

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

38:4-6. 8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Lord, come to my aid!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us

not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;**

**I know them, and they follow me
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 12:49-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

16th/17th AUGUST, 2025



As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world. Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need support and assistance from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire.

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.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 16th / 17th AUGUST, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

John Barry, Michael Fitzgibbon,
Marie Bonnefin, Marie Wiltshire,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Pamela Mitchell, Robert Thompson,
Laima Jomantas, Caterina Calvo,
Florentina David, Jose Canlas,
David D'Silva, Milene Bilos,
Noreen Carroll, Indu Antao, Noel Austin,
Bernadette Munro, Domenica Algeri,
Barry Jones, Ian Stoddart, Ursula Millar,
Edmond Millar, Carmel Dingemans,
Liam Chadwick,

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.



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

The Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You're also most welcome to make a gift online at melbourne.catholic.org/archbishops/campaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.



UPCOMING FUNERAL (OLA)

Thursday 21st August at 10.30am

Marie Wiltshire (RIP)

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

SOLEMN PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS
for **Bishop Peter Elliott** will be celebrated this
Monday 18th August, 10.30am at St Patrick's
Cathedral, East Melbourne.



OLA KNITTING GROUP Our
wonderful knitting group will be
holding their **Stall at OLA after the
9am and 11am Masses this
weekend.** Please support our wonderful knitters,
as all proceeds go to St Vincent De Paul.



**WHAT IS TRUTH? IN AN ERA
OF MISINFORMATION AND
DISINFORMATION, HOW CAN
WE BE SURE?** There will be a
presentation at the Hampton RSL
on **Wednesday, 27th August** for
Spirituality in the Pub by **Dr Susan Connelly**.
Bookings are essential by Friday 22nd August.
Meals from 12.30pm, followed by the
presentation, conversation and conclusion about
3pm. Sharing a meal is an important part of the
evening. For bookings and further enquiries
please contact Sr Michele Kennan PBVM on
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CATHOLIC
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**VATICAN II: KEEPING THE
WINDOWS OPEN** There will
be a joint Catholic Theological
College / Yarra Theological
Union symposium to celebrate
the 60th Anniversary of the
close of Vatican II.

This symposium gathers experts from around
Australia to reflect on the key themes of
Vatican II that continue to shape the Church
today.

The late Pope Francis emphasised the
importance of synodality which no doubt will
guide the leadership of Pope Leo XIV.

Our day together will end with Prof. Massimo
Faggioli (via Zoom) in conversation with Rev.
Prof. Orm Rush.

Date: Wednesday 24th September, 2025

Time: 9.30am – 4.15pm

Where: Catholic Theological College, 278
Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

REGISTRATION: Fee: \$70.00 (Lunch
included) This is an in-person event only and
numbers are strictly limited. Bookings close on
the 17th September.

To book, go to humanitix.com/Vatican-II For
enquiries, please call: +613 9412 3333 or
email: vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au or ctc.edu.au.