

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ In every age, O Lord, you have been
our refuge.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in

that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 2nd/3rd AUGUST, 2025



Our tradition tells us that "the earth and all that is in it belongs to God" (Psalm 24). In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God's people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God". This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to "be on your guard, be ever vigilant" in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

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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
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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:

John Davis, Katarina Milicevic, Ivo Paccelt,
Ben Koppelman, Geoff Klug,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Jorge Chacon, Angeles Esquivel,
Carla Babare, William Ralph,
James Monaghan, Marco Paoli,
Silvestra Misajon, Snow Seymour,
Shirley Miller, Margaret Hirsh,
Cecilio Rivera,

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

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.



This Sunday, 3rd August, you're
invited to stay and join your fellow
parishioners for a cuppa **after the
9am & 11am Masses**, in the Meeting Room.



UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS (OLA)

Tuesday 5th August at 10.30am

Katarina Milicevic (RIP)

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



HEART OF LIFE - LET THE HEART LISTEN

This 12-week
formation program is designed for
individuals engaged in listening to and
supporting others on their life journeys through
listening, presence, and support.

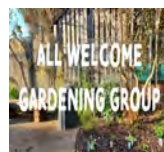
This program is an invitation to:

- Enter into personal transformation by
connecting with the deeper mysteries of your
own heart.
- Open your heart in compassion—cultivating
meaningful connections with others.
- Deepen your relationship with your Divine
Companion, especially in the most vulnerable
moments of your life.

This online-only experience invites you into a
space of deep transformation and connection.

The next program will be held on Thursday
evenings from 6pm to 9pm, starting on Thursday,
31st July. For more information visit:

heartoflife.melbourne/spiritual-formation/let-the-heart-listen-program



COL GARDENING GROUP

There will be a 'Working Bee'
on Saturday, 9th August from
10am, (...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.



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK: 3-10

AUGUST Vocations come from
families, communities and parishes.

Strong families and communities are
the place where vocations are first nurtured. In
this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us
pray for all families in our parish, and for those
preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our
parish community may always be welcoming
and encouraging of vocations to marriage,
priesthood and consecrated life.



CATHOLIC MISSION sincerely thanks the parish
community of Christ Our
Reach out. Give life. Light for your generous and

compassionate support of this year's Propagation
of the Faith Appeal. Your contribution of
\$2,393.00 has been gratefully received and will
help provide vital care for mothers in Zambia,
and empower local Church workers across more
than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world.
Through your partnership, countless families will
find not only practical help, but also spiritual
accompaniment, hope, and dignity. Your gift is
more than charity - it is a concrete act of
solidarity, and a sign of God's love reaching out
to those on the margins.

Thank you for being a living witness of Christ's
mission to the world.

Scriptural Context

Do not worry

*This parable and teaching about the love
of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his
disciples not to worry about what they will
eat and what they will wear. He invites them
to look to the birds of the air and flowers of
the fields. God provides them with all that
they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek
the kingdom and all the other necessities
of life will be given to them as well. Rather
than focusing on accumulating wealth as
the rich man in today's parable, Jesus
reassures his disciples that if they focus
their lives on the kingdom they will have all
that they need.*