

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the first book of Samuel  
26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23**

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord is kind and merciful.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians  
15:45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man,

being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
I give you a new command;  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

*(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)*



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**



Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality. Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** 9583 6161  
Monday - Friday 9am – 3pm  
Secretary: Vino Krishnan  
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**OUR SCHOOLS:**  
**Our Lady of the Assumption** 9584 9488  
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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.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY**  
**TIME YR C - 22<sup>nd</sup>/ 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Nicholas Byrne, Ramon Pavlin,  
Josephine Catbagan, Doug Cinaglia,  
Ron Lowe, Sarah Lanning, Hugh Jansz,  
*and all those who died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Sydney Patterson, Frank Shanley,  
Pearly Stephen, Jim Carew,  
Philomina Jayakumari, Nita Sundberg,  
Daniel McGannon, Frank Donlon,  
Carmela del Rossi, Ralph Evans, Trees Kleist,  
Greta Widdicombe, Tom Duke, John Giffney,  
Brian Boyle, Anthony Byrne,

*... 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](http://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.



**EXILES AT HOME: WHAT  
OUR CONTEMPT FOR  
NATURE IS COSTING US.**

There will be a video  
presentation at the Hampton RSL  
on **Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> February** for  
Spirituality in the Pub by **Timothy Winton**.  
Bookings are essential by Friday 21<sup>st</sup>  
February. Meals from 12.30pm, followed by  
the presentation at 2pm, conversation and  
conclusion about 4pm. Sharing a meal is an  
important part of the evening.

For bookings and further enquiries please  
contact Sr Michele Kennan PBVM: 0415  
956 107 or [michelekennan@presvic.org.au](mailto:michelekennan@presvic.org.au), or  
Catriona: 0419 109 830 or via email at:  
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**LENTEN GROUPS** Sign-up sheets for the  
2025 Lenten Program are available in the  
respective church foyers. In this year's  
program, **MANY PATHS LEAD TO  
EASTER**, Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ will  
explore the many paths we take on our Easter  
journey, inviting us to let memory be our  
guide.



**FUNERAL MASS FOR  
NICHOLAS (NICK) PATRICK BYRNE**  
will be offered at  
**St Joan of Arc Church,**  
118 New St, **Brighton,**  
on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2025 at 1.30pm.

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

*Gospel reading continued...*

'Be compassionate as your Father is  
compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not  
be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you  
will not be condemned yourselves; grant  
pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and  
there will be gifts for you: a full measure,  
pressed down, shaken together, and running  
over, will be poured into your lap; because the  
amount you measure out is the amount you will  
be given back.'



**Sacred Space**

Your daily prayer online

**ONLINE RESOURCE - LIVING SPACE  
Commentaries on the Readings of the Day**

The following site from the Irish Jesuits:  
[sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie), among other prayer  
resources, provides commentaries on the  
daily readings at Mass. Should you wish to  
reflect further on the Scripture readings of  
the day, visit: [livingspace.sacredspace.ie](http://livingspace.sacredspace.ie)



**Next Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March,**  
you're invited to stay and  
join fellow parishioners for  
a cuppa **after the 9am &  
11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting  
Room.



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA:  
PROJECT COMPASSION**

As Lent and Project Compassion approach,  
you are cordially invited to join St Dominic's  
Parish and Michael McGirr, Melbourne  
Diocesan Director of Caritas Australia, who  
will lead us in reflecting on: **Starting from  
where we are: How the Gospel can heal a  
broken world.**

Where: St Dominic's Parish Centre, 816  
Riversdale Rd, Camberwell  
When: 10.30am on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
All are welcome.  
Enquiries: Denis Fitzgerald 0418 136 372