

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully

equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death." And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 18th / 19th OCTOBER, 2025



The idea of prayer changing us, changes our prayer – giving it greater dynamism and urgency. While we may not know the mind or will of God, we often know our own thoughts and desires. We can usually pinpoint what needs recrafting or reshaping in us so that we may live out the goodness and love of God more clearly. Confronting and converting these obstacles, with God, can see our prayer at its boldest and bravest. At these times we can enjoy God's healing and forgiveness. And because conversion is a lifetime process, Jesus encourages us not to lose heart but to pray always and hold on to faith even when the going gets tough. May this Eucharist help us to move away from demanding that God change his mind or will, to allowing his love to keep converting and changing us.

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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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Geoff Westacott, Margaret Tye, Jan Smits,
Joe Rodrigues,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Corazon Ramirez, Carolina Ramirez,
Louise MacDonald, Denis Foley,
Edward Donovan, Carmelo La Rocca,
Leo Healey, June Rigby, Paul Gamble,
Betty Duke, Hendrika Cox,
Timothy Richards, Cameron Torcasio,

...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
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.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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Can
you assist with ministering
communion to the sick? If you have
some time to spare, your assistance
would be gratefully appreciated.
Similarly, if anyone you know would like to
receive communion, or you would like any
further information, please contact the Parish
Office on 9583 6161.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

With great joy we, the Church of God,
formally welcome: **August and Sage**,
who will be Baptised this weekend.



WORLD MISSION MONTH

This October, Catholic Mission
and the broader Catholic
community will come together to celebrate
World Mission Month, guided by the theme
'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples'.
This week, you're invited to partner with the
church in Zambia to help women overcome
poverty and mothers give birth safely.
The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane, will
provide women with the training and support
required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the
Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to
ensure every woman and baby receives a safe
and dignified start to life.

You can support this work by going online at:
catholicmission.org.au/mission

Your gift will also assist many other church
programs around the world.

ST MARY OF THE CROSS

CATHOLIC PARISH All are
invited to a bystander training
workshop by the **Justice Action Group on
Family Violence: What can we do?**

When: Saturday 25th October, 2-4pm

Where: St Louis' Church Foyer,
37, Dolphin Street, Aspendale

Register: rockshelen@yahoo.com
by 22nd October.

Entry is free.



A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA ON EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE

The State Government is
seeking to amend Victoria's
euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed,
the new laws would further weaken protections
for vulnerable patients and reduce protections
for nurses, doctors and other medical
practitioners who conscientiously object. In
response, the Bishops of Victoria have written
a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local
Members of Parliament and urge them to vote
against these laws. You can read
the letter online and find out more
by scanning this QR Code or by
visiting: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill



MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2025

On World Mission Sunday every
year, the whole Church prays, united,
particularly for missionaries and the
fruitfulness of their apostolic labors. When I
served as a missionary priest and bishop in Peru,
I saw first-hand how the faith, the prayer and the
generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can
transform entire communities. I urge every
Catholic parish in the world to take part in World
Mission Sunday. Your prayers, your support will
help spread the Gospel, provide for pastoral and
catechetical programs, help to build new
churches, and care for the health and educational
needs of our brothers and sisters in mission
territories. This October 19th, as we reflect
together on our baptismal call to be 'missionaries
of hope among the peoples', let us commit
ourselves anew to the sweet and joyful task of
bringing Christ Jesus our Hope to the ends of the
earth. Thank you for everything you will do to
help me help missionaries throughout the world.
God bless you all! youtu.be/WwCj_d8UVYF4

Pope Leo XIV's Apostolic Exhortation:
'Dilexi Te' Download here: vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html