

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
15:12. 16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
6:17. 20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



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15th/16th FEBRUARY, 2025



Followers of Jesus do not find their joy in money, power, or other material goods; but rather they find it in the gifts they receive every day from God: life, creation, brothers and sisters, and so on. We cannot be authentic followers of Christ if we adore riches to the neglect of the poor. In fact, true disciples of Jesus are content to share even the goods they possess, because they live according to the logic of God. The Beatitudes, may sound strange, almost incomprehensible to those who are not disciples. But as challenging as they are, they ultimately define the identity of the disciple of Jesus. For Christians, they are non-negotiable. What the Beatitudes do remind us is that disciples allow themselves to be challenged, aware that it is not God who must enter into our mindset, but we into his. Disciples, in the end, are those who let themselves be led by Jesus, who open their heart to Jesus, who listen to him and follow his path. Such a path involves openness to the joys of the present, wherever we may find them. It also involves a readiness and willingness to become Christ's blessing to others.

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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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YR C - 15th/16th FEBRUARY, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Nicholas Byrne, Fr John O'Reilly PE,
Marleen Richards,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Corazon Ramirez, Carolina Ramirez,
Irene D'Monte, Ronald Thomas,
Leonard O'Reilly, Doone Gillespie,
Leonor Rivera, Patricia Ellerton,
John Brinkley, Jeanette Wicker,
Denis Bilston, Bill Wilson, Grace Lamden,
...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.



**EXILES AT HOME: WHAT
OUR CONTEMPT FOR
NATURE IS COSTING US.**

There will be a video
presentation at the Hampton RSL
on **Wednesday, 26th February** for
Spirituality in the Pub by **Timothy Winton**.
Bookings are essential by Friday 21st
February. Meals from 12.30pm, followed by
the presentation at 2pm, conversation and
conclusion about 4pm. Sharing a meal is an
important part of the evening.
For bookings and further enquiries please
contact Sr Michele Kennan PBVM: 0415
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**HEART OF LIFE - JOURNEY
WITH JESUS TO THE CROSS**
Reflection Series (Online)

Beginning: 6th March 2025, from 7.30-8.30pm.
Join us each Thursday evening during Lent
for a time of reflection. Each week will
feature guided meditation, quiet personal
reflection, dwelling in the word and an
opportunity for group sharing.
Register at: heartoflife.melbourne.



**PONTIFICAL REQUIEM MASS FOR
FR JOHN O'REILLY** will be offered at
Sacred Heart Church, 4 Winifred Street, St
Albans, on Tuesday, 18th February, 2025 at
11am. Vigil Prayers will be recited in the above
church on Monday, 17th February, at 6pm.

Fr John O'Reilly generously served the parish
community of St Agnes' from May 2019
through to June 2020.

*May his soul, and the souls of all our faithful
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*



**THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY AND
THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH - WHERE
TO NOW?** All are invited to take part in a
report back and discussion session about the
global Synod and its implications for the
Australian Church, to be held via Zoom at:
7.30pm on Wednesday 19th February 2025.

The presentations will focus on the final
session of the universal Synod in October
2024 and its report For a Synodal Church. The
presenters are two Synod participants: Bishop
Shane Mackinlay and Dr Sandie Cornish (yet
to be confirmed for this date). As well as
relating their experiences of the final meeting,
the presentations and discussion will
highlight key issues such as the role of women
in the Church, the diversity of opinions across
the global Church and the scope for local
autonomy. A key question is how the
Australian Church will implement the results
of the Synod and address unresolved issues.
Free registration here at:

trybooking.com/CYOTK



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Your daily prayer online

**ONLINE RESOURCE - LIVING SPACE
Commentaries on the Readings of the Day**
The following site from the Irish Jesuits:
sacredspace.ie, among other prayer
resources, provides commentaries on the
daily readings at Mass. Should you wish to
reflect further on the Scripture readings of
the day, visit:

livingspace.sacredspace.ie