

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the
Philippians**
4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew**
22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.

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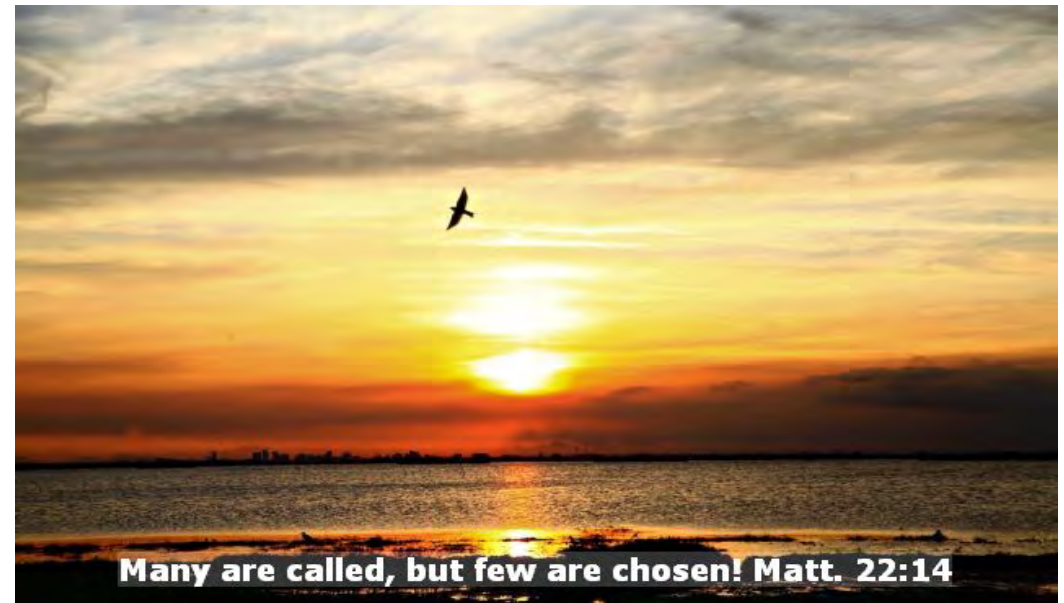
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A - 14th / 15th OCTOBER, 2023



As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the heavenly banquet. This is the case, both in this week's parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than life's other pursuits. So much time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, many struggle to find the time and energy it might require. And so we send our regrets. What a shame! We can forget that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is accept them. God provides whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We needn't negotiate with God.

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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.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14th / 15th October, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Lola Castillo, Peter Brown,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Sung Sar, Carlo Ceravolo,
L.Gloss, Leo McGannon, Tony Infanti,
Marjorie Joseph, John Puccetti,
Giuseppe Laquidara, Hendrika Cox,

...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>

**PARISH CONSULTATION SESSION
REPORT** Thank you to all of you who
contributed to the recent consultation
process about the reconfiguration of Bayside
Catholic Mission and adjoining parishes. A
report has been prepared by the Office of the
Vicar General, that summarises the
discussion from all of the sessions. It can be
downloaded from either of our parishes'
websites or at this address: <https://bit.ly/46rLYgk>

2024 OLA FETE CHAIR OR CO-CHAIRS

Biannually we look forward to our famous fun
filled OLA Fete. We have tentatively booked
the **2024 Fete on Saturday 23rd November**.
To ensure this special event can take place, we
are calling on (a) member/s of our community
to lead the Fete Committee for 2024. In the
2022 Fete two people co-chaired this great
event and shared the workload. This can be a
fun way of raising thousands of dollars for our
OLA community. Our last Fete raised enough
money to purchase the furniture in the new
Library. We will need to confirm that we have
a lead person or team of leaders by Friday 27th
October. You're welcome to speak with me in
person or via email. Thanks, Richard Jacques.
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 **CATHOLIC MISSION:
Hearts on Fire, FEET ON
THE MOVE** In the smallest

villages around the world you
will find local missionaries who live to serve
their communities. Missionaries who, led by
the Holy Spirit, walk with those in most need.
Missionaries like Sr Carolina. Next week
Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity
to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian
Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your
gift can help continue a life-saving program to
help address the health and well-being of
this community. We hope you will take next
week's opportunity to make an incredible
impact for those in need. A special collection
will be taken up **at all Masses next weekend**.



2021 Synod 2023
For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

**SYNOD THAT CAN CHANGE THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH** (October 4th – 29th at
the Vatican). To learn more about this
momentous initiative of our universal Church,
and how we learn to listen and walk together,
download the document: "[Pope Francis Opens the
Synod that can Change the Catholic Church](#)". The
document is also available on both OLA's and
St Agnes' websites.



OLA SCHOOL REUNION Pupils and Staff (1956-1963) are

cordially invited to a school
reunion luncheon at the Tudor Inn
on **Sunday 22nd October at
12.30pm**. Partners are welcome.
For enquiries, please contact Sr Margaret
Pelly on 9584 5585.



BAPTISM

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With great joy the Church of God
formally welcomes: Amerie-Rose,
whose Baptism we celebrate this
weekend.



HOW WOMEN CAN FIND A PLACE IN TODAY'S CHURCH

There will be a talk at
the Hampton RSL on **Wednesday,
25th October** for Spirituality in the
Pub by **Eleanor Flynn & Agnes
Dodds**. Bookings are essential by Monday 23rd
October. Meals from 6.00pm, followed by the
presentation at 7.30pm, conversation and
conclusion about 9.00pm. Sharing a meal is an
important part of the evening. For bookings and
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