

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their

eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

## GOSPEL FOCUS

### God's Love

*What does it mean to love as Jesus loved? The love Jesus poured out to all was an expression of God's love that has been poured out to all creation since the very beginning and continues to be poured out today. God's love doesn't keep score. When humankind turned its back on God, God's love continued to call them back to faithful relationship. God's love is not conditional – whatever we do, God continues to love us. There is no barrier that we can construct that God's love cannot get around. It is this sort of love that the new commandment demands of us.*



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C - 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2025



**"Love one  
another:  
just as I have  
loved you."**

**John 13:34**

The new commandment that Jesus announces is more than tolerance or mutual respect. It requires self-sacrificing love. It is the law of the new heaven and the new earth that are established in the new Jerusalem. Standards are entirely different there. The greater ones serve; the meek possess the earth; happy are the poor; woe to those who laugh. This is clearly a city that comes down from heaven, not one made by human hands. It is a city that embraces all who come to it. God dwells in the midst of this city, in the heart of this people. God dwells with them and they dwell with God. Through this new love, this new heaven and new earth, this new depth of communion, the glory of God is manifested in a new way.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** 9583 6161  
Monday - Friday 9am – 3pm  
Secretary: Vino Krishnan  
Accountant: Maureen Ryan  
Psychologist: Anne Maree Eddy

#### OUR SCHOOLS:

**Our Lady of the Assumption PS** 9584 9488  
Principal: Mr Richard Jacques  
Email: [principal@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au)  
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#### MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGGETT

##### 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.

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##### PRAYING FOR:

Giovanna Barone, Kevin Meredith,  
Claudette Lahe,

*and all those who died recently.*

##### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Hilary Palman, Ewa Paplinska-Boraczewska,  
Denzil D'Souza, Mary Petoud,  
Josephine Gibbins, Maurice d'Offay,  
Maria Alba, Malcolm Hogg,  
Joseph D'Monte, Ross McIlroy, Glenn Smith,  
Stephen Coulson, Joe Charters, Don Yates,  
Rod Cram,

*...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.

#### UPCOMING FUNERALS (OLA Church)

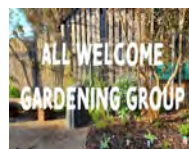
**Funeral Mass**  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am**  
Giovanna Barone (RIP)

**Funeral Prayers**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11am**  
Kevin James Meredith (RIP)

**FYI: THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN  
MASS COUNT** continues this weekend and  
over each weekend of May.



**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND** With  
great joy the Church of God formally  
welcomes **Moira, Lucas, Maya,  
Lucia, Ignacio, Harvey** and **Elle**, who  
are to be Baptised this weekend.



**COL GARDENING  
GROUP** There will be a  
'Working Bee' on  
Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June from  
10am. Anyone able to  
assist, either casually or more regularly,  
would be most welcome. For further  
information contact John Tetteroo on 0432  
649 659. Thank you in anticipation of your  
presence.

**SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY OF THE  
SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH** are delighted  
to invite you to the following retreat which  
focuses on the Awareness. Reflection Talk. of  
Self. offering a nurturing environment for  
personal transformation, empowering you to  
return home with a renewed sense of self and a  
deeper connection to your inner wisdom.

**The A.R.T of Self**  
3 Days 2 Nights  
Wed 4 June to Fri 6 June  
9.30am - 3.30pm  
Facilitator: Liz Lewis

For more information, call 9926 9300 or email:  
[admin.mmhc@sosjspirit.org.au](mailto:admin.mmhc@sosjspirit.org.au).

**CAN YOU HELP? Nepean Welcoming  
Immigrants and Newcomers with Dignity  
(Nepean Wind)** is a group made up of  
parishioners from our parish of Christ Our  
Light and the parish of St Mary of the Cross,  
Mordialloc/Aspendale. In support of a Syrian  
refugee family (2 parents, 3 young daughters)  
who will arrive in Australia at the end of May,  
we are seeking short-term rental  
accommodation for them (ideally for about 6  
weeks or more). If you or anyone you know  
can assist with short-term rental accommoda-  
tion, please get in touch.

Contact: Theresa Thomas (0400 126 010) or  
Joan Kenny (0428 584 327).



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S  
LEAGUE OF VICTORIA  
& WAGGA WAGGA** are  
conducting a Pray and Paint  
event on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>  
June, from 9am – 12.15pm.**

Venue: **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church  
& Hall, 631 High Street, East Prahran.**

Program: Commencing with Mass at 9am,  
followed by morning tea, a short talk by Fr Dean  
Mathieson, and a painting session.

- No painting experience necessary!
- All materials will be provided.
- Tickets: \$30 (\$20 for CWLVWW members)
- RSVP by 10<sup>th</sup> June (or unless sold out)

Register at [www.trybooking.com/DATEX](http://www.trybooking.com/DATEX) or via  
email at: [info@cwlvicwv.org.au](mailto:info@cwlvicwv.org.au)



**HEART OF LIFE - FEAST OF  
THE SACRED HEART OF  
JESUS** You are warmly invited by  
Heart of Life & the Missionaries of  
the Sacred Heart to our Feast of the  
Sacred Heart.

- Friday 6th June 2025, 11am - 2pm.
- Liturgy followed by light lunch (provided)
- 69 Alto Avenue, Croydon

For catering purposes, please register via email,  
at: [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne)