen Carroll,
....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.

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>



**FIRST EUCHARIST MASS AT
ST AGNES' CHURCH** We
extend our best wishes and
congratulations to **Hudson Kunc,
Ashton O'Brien, Marnie Friend, Orlando
Ward, Eloise Spencer, Conor Hawkins and
Jonty Mazur**, who are receiving the Eucharist
for the first time this weekend. May Jesus, our
Bread of Life, nourish and sustain them and us,
as together we gather in thanksgiving at his table.
My sincere gratitude to the staff of the school,
catechists and parents for their support. - Fr Alan

† UPCOMING FUNERAL †

Funeral Prayers
Tuesday 22nd August at 12pm (OLA)
Kathleen Parker (RIP)
May her soul and the souls of all our faithful
departed, rest in peace.



OLA KNITTING GROUP will
next meet on Tuesday 22nd August
at 1pm in the Church Meeting
Room. All are most welcome.



**HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR
SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL
FORMATION
ENNEAGRAM DAY**

**Saturday, 9 September 2023, 9am - 4.30 pm
(in-person event)**

This one-day practical workshop offers a
transformational experience where you will gain
invaluable insight into the unique way in which
we relate and respond to the people with whom
we share our lives, and the world around us.

Cost: \$80 including notes, (BYO Lunch)

Book via: www.heartofflife.melbourne

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IMPORTANT PARISH CONSULTATIONS

You're invited to participate in a process of
consultation and discernment re. the future
configuration of our region of the
Archdiocese. Two consultation sessions have
been scheduled: **Tuesday 22nd August from
7pm - 9pm in Brigid Hall, OLA, and
Tuesday 5th September from 10am - 12pm
in St Agnes' Hall. RSVP via the following
TryBooking.com links:**

22/8 @ OLA - www.trybooking.com/CKPNE
5/9 @ St Agnes - www.trybooking.com/CKPNH



**"WHY DID JESUS DIE? How
can we make sense of this as
adults?"** Dr Mary Coloe PVBM
will give a talk at the Hampton RSL
on Wednesday, 30th August for
Spirituality in the Pub. Bookings are essential by
Thursday 24th August. Meals from 6.00pm,
followed by Dr Mary's presentation at 7.30pm,
conversation and conclusion about 9.00pm.
Sharing a meal is an important part of the
evening. For bookings and enquiries contact
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**CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY
APPEAL Thank you from CatholicCare
Victoria.** CatholicCare Victoria is deeply
grateful for the support of our parishes
during last weekend's CatholicCare Victoria
Sunday Appeal. Because of the generosity of
our parish communities, CatholicCare
Victoria can continue to ensure that
vulnerable individuals and families in our
community have the opportunity to live life
to the full. Thank you for helping those in
need! For more information about
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