

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah

25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord is my light and
my salvation.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Romans**

5:5-11

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count

on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew**

11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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"I am gentle and humble
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Matthew 11:29

In God there is mercy in abundance. Jesus is not willing to lose anyone. Therefore, the power of Jesus and the strength of his promises give us hope that even after death there is the possibility of purification and pardon. We have no idea of when this might happen or how it will happen. All we know is that the loving kindness of God far surpasses any infidelity of which we might be guilty. The feast of All Souls is not a feast of sadness, but one of great hope and confidence. It invites us to entrust our dead to God, because we know that they are really God's dead. We know that if we have loved them, God has loved them more. They are in God's care, and like a good shepherd God will lead them to peace.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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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
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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:

Fr Peter O'Rourke PE, Fr Barry Moran PE,
Brian Chalmers, Ryan Driver,
Felicity D'Souza, Daniela Hapin,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Malcolm Devenport, Rita Thomazios,
Ananda Krishnan, Kathleen Blair,
Katrina Blair, Seung Sar,
Vjekoslav Madjarevic, Adam Madjarevic,
Slavica Madjarevic, Ana Gajo,
Gregorio Gajo, Jane Ryan,
Aniela Regulaska, Marianito Malanog,
Consortio Maniwan Sr,
Consortio Maniwan Jr, Danilo Maniwan,
Filomena Maniwan, Jereme Ceballos,
Maria Sosai,

...and all who we remember at this time.

...and we keep in our prayers all who are currently unwell.

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.



This Sunday 2nd November, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 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 our dearly departed loved ones, on the November cross placed in the sanctuaries of each of our churches. The crosses will stand prominently throughout the month of November.

November Offering envelopes are available in the foyers of our churches and at the base of each Remembrance Cross, for those who would like Mass to be offered for deceased loved ones.

PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection
for our dearly departed,
also find new strength.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS to Adrian Foley, who this week was awarded the '**Croce Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice**' medal (the 'For Church and Pope Cross'), a decoration of the Holy See. This medal is conferred for distinguished service to the Catholic Church. Among his contributions to the life of the Church, Adrian served as a volunteer at Port Phillip Prison and worked with Catholic Social Services Victoria to explore post-prison support. He was also honoured for his leadership of this parish's support program for refugees and asylum seekers. To read more about the conferral of the Papal Awards earlier this week, visit:

melbournecatholic.org/news/melbourne-lay-faithful-honoured-with-papal-awards



ST AGNES' SCHOOL – NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Further to the news a few weeks ago about the current Principal of St Agnes' School, Highett, Mr Lachie Foott, accepting a new appointment for 2026, as Deputy Head of Junior School at Brighton Grammar, I can now inform you that a new Principal for St Agnes' School has been appointed, commencing January 2026. We both congratulate, and look forward to welcoming, **Mr Thomas Hartney** on his new appointment. Tom is currently the Deputy Principal at St Joseph's School, Elsternwick.

Again, I would like to express my gratitude to Lachie, along with the gratitude of many parishioners, for his leadership and dedication over the last six years.

Equally, I'd like to express my thanks to the leadership and staff of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), for their assistance with the appointment process, along with the parent representatives, and Catholic principal representative, who made up the panel.

As previously mentioned, in the coming weeks, as Lachie prepares to move on to his new role, we'll take the opportunity to acknowledge his contribution to the life of St Agnes' School, particularly his engagement with staff, and with the children of the school, and their families.

In farewelling Lachie, and in preparing to welcome Tom, we wish both gentlemen the very best for all that lies ahead of them in 2026.

- Fr Alan

Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation: 'Dilexi Te' Download here: vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html