

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**My only glory is the cross of
our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me
and me to the world.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, '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, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 14th/15th SEPTEMBER, 2024



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

Today's gospel reading leads us into a section of Mark's gospel that explores challenges confronting all disciples on their journey of faith. The first challenge is to clarify the nature of our commitment as disciples of Jesus. If we fail to understand who Jesus is, then we have little chance of understanding the nature of our own call to follow him. To know and follow Jesus as the Christos or Messiah is to seek and support more moderate and lasting responses to both perceived and real injustice. It is to listen to the wisdom of those with insight and experience, to calculate with the utmost care the consequences of violent reactions to the problems in our world, in contemporary society, and in our homes. That may well involve hard work, personal misunderstanding, physical and emotional trauma or, in other words, it may mean "losing one's life" for the sake of the gospel. It may call us to ensure that all have access to a more equitable share of earth resources. It certainly calls for profound trust in the saving power of God. In this Season of Creation, the gospel calls us into the ways of respect, of commitment, and of peaceful negotiation, to ever deeper insight into the ways of Jesus the Christ, the anointed agent of God's empire.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGGETT

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	[OLA Church]	9:45 am
Saturday	[OLA Church]	9.30 am

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:

Albert Tanzimat, Ivan D'Cruze,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Maureen Stent, Isabell Allars,
Maureen Reidy, Bede Gilmore,
Maria Catherine Pelayo,

...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.melbourneP/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 generously support our
parish i.e. through their contributions to both our
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections. With the
assistance of the Archdiocese we are currently working
on refining the facility for parishioners to contribute to
Christ Our Light Parish via an online portal.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP There are still
Stewardship **boxed sets of Thanksgiving /
Presbytery Giving envelopes** to be collected. The
cost of posting so many is high given the boxes are
considered parcels. Perhaps you may know some
of those who are yet to collect their envelopes and
you may be able to drop them in to them. If so,
your assistance with this would be greatly
appreciated. Thank you too, to all who offer your
ongoing practical and financial support for the
mission of our parish.

For further information or assistance with
setting up contributions, please contact Maureen
Ryan, our Parish Accountant, on: 0407 544 779
or via email at:

maureen@maureenryan.com.au

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS †

Thursday 19th September at 11am (OLA)

Albert Tanzimat (RIP)

Rosary prior at 10.30am

*May his soul and the souls of all our faithful
departed, rest in peace.*

BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT (BASP)

For the weekends of 14th/15th
September and 21st/22nd September, we are seeking
donations of certain types of food and cleaning
products for refugees and asylum seekers. There is
still a great need to help asylum seekers and
refugees, many of whom receive little or no
government support. Please take home one of the
leaflets in the foyer of the church for details of which
items are in demand and leave donations in the
box/basket labelled **BASP Food & Cleaning
Products** in the Church Foyer. For more
information, please contact Adrian Foley at
ade.foley@gmail.com or on mobile 0497 780 233.
Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We extend our best wishes and
congratulations to all the children
Confirmed at St Agnes' Church by
Bishop Tony Ireland, at 6pm Mass,
on Saturday 14th September.

**OLA FETE - 23rd Nov. DO YOU HAVE A
MARQUEE?** If anyone has a marquee that they
could loan for the fete, please contact John Bardon
at jkbardon@gmail.com ASAP and copy to
fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

PLANTS STALL is seeking donations of flowers,
herbs and succulent in plastic pots.

LUCKY BOTTLES STALL The Fete
committee are collecting wine, bubbles or spirits for
the lucky bottles stall. Bottles will be accepted right
up to the week of the fete. Kindly drop your
donations into the school office.

CAKE STALL is seeking donations of jams,
curds, oils and preserves. These items are always
very popular so please make as many jars as you
can. Contact Kara Bogicevic 0409 353 957 for
queries.

EXPLORING WOMEN'S WISDOM IN THE BIBLE & EARLY CHRISTIANITY

There will be a talk at the Hampton RSL on
Wednesday, 25th September for
Spirituality in the Pub by **Sally Douglas**.
Bookings are essential by Friday 20th
September. 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 further enquiries please
contact Sr Michele Kennan PBVM: 0415
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SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY 15 September
2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the
Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day
we give thanks for the dedicated work of the
thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with
and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised.