

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus  
3:17-20. 28-29**

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ God, in your goodness, you have made  
a home for the poor.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews  
12:18-19. 22-24**

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Take my yoke upon you;  
learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Luke 14:1. 7-14**

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**

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## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2025



The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. However, only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. And just as we have received from the bounty of God, so are we called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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#### OUR SCHOOLS:

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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.

## TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2025

#### PRAYING FOR:

Carol Donnell, Richard Ellerton,  
Elsie McBride, Tran Tien Thang,  
Eunice Harper,

*and all those who died recently.*

#### WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Rocco Tripodi, John Kingston, Sybil Lee,  
Marjorie Hammond, Virginia D'Monte,  
Andy Borg, Jadwiga Zolkos, Angeles Chan,  
Antoinette Fernandes, Sr Sue Shannon,  
Fr Frank Martin, Antonia Razga,

*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.



## ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

**2025** This is a final reminder to complete  
your pledges to the 2025 Archbishop's  
Campaign and play your part in  
supporting the vital ministries that serve  
all in our faith community in the Archdiocese of  
Melbourne. The campaign calls on all the faithful  
to support our seminary, our retired priests, and  
important care and evangelisation ministries of the  
Archdiocese. More details about the campaign and  
how to make a gift are in the brochures in the foyer  
today. I know that times are challenging but  
encourage you to consider giving generously to the  
extent you are able. Tear-off pledge cards are  
attached to the campaign envelopes in the church.  
You're also most welcome to make a gift online at  
[melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign) or via the  
QR code on the campaign materials.



BAPTISM

#### BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

With great joy the Church of God  
formally welcomes **Flynn Parker**  
and **Boden Wilder**, who will be  
Baptised this weekend.



**Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September,**  
you're invited to stay and join  
fellow parishioners for a  
cuppa after the 9am & 11am  
Masses, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.  
This also gives us the opportunity to celebrate  
**Father's Day** with our Dads.



**PEACE  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

#### SEASON OF CREATION

We begin this  
celebration on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, the 'World Day of  
Prayer for the Care of Creation'. One way of  
entering into the spirit of the Season of Creation  
is to make use of the Daily Devotions for the  
Season of Creation, beautifully put together by  
the Queensland Churches Environmental  
Network. You can download the document  
here: [SoC QCEN Devotions](http://SoC_QCEN_Devotions) Each day, has a  
reflection, prayer, image and poem.



**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 most sincerely, once  
again, to all who offer their ongoing practical and  
financial support for the mission of our parish.

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We extend our best wishes and  
congratulations to our young parishioners  
who are to be Confirmed this coming  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September, at OLA Church.

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MENTONE REGIONAL COUNCIL FESTIVAL MASS AND GATHERING

The Festival Mass for St Vincent de Paul  
Conferences in the Mentone region will be held at  
**6pm, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September** at **Our Lady of  
the Assumption Church, Cheltenham**. All  
members of Christ Our Light Parish are most  
welcome to attend the Mass.

#### VATICAN II: KEEPING THE WINDOWS

**OPEN** Catholic Theological College & Yarra  
Theological Union are hosting a symposium to  
celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the close of  
Vatican II. Experts from around Australia will  
gather to reflect on the key themes of Vatican  
II that continue to shape the Church today.

Date: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

Time: 9.30am – 4.15pm

Venue: CTC 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 17<sup>th</sup> September.

To book, go to [humanitix.com/Vatican-II](http://humanitix.com/Vatican-II) For  
enquiries, please call: +613 9412 3333 or  
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