

FIRST READING

**A reading from the first book of Kings
19:4-8**

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
4:30-5:2**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves,

and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
6:41-51**

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 10th / 11th AUGUST, 2024

Why 'Christ Our Light', and the new logo?

Following the discernment sessions earlier this year, a Christological emphasis/charism emerged. Both parish patrons, Our Lady, and St Agnes, are consistently understood in terms of their relationship to Christ. We think about Mary who accepted what God had asked of her, to bear the Christ child, to bring forth the One who is 'the Light of the world', and of her faithfulness, even to her presence at the foot of her Son's cross. Considering St Agnes, aware of her story, she was a young girl who was prepared to inform any would-be suitor that she was 'already promised to Christ, the Lord of the Universe; The One who was more splendid than the sun and the stars...'

You may, or may not, be aware that St Agnes Parish Primary School's motto has been, and is, 'Light in Darkness'. Bringing the two parishes together as one represents a coming home of sorts, given Our Lady of the Assumption, Cheltenham, was cut off from St Agnes' Highett, its mother parish, back in 1958. Reflecting upon the existing logos of our two respective parish and school communities, and how there was some consistency between the two, particularly in terms of shape and colour, a new logo was envisaged that endeavoured to incorporate both this consistency of shape and colour, and represent 'Christ Our Light'. Here are the existing logos, (remembering St Agnes' motto: 'Light in Darkness'), along with our new parish logo:



OLA [Parish and School]



St Agnes' [Parish and School]



Christ Our Light Parish

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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 9:45 am
Saturday 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:

Carla Babare, Leonard Lary,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

John Borg, Maria Dib, Pina Gori,
Antonio Pardo, Noreen Carroll,
Kathleen Parker, Margaret Kelleher,
Sophia Lang, Jack de Luca, Joanne Day,
Sarah Christensen, Roy Butler,
Noel Austin, Barry Jones, Tom Whitelaw,
Carlo Paoli, Maria Fucile, Irene Scott,
Jenny Grove, Anthony Eke, Sean McGurn,

...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
2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from
Year B 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 support both the
Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through
your generous contributions. Both OLA & St
Agnes are now registered for online contributions.

The **CDF Pay** link for **OLA, Cheltenham** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayCheltenham>

The **CDF Pay** link for **St Agnes, Highett** is:
<http://bit.ly/CDFpayHighett>

MASSSES FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

Thursday the 15th August
Mass (OLA): 9.15am
Mass (St Agnes): 7pm



CELEBRATIONS This Sunday,
the 10th/11th August, we celebrate
the **Sacrament of First
Eucharist**, as well as the formal
establishment of 'Christ Our Light Parish'.
Next weekend, on the 17th/18th August, we will
mark **Fr Alan's 30th Anniversary of
Priesthood Ordination**. You are welcome to
bring something to share, as we celebrate these
milestones with a cuppa after our Masses.

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

With great joy the Church of God
welcomes **Spencer** and **Angus** who
are to be Baptised this weekend.



FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

We extend our best wishes and
congratulations to all the children
receiving the Eucharist for the first
time this weekend. May Jesus, our
Bread of Life, nourish and sustain them, and us,
as together we gather in thanksgiving at His
Table. My sincere gratitude to St Agnes' and Our
Lady of the Assumption School staff, catechists
and to all the parents for their support. - Fr Alan



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024

The Campaign, with its theme '*Come
follow me*', is underway and next
weekend, 17th / 18th August, Catholics
across Melbourne are being asked to consider
pledging their support for the vital ministries of our
Archdiocese. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax
deductible. Please review the Campaign material
and prayerfully consider pledging. Envelopes are
available in each church. Or consider donating
online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or
via the QR codes on the campaign materials.
Please give generously.

PARISH AMALGAMATION - CHRIST
OUR LIGHT PARISH, HIGHETT-
CHELTENHAM

The 10th August, 2024 marks a new beginning:
the formal amalgamation (merging) of St
Agnes' Parish, Highett and Our Lady of the
Assumption Parish, Cheltenham, establishing
**Christ Our Light Parish, Highett-
Cheltenham**. Please see both churches' notice
boards for the publication of the **Archbishop's
Decree, dated 9th July, 2024**,

An updated map showing the revised parish
boundaries, as well as a verbal description of
those boundaries, have been posted alongside
the Decree.

The Archbishop's Decree can also be accessed
via the 'News' page of the OLA website:

<https://olacheltenham.org.au/news/>



OLA FETE - 23rd November
2024 DO YOU HAVE A
MARQUEE?

The Fete
Committee are on the lookout
for marquees. For every dollar
saved on equipment hire, more
funds go towards our school
and parish community. If anyone has a marquee
that they could loan for the fete, please contact
John Bardon at jkardon@gmail.com ASAP and
copy to fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

LUCKY BOTTLES STALL Throughout
August, the Fete committee are collecting wine,
bubbles or spirits for the lucky bottles stall.
Kindly drop your donations into the school
office.

† UPCOMING †
FUNERAL PRAYERS

Friday 16th August at 1.30pm (OLA)

Carla Babare (RIP)

*May her soul and the souls of all our
faithful departed, rest in peace.*