

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS † (OLA Church)

Thursday 4th December at 1pm

Rosary prior at 12.30pm

Mark Jeremiah Tan (RIP)

May his soul and the souls of all our faithful departed, rest in peace



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 29th / 30th NOVEMBER, 2025



The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stage for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope. The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest. An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

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 [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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 29th / 30th NOVEMBER, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Fr Frank Marriot OAM, Daniela Hapin,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

June D'Souza, Peter Bracchi,
Christina Garcia, Marilyn Torres,
Efrin Misa, Grazia Marino, Arturo Romero,
Eva Roslan, Fr Anthony Kenny, Juan Gajo,
Aleyamma Jacob, Mary McElwee,
Roma Savyell, Iris Manuel,
Francis Manuel, Marco Paoli,
Sr Anita Le Clercq CSB, John Smiles,

...and all who we remember at this time.

...and we keep in our prayers all 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

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.



MONTH OF NOVEMBER Remembering Our Dearly Departed

The Cross of Remembrance

You are invited to inscribe the names of your dearly departed loved ones, on the November cross placed in the sanctuaries of each of our churches. The crosses will stand prominently throughout the month of November.

November Offering envelopes are available in the foyers of our churches and at the base of each Remembrance Cross, for those who would like Mass to be offered for deceased loved ones.

PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection
for our dearly departed,
also find new strength.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Next Sunday 7th December, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



COL GARDENING GROUP
There will be a 'Working Bee' on **Saturday, 13th December,** from **9.45am**, (...weather permitting). 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.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC MAGAZINE - SUMMER EDITION additional copies of the latest edition of the magazine are available in each of our church foyers. Please take a copy.



ST AGNES' ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE are also seeking donations of retail gift cards for distribution to families in need in the Highett / East Hampton area. Please consider taking an envelope from the '**Giving Tree**' in the foyer of St Agnes' church, and depositing it with your gift card in the 'St Vincent de Paul Poor Box' at the back of St Agnes' church.

Thank you, Tricia Hickey



OLA ST VINCENT DE PAUL Christmas "Giving Tree" On 6th December St Vincent De Paul volunteers will pack/deliver some 90 Christmas Food Hampers to our needy families plus Retailers Gift Cards (not toys) for their 82 children. If you wish to help, please take an envelope from around the tree and return it with your Gift Card enclosed, by this Sunday, 30th November, if possible. You can place your returned envelope/Gift Card in the Box in front of the Christmas Giving Tree.

Many thanks, Rob Hamilton.



CHRISTMAS CAROLS The Choir is inviting new members to join existing members in the singing of carols at St Matthew's Church, Community Carol Service on **Sunday 14th December at 6pm.** Practice is each Sunday at 10am at OLA church wherein we will also be preparing Carols for our Christmas Eve Mass. All are most welcome! Enquiries contact: Helen: 0432 866 039 or Tony: 0468 453 156.

OLA PIETY STALL St Vincent De Paul Christmas cards are available for sale @ \$5 per pack and the 2026 Columban Art Calendars @ \$10 each after the 9am and 11am Masses.



KNITTING GROUP Our wonderful knitting group will be holding their **Christmas Stall at OLA church after the 9am and 11am Masses next Sunday, the 7th of December.** Please support our wonderful knitters, as all proceeds go to St Vincent De Paul.