

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: I love you Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for

their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

30th / 31st October, 2021



Reflection on God's Word: *By the time of Jesus, 613 commandments had grown up surrounding the official biblical law. While all were considered delivered by God to Moses, some were more important than others. The scribe should have understood this. Jesus does not single out any particular law, but endorses the summons that constitutes the Shema, the most significant prayer of the Israelite religion (cf, Deut 6:5). Jesus was asked to identify one commandment, and he offers two. The second is a citation from the Book of Leviticus (19:18). By bringing these admonitions together as he does, Jesus shows that, though not identical, they are interrelated. No one dared challenge Jesus again. What else was there to ask? What other answer could be given?*

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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
Book online: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

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 SERVICES – OLA / St Agnes:
- currently suspended

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (in line with Covid-safe Protocols) By appointment. Please contact Fr Alan, or the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS:

Please direct all enquiries for the Sacrament of Baptism to the 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.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B 30th & 31st October, 2021

PRAYING FOR:

Barbara Haycroft, Brendan Hanrahan,
Darrell D'Monte,

...and all who died recently.

We also remember:

Carmel Allens, Frances Max,
Fr George Maher, Fr Bill Bainbridge,
Mervyn Patterson, Eldon Rozario,

...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
2020 to Christ the King 2021 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.

UPDATED COVID RESTRICTIONS: Stage
Four restrictions now apply. General Guidelines
from the Archdiocese (Update #52: 26th October
2021) are available online at:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/covid-19-guidelines>

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>

welcome
back

PLEASE NOTE: Due to this coming
week's upgrade works to St Agnes' sound
system, the **9am MASS** on **FRIDAY, 5th**
NOVEMBER, has been **relocated to OLA**
church.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Forum for Parishes: Inviting a personal and
parish response, on **Tuesday 16th November**
2021 from 7.30 – 9pm. You are invited to
this free online forum on Pope Francis'
encyclical letter *Laudato Si: On Care for our*
Common Home, to strengthen care for the
Earth and the Poor. The forum will be
presented by the Care for our Common Home
Group of St Agnes' and Our Lady of the
Assumption Parishes, with the Justice and
Peace Group of St Dominic's Parish,
Camberwell. For more information and to
register visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/BUWFP>



**QR CODES - Mandatory use of
the Victorian Government QR
Code Service:** We are required to
use this service. As we gather albeit
in restricted numbers for our liturgical
celebrations, you're asked to use the **Service
Victoria App** on a capable digital device, to
register your attendance via **our location
specific QR codes**, just as you're asked to do at
other venues. This app, once configured
correctly, will display both a confirmation of
one's check-in to our places of worship, and a
link to a person's COVID-19 Digital Certificate,
as proof of their vaccination.

**THE FULL MASS TIMETABLE HAS
BEEN REINSTATED** Based on the DQ4
restriction, **St Agnes'** church is limited to **150**
fully-vaccinated people, and **OLA** church is
limited to **175**. **Bookings are essential for the**
Saturday evening & Sunday morning Masses:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>

With the upward revision of numbers, bookings
are no longer necessary for weekday Masses.



ALL SOULS' DAY 2nd November
is marked by Catholics throughout
the world, and the commemoration
of our dearly departed continues throughout
the month. **Masses for All Souls Day are at**
9am at St Agnes' & 6pm at OLA this
coming Tuesday 2nd November (Cup Day).



**MARY MACKILLOP
HERITAGE CENTRE**
'Cuppa with Mary' - MMHC

is reopening on **Monday 8th November 2021**
from **9am -5pm**. Come visit the Museum that
tells Mary's, and the Sisters of St Joseph's
story, and do a walking tour of the Mary
MacKillop Heritage trail including Mary's
place of birth. Special times have been set
aside for Parish groups to have a **'Cuppa with
Mary'** which includes a presentation, tour and
prayer reflection in the Chapel where Mary
prayed. Cost is \$20 per person. For group
bookings contact Kate on Tel: 9926 9300.



**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE 2021 Knox Public**
Lecture will be delivered online by

Professor Eleanor Bourke, Chair of
the Victorian Yoo-rook Truth Telling
Commission. She will speak on the aims and
work of the Yoo-rook Justice Commission, the
first formal truth-telling process into injustices
experienced by First Peoples in Victoria on
Thursday 4th November, 7pm - 8.30pm. For
bookings and further information visit:
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