

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom

18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

11:1-2. 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of

heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Be watchful and ready:  
You know not when  
the Son of Man is coming.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes.'

*(continued overleaf...)*



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST, 2025



While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible. We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

*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 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.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
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#### PRAYING FOR:

Bishop Emeritus Peter Elliott,  
Monica Patient, Margot McCormick,  
Mary Canny, Mary Buck, Maria Scully,  
John Dormer, Robyn Wood, Rudy Rubia,  
*and all those who died recently.*

#### WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Lucian D'Olivera, Graham Giulieri,  
Lorraine Christopher, Kathleen Parker,  
Paul Flood, Ruby Holloway,  
Maureen Noonan, Richard Calleja,  
Dorothy Holloway, Peter Home, John Borg,  
Anthony Borg, Sr Paola Borg,  
Anthony Eke, Patrick Melia, John Melia,  
Theresa Awe, Carlo Paoli, Rimi Scott,  
Dagmar Puccetti, Maria Dib, Pina Gori,  
Sophia Lang, Sarah Christensen,  
Fr John Carnie CSsR., Roy Butler,  
Jack de Luca, Joanne Day, Scott Taylor,  
*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.



**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND** With  
great joy the Church of God formally  
welcomes **Victoria, Harrison, River,**  
**Luc and Emmy**, who will be Baptised  
this weekend.



#### UPCOMING FUNERALS (OLA)

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August at 11am

**Mary Buck (RIP)**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 10.15am

**Mary Canny (RIP)**

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



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



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

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**Mass (OLA): 9.15am**

**Mass (St Agnes): 7pm**

Please note this change to our regular weekday  
Mass timetable.

#### GOSPEL READING continued...

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, 'My master is taking his time coming', and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'



#### ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. You are encouraged to think about what a vibrant faith community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese.