

FIRST READING

**A reading from the second book of Kings
4:42-44**

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat,' Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Ephesians 4:1-6**

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, through all and within all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 6:1-15**

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 27th / 28th JULY, 2024



Today we are reminded of God's providence. We live in a world that feeds us and shelters us and supplies us with everything that we need to grow and to thrive, and all of this comes to us from the hand of God. God certainly cares passionately for each of us (not even a sparrow falls without God knowing it), but God's concern is for the whole people. We are first and foremost members of a people. As unique as we may be, we are a unique expression of a communal reality. God created a race; God formed a people; Jesus died for the world. By the grace of God, we belong to the community. As members of the people of God, we are called to a way of life that is noble, not selfish. We are to live with each other in humility and gentleness, with patience. We are to bear with one another in love. Through baptism we all live by the same Spirit of Jesus; we are all united through the bond of God's love. The bread that we receive from the hand of God is the bread of full life, life in all its dimensions, life in Christ.

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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Florence Pears, Josip Horvat,
Anna Wronka, John Trinder,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Christine Phelan, Maureen Phillips,
Ross Rowe, Denis Seymour, Helmut Arias,
Arthur Goepfert, Cecilio Rivera,
Trevor Rowland, Marie Wilson,
Margaret Kelly, Sheila Fury,
Jerome D'Souza,

...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
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>



UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS

In August, please join us for a cuppa after Masses over, what will be, three consecutive weekends. Next Sunday, the 4th of August, we will celebrate the 90th Birthday of Sr Margaret Pelly CSB and her 70th Jubilee of religious profession. On the weekend of the 10th/11th August, we celebrate the Sacrament of First Eucharist, as well as the establishing of 'Christ Our Light Parish'. And, on the 17th/18th of August, we will mark Fr Alan's 30th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination.

ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH



The next combined Parish Social Lunch will be at on Thursday, 1st August, at 12 noon, at the Highett RSL. All are most welcome. Please RSVP by Monday 29th July to: Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350 or via email: karen.mitri@gmail.com



OLA FETE - 23rd November 2024 Our Parish fete is a HUGE fundraiser for our community. Funds raised at our 2022 fete helped to purchase new nets around our oval to prevent balls going over the fence and being lost forever, new and much needed water bubblers, and the important cultural addition of our three new flags for our school hall. Funds raised from this year's fete will go towards making our school/parish environment and our children's experience at OLA even safer and better. We're aiming to make the 2024 fete bigger and better than before – and we still need your help! Sponsorship and cash donations are most welcome. We also require marquees, so if you have one to lend, please inform the School Office. Next month, we will seek donations of wine/spirits for the Lucky Bottles Stall.

PARISH AMALGAMATION - CHRIST OUR LIGHT PARISH, HIGHETT-CHELTENHAM

Please see both churches' notice boards for the publication of Archbishop Peter Comensoli's Decree, dated 9th July, 2024, merging St Agnes' Parish, Highett and Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Cheltenham, and, at the same time, establishing Christ Our Light Parish, Highett-Cheltenham. The formal amalgamation of the parishes becomes effective on Saturday 10th August, 2024.

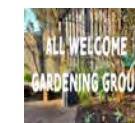
An updated map showing the revised parish boundaries has been posted alongside the Archbishop's Decree.

The Decree can also be downloaded via the 'News' page of the OLA website:

<https://olacheltenham.org.au/news/>

OTHER BAYSIDE AMALGAMATIONS

A number of people have enquired about the names given to the other newly established parishes in the Bayside area. Brighton, Brighton East and Gardenvale, will be formally known as Emmaus Parish, and Sandringham, Hampton and Hampton East will be formally known as Holy Spirit and St Francis Parish. We wish our neighbouring parish communities every blessing for this new chapter in our collective parish journeys.



OLA GARDENING GROUP will have a working bee on Saturday 3rd August from 10am. If any Parishioner would like to give some time, or join the group, you would be made very welcome. Contact John Tetteroo 9583 4628 for details. Many thanks in anticipation.

SEA SUNDAY Anyone who would like to support Stella Maris and its ongoing mission to seafarers, through their annual Sea Sunday appeal, can still do so by donating online at:

stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal