

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the First Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:1-6

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king

until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom
of our father David!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?"

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A - 25th / 26th NOVEMBER, 2023



**"Take for your heritage the kingdom prepared
for you since the foundation of the world."**

Matthew 25:34

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern. What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified. Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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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.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
25th / 26th November, 2023

PRAYING FOR:

Joanna Muthu, Brad Mentiplay,
Caterina Paino, Georgina Ellul,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Ananda Krishnan, Leonie Cole,
Elsie Seymour, Antonia Fucile,
Jean Wallis, John Smiles, Frank Siracusa,
Antonio Casaceli,

....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>



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Christmas "Giving Tree"** On 9th
December St Vincent De Paul
volunteers will pack/deliver some 90
Christmas Food Hampers to our needy families
plus Retailers Gift Cards (not toys) for their 80
children. If you wish to help, please take an
envelope from around the tree today and return it
with your Gift Card enclosed, by next Sunday, 3rd
December, if possible.

Many thanks, Rob Hamilton.

ST AGNES/OLA PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH



The next combined Parish
Social Lunch will be at **12
noon on Thursday, 7th
December**, at the **Highett
RSL**. All are most welcome.

Please RSVP by Monday 4th December to:
Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350
or via email: karen.mitri@gmail.com.

**BAYSIDE AREA PARISHES - NEW
CONFIGURATION** Archbishop Comensoli
has written 'To the priests and parishioners of
the greater Bayside area', detailing the
reconfiguration of the parishes in our area. This
letter, with a map, can be downloaded here:

olacheltenham.org.au/news/

A few printed copies are also available.

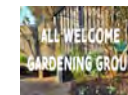


OLA KNITTING GROUP will
next meet on Tuesday 28th
November at 1pm, in the Church
Meeting Room. All are most
welcome. Next weekend our
wonderful knitting group will be holding their
Christmas Stall at OLA after the 9am and 11am
Masses. Please support our wonderful knitters, as
all proceeds will go to the St Vincent De Paul
Cheltenham Conference.

CATHOLIC DEAF ANNUAL APPEAL
Thank you. \$1,408.30 was raised across both
our parishes, and sent on to support the work of
the John Pierce Centre, which attends to the needs
of the Victorian Catholic Deaf community.

GOSPEL READING *continued...*

And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly,
in so far as you did this to one of the least of these
brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will
say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me,
with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire
prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was
hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty
and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a
stranger and you never made me welcome, naked
and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and
you never visited me." Then it will be their turn
to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or
thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and
did not come to your help?" Then he will answer,
"I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to
do this to one of the least of these, you neglected
to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal
punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



The **OLA GARDENING GROUP**
will have a working bee on
Saturday 2nd December to spruce
up our grounds for Christmas. We start around
10am and would appreciate anyone who has 60
to 90 minutes to spare to turn up. Many thanks in
anticipation. - John Tetteroo, (coordinator).



Next **Sunday 3rd December**,
you're invited to stay and join
fellow parishioners for a
'Christmas' themed cuppa **after 9am & 11am
Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



**MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Remembering Our Dearly Departed
The Cross of Remembrance**

You are invited to inscribe the names of your dear
loved ones who have died. A cross is located near
the Altar in each of our churches.

November Offering envelopes are available in
our church foyers and at the Remembrance
Crosses, for those who would like Masses offered
for deceased loved ones.