

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the book of Joshua

24:1-2. 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or

wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:  
you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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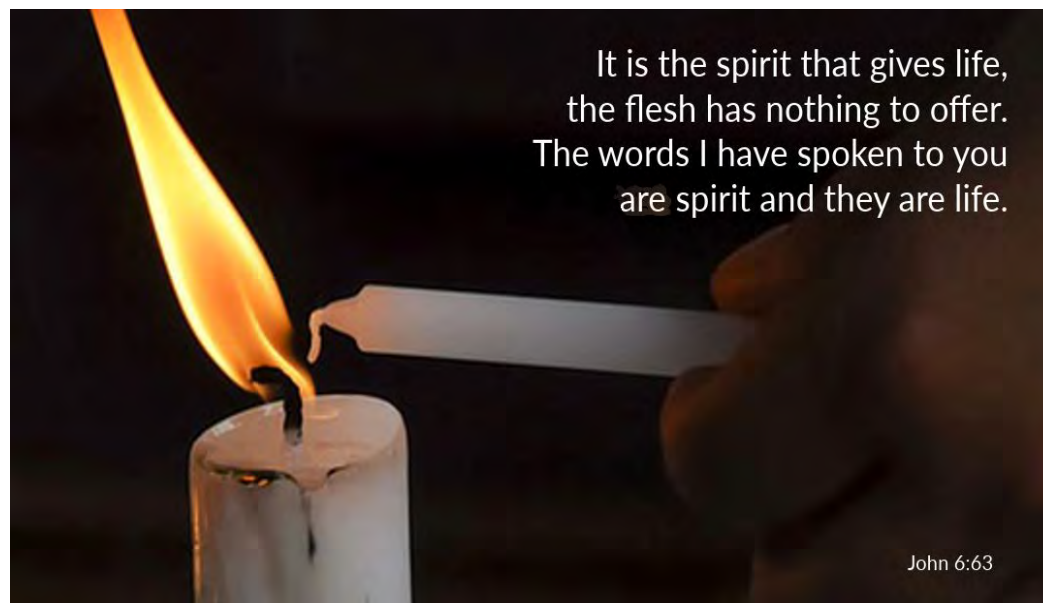
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## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2024



John 6:63

The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? The new challenges we face and the new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer. If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith in Jesus which does not come easily or naturally, as it is a grace given by God. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.

*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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**  
Wednesday 9:45 am  
Saturday 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.

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
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**PRAYING FOR:**

John Butler, Graham Giuliera,  
Pamela Mitchell, Robert Thompson,  
Bernard David, Marie Walter,  
Dominic Zuccala,  
... and all those who died recently.

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Fr Frank Martin, Maria Medorini,  
Carmel Sier, Andrew Borg, Tony Borg,  
Janet Lanigan, William Rigby, Stan Smith,  
Daniel Braganza, Louisa Braganza,  
KP Varghese, Margaret Kelleher,  
Maisie Moloney, Mollie Taylor,  
Sr Sue Shannon,

... 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  
2023 to Christ the King 2024 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:  
[universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/Mass](http://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.

**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.



My sincere gratitude to all who help me celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination over this last week. So many assisted with the provision of food as well as with the setup, serving and clean up. Thank you for the many well-wishes, cards and gifts, received from parishioners, and for your evident care and support for me as your Parish Priest. I feel blessed to be among you, as together we seek to proclaim the Gospel and minister to all connected with our parish community.

– Fr Alan



**ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024**

'Come follow me' Thank you to all across our parish who generously donated to this appeal in support of the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. So far a total of **\$1,461.35** has been raised. If you would still like to donate, envelopes are available on the tables in each of our church foyers. Thank you, again.



**PARISH STEWARDSHIP** For those who contribute to our parish via 'Envelopes', **new boxed sets of Thanksgiving / Presbytery Giving envelopes** are available for collection in each church foyer. Thank you once again to all who offer their ongoing practical and financial support for the mission of our parish.

**† UPCOMING FUNERALS †**

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 11am (OLA)  
**Graham Giuliera (RIP)**

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 11am (OLA)  
**Pamela Mitchell (RIP)**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 11am (OLA)  
**Robert Thompson (RIP)**

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

**CHRIST OUR LIGHT PARISH,  
HIGHETT-CHELTENHAM**

The **10<sup>th</sup> August, 2024** marked the establishment of **Christ Our Light Parish, Highett-Cheltenham**.

This new parish configuration will inevitably mean some changes to our communications and administrative infrastructure.

In practical terms this may mean, for example, people's financial contributions to the parish, particularly through Direct Debit and Credit Cards, may be acknowledged in a different way on their bank statements.

Please Note: **CDF Pay** has now been updated to the new **PACEM** portal. Due to this transition, anyone wishing to make online contributions are asked to contact Maureen Ryan, our Parish Accountant, on: 0407 544 779 or via email at: [maureen@maureenryan.com.au](mailto:maureen@maureenryan.com.au)

Maureen will be able to clarify any of these administrative changes, however please be assured that parishioners wishes, re. their contributions to both Thanksgiving and Presbytery giving, will be honoured and remain unchanged.



**OLA FETE - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
November 2024 DO  
YOU HAVE A  
MARQUEE?** The Fete

Committee are on the lookout for marquees. For every dollar saved on equipment hire, more funds go towards our school and parish community. If anyone has a marquee that they could loan for the fete, please contact John Bardon at [jbardon@gmail.com](mailto:jbardon@gmail.com) ASAP and copy to [fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au).

**LUCKY BOTTLES STALL** Throughout August, the Fete committee are collecting wine, bubbles or spirits for the lucky bottles stall. Kindly drop your donations into the school office.