

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the second book of Kings  
4:8-11. 14-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Forever I will sing the goodness of  
the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the  
Romans 6:3-4. 8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,  
a holy people.  
Praise God who called you out of darkness  
and into his marvellous light.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

**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. Parishioners interested in accompanying please contact Moira Tetteroo on: m 0411 124 056



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026

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In this week's gospel, Jesus teaches, "Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it." Part of 'losing our lives' for Jesus means extending the self-giving, compassionate and merciful love we have received from him to others, especially the poor. As Christians, we must be prepared to accept suffering, not out of a masochistic sense that suffering is good or that we deserve it, but as a response made in love to give up anything and everything that impedes or undermines the life and love to which Christ calls us. This can sometimes mean prioritising him and the demands of discipleship over the demands of family. Consider St Francis of Assisi as an example. St Francis, in defiance of his enraged father, left his affluent home and the life his family had planned for him to live a life of radical poverty, humility, and dedication to serving the poor, in imitation of the life, poverty, and love of Jesus. St Francis is renowned as Il Poverello (Italian for "the little poor man"), and as a "little Christ." "Losing our lives" for Jesus does not necessarily mean we will be called to Jesus' level of self-sacrifice. Still, our hearts need to be oriented towards this calling and open to its demands, painful and costly though that may sometimes be. But Jesus is very clear in calling us, indeed challenging us, to live the life of freedom and self-giving love for which we were created. Challenging and demanding though it is, each and every one of us is called to be a "little Christ."

**Joseph Doyle Majellan Media**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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**MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGETT****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 parish 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.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY-Year A**

27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026

**PRAYING FOR:**

Neil Ustick, Patrick Murphy, Helen Limb  
 Thelma Pereira, Joan Noronho, Chhung Sar,  
 Ana Maria Becker Dilfre, Ann Hocking,  
 Robyn Miks

*and all who died recently.*

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR:**

Damiano Morabito, Pat M'Cannon  
 Jelena Ivanovic, Robert O'Connor,  
 Grazia Castro, Mavis D'Souza

*and all who we remember at this time.*

*...as we also keep in our prayers  
 all those who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from  
 Advent 2025 to Christ the King 2026 are  
 taken from Year A 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.

**MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026**

We're invited to answer the call to deepen our understanding of synodality in parish life. Timeline for Synod consultation: This month will see the gradual release of the Synod theme papers, with June and July being Consultation and dialogue months for our faith communities. For more information on the Synod please visit: [melbournecatholic.org/synod2026](http://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026)

**SYNOD CORNER: Synodality and unity.**

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

**SYNODALITY IN PRACTICE:**

Join this online Webinar: 7<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 7-8pm. Presented by Caroline Johnson. The call to synodality is a challenge to all levels of Catholic governance. How can you ensure the essence of synodality – inclusion, openness to all viewpoints and deep listening – are realised? For more information and to register visit:

[Synodality in Practice – Online Webinar – CathEvents](#)

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION.**

There will be a special collection for the intentions of the Holy Father this weekend 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June. Peter's Pence offerings are designated to support the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable intentions. Thank you in anticipation of this annual appeal.



**SUNDAY CUPPA.** Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, all are invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa and chat after the 9am and 11am Masses, in the Meeting room.

**2026 NAIDOC MASS ST FRANCIS' CHURCH.**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026

11.00am–12.00pm. Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria invites you to the 2026 NAIDOC Mass. Marking the end of NAIDOC Week (5–12 July), an opportunity to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Banner image: artwork by Zaachariaha Fielding.

**FAMILY BOOKS**

Dear Parishioners, may we request when writing the names of your loved ones who have recently died and anniversaries that occur at this time, could you please print clearly, and a phone number is required. We would be most grateful as it is important to have these details correct in honouring them.

**PILGRIMAGE: THE AUSTRALIAN IGNATION TRAIL**

4 Walking days – 6 nights: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October late afternoon – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October morning 2026 finishing in Sevenhill SA. Applications close 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026. Price \$2195. Enter a pilgrimage of prayer, reflection, and holy listening. Notice God's presence in nature, and within yourself. This unique camino-style experience offers space to discern, renew, and deepen your relationship with God. Visit:

[jsa.org.au/retreat/australian-ignation-trail-2/](http://jsa.org.au/retreat/australian-ignation-trail-2/)