

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On

earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out.

And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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## **TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B**

**25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**



*The gospel is a collection of pronouncements of Jesus on the topics of acceptance, hospitality and scandal. Like Joshua in the first reading, John challenges someone who is not a member of the close knit group of disciples, but who presumes to perform the marvels that they have been commissioned to perform. Jesus responds that this man is not an enemy, nor do his exorcisms undermine Jesus' ministry. Jesus continues to justify works of mercy performed in his name. They are commendable and will be highly rewarded regardless of how insignificant they may appear to be. Jesus then warns against giving scandal. Those who cause Christians to sin will be severely punished.*

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**MASS TIMES - CHELTENHAM & HIGHETT**

**SATURDAY VIGIL & SUNDAY MASSES:**  
Please book via : <https://www.trybooking.com/BNADH>  
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 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:** currently suspended  
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.

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**PRAYING FOR:**

Sofia Bencich,

*...and all who died recently.*

**We also remember:**

Rosalia Nombrado,

*....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:  
<https://www.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 #48: 20<sup>th</sup> September, 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>



**POSTPONEMENT OF THE OLA PARISH FETE 2021 –**

Sadly, due to all the enduring restrictions, the OLA Parish Fete for 2021 has had to be postponed, with a new date, to be advised, for 2022. Many were so looking forward to bringing our community together and hosting a huge event for our families. For those who are already crafting, propagating plants, and securing donated goods, please know your efforts will not go to waste. Anything you have made will be gladly utilised at the rescheduled 2022 Fete.

**LOCKDOWN LIGHT – Podcasts for Christian living: Parents of the Saints.**

**How Did They Do It?** In this podcast, Jason Evert speaks with Patrick O'Hearn about his new book 'Parents of the Saints: The hidden Heroes Behind Our Favourite Saints'. To listen, navigate to: [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving4)

**Getting to know your Bible: Praying with Scripture – Getting Started:** In this short video Fr James Martin SJ introduces us *Lectio Divina* – a way of praying with the Bible that helps us listen to God. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted4)

**Going Deeper: Pray As You Go** is an online prayer tool that provides a guided contemplation of each day's Gospel passage. For more information visit: [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper4)

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS AT OLA & ST AGNES': AN UPDATE**

– The extension to the current lockdown continues to play havoc with our capacity to gather as faith communities, and therefore to the scheduling of the Sacraments, notably Baptisms, First Eucharist and Confirmations! Having postponed and rescheduled some of these liturgical celebrations, 2 or even 3 times, sadly we have little clarity around when these celebrations may be able to go ahead. Let's continue to pray for all the children and their families, who continue to wait for these celebrations.

– Fr Alan

**MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY** This Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021, marks the universal Church's **107<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants & Refugees**. It is an opportunity to reflect upon and delve deeper into the lives of migrants and those seeking refuge among us. To mark this day, Thach Ly shares his inspirational story of how the greatest lesson he learnt in life is that of love, shown by way of an almost 90 year old Christian man who gave his time each week to teach English to a young, unknown refugee boy. Read his story here: [melbournecatholic.org/news/thach-ly-learning-the-greatest-lesson-in-life](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/thach-ly-learning-the-greatest-lesson-in-life)



**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** is offering the unit: **Christian Faith and World Religions: Inter-religious Dialogue in Australia**. This unit is designed for all who wish to contribute in a practical way to the multi-faith and multi-cultural society which Australia has become. If you are interested in finding out more, we are offering a free information session on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7.00pm - 7.30pm**. To register please go to the following website: [https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfuyorzs1GtGBjOis8utlDbWvjMe\\_fWR](https://divinity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpfuyorzs1GtGBjOis8utlDbWvjMe_fWR)

**RENTAL ACCOMODATION** - 2 Bedroom Unit with a large single garage in Jean Street, Cheltenham. Close to public transport and Southland Shopping Centre. \$410 per week. Contact Geraldine on 0434 528 265 for further information.



**QR CODES - Mandatory use of the Victorian Government QR Code Service:** We are required to use this service. Whenever we're permitted to gather for liturgical celebrations, we're strongly encouraged to utilise the **Service Victoria App** with a capable digital device, to register your attendance via **our QR code**, just as you're asked to do at other venues. Digital record keeping is proving vital to efficient contact tracing.