

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

12:1-11

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittently. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord set me free from all my fears.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

4:6-8. 17-18

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be

gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**You are Peter, the rock on which
I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not
hold out against it.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

16:13-19

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'



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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES YEAR C - 28th/29th JUNE, 2025



The followers of Christ come from every race and culture, every generation and social class. However, it is not a common culture that draws them together, but a common faith. Peter and Paul represent the universality of the church and the red vestments worn today remind us of the price their commitment exacted of them. Both Peter and Paul are examples of how God takes those weak in faith and transforms them into champions of the gospel. Once transformed, each man threw himself wholeheartedly into the mission that was his. Their fate should not surprise us, for they were disciples of one who gave his last breath for the life of the world. Although the word martyr usually refers to one who dies for the faith, the Greek word (μάρτυς - märtys) really means witness, one who gives testimony. Like Peter and Paul, the martyr is one whose life gives witness to the faith. However, when this witness is too much of a challenge, the witness' life is placed in jeopardy. Peter and Paul call us all to this kind of testimony to faith.

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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	[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.

Ss. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES - YEAR C – 28th / 29th JUNE, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Marie Campion, Jess Tucker,
Bernard Clohesy, Raymond McGoruck,
Rudy Hobkirk,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Damiano Morabito, Pat McGannon,
Cirilo Nombrado, Jesus Aviles, Francis Yang,
Pat Molloy, Robert O'Connor,
Rosa Trantino, Mavis D'Souza,

...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
2024 to Christ the King 2025 are taken from
Year C 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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL – St Vincent

de Paul would like to sincerely
thank all parishioners for your
generous support of this year's Winter Appeal.
\$6,241.70 in total was received across the three
Masses. In addition, the children of OLA
Primary School will be holding a paraliturgy on
the 4th of July, and at the end of the service will
donate food items and clothing for those in need.
A huge thank you to the staff, students and their
families, for their amazing donations.



2025 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Thank you, most sincerely, for
your generosity in support of the Church in
Zambia and those working in the Church's
mission. A total of **\$2,393.00** was donated.



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UPCOMING FUNERAL MASSES

(St Agnes' Church)

Tuesday 1st July at 1pm

Marie Campion (RIP)

Friday 4th July at 10.30am

Jess Tucker (RIP)

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



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

There will be a special collection for
the intentions of the Holy Father this
weekend. The Peter's Pence offerings
are designated to support the Holy Father's
mission, which extends throughout the entire
world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to
the promotion of integral human development,
education, peace, and brotherhood among
peoples. It supports the many activities of
service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and
organs of the Holy See who assist him every
day. And to support the numerous charitable
works in aid of people and families in difficulty,
populations afflicted by natural disasters and
wars, or any who are in need of humanitarian
assistance or support for development. Thank
you in anticipation of your support for this
annual appeal.

**RCIA –Do you know someone interested in
becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults** is an established 'Journey
of Faith' that has parishioners accompany
discerning adults, on their path to Sacramental
initiation into the life of the Church. For more
information, please contact the Parish Office on:
9583 6161.



Next Sunday 6th July, you're
invited to stay and join fellow
parishioners for a cuppa **after the**
9am & 11am Masses, in the Meeting Room.