

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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
16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next meet on Tuesday 5th September at 1pm in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome.



OLA PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL 2023 ART SHOW
'Courage to Create'
Next Wednesday 6th September, from 6.30pm-8pm, in Brigid Hall

Sausages, baked goods and drinks will be available to purchase, thanks to OLA's 'Parents and Friends'. All are most welcome.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A - 2nd / 3rd SEPTEMBER, 2023



A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

**Let Justice
and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

Speaking to all the disciples, Jesus goes on to lay down the conditions for any who want to follow him: it means taking up one's own cross and losing one's life in order to find it. This is the path that Jesus must go and the path that all who would seek association with him must also be prepared to embrace. The fact that the so recently exalted Peter had so much difficulty with it and even that Jesus had difficulty with it should be for us all a source of comfort. Christian discipleship is not Stoic indifference. Both Peter's remonstrance and Jeremiah's complaint will often echo in our hearts in the daily struggle to go with Jesus along the costly prophetic way. Our 'bodies' refers not simply to our physical bodies but to our whole pattern of bodily life, everything we do or say. To 'offer (our) bodies' in this sense as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God entails a similar preparedness to discern and follow what is not the way of the world but the way of God.

Brendan Byrne SJ

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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-SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
2nd / 3rd September, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Sr Margaret Cassidy CSB, Ray Locano,
Genevieve Morton, Aida Denobo,
John Smith,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Fr Frank Martin, Harry Hammon, Gna Sar,
Maureen Stent, James McCarthy, John Razga,
Virginia D'Monte,

....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>



FATHERS' DAY APPEAL: This annual
appeal supporting the work of the **Priests'
Retirement Foundation**, which cares for
priests who have retired due to age or
infirmity, will take place at all Masses this
weekend. Fathers' Day Appeal envelopes are
available. You also have the option of
donating online via PayPal at:

www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation

Once again we sincerely thank you for your
support for our sick and retired priests.



This Sunday 3rd September,
'Fathers' Day', you're invited to
stay and join fellow parishioners
for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in
the OLA Church Meeting Room.

IMPORTANT PARISH CONSULTATION
You're invited to participate in a process of
consultation and discernment re. the future
configuration of the Bayside region of the
Archdiocese. The second of these consultations
is scheduled for: **Tuesday 5th September from
10am – 12pm in St Agnes' Hall.** Bishop Tony
Ireland, Cath Garner and Jacqui Giuliano
from the Archdiocese will be in attendance.

**RSVP via the following TryBooking.com
link: www.trybooking.com/CKPNH**

You're also welcome to email any feedback to
the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Proclaim
Office via: mission@cam.org.au
Some parishioners have also requested
contact details for Archbishop Peter
Comensoli and for Fr Joe Caddy, Vicar
General. Their email addresses are as follows:

archbishop@cam.org.au

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY



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and Peace Flow**
Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

THE SEASON OF CREATION We began the
Season of Creation (1st September to 4th October)
on Friday with the World Day of Prayer for the
Care of Creation. 'Let Justice and Peace Flow' is
this year's theme, inspired by the words of the
prophet Amos: 'Let justice flow on like a river,
righteousness like a never-failing stream' (5:24).
Pope Francis writes that 'Amos speaks to us of
what God desires. God wants justice to reign; it
is as essential to our life as God's children as
water is essential for our physical survival.' He
goes on to say 'Too many of our brothers and
sisters are prevented from drinking from that
mighty river. Let us heed our call to stand with
the victims of environmental and climate
injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war
against creation.' [Message of Pope Francis for
Creation Day 2023 - Season of Creation.](#)

Each week we will have a suggested action to
celebrate the Season at home or with friends. This
week's action is to watch the uplifting
documentary film *The Letter on You Tube*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>. The
Letter includes the personal stories and
perspectives of four people from Senegal, the
Amazon, India, and Hawai'i on our planet's
crisis. Thank you,

Margaret (Care for Our Common Home Group).