

Merry Christmas

To all parishioners of Christ Our Light Parish, in the peace and joy of Christmas, I wish you a truly blessed and treasured time in this Holy Season. May God continue to be present to us, and all with whom we share His wonderful gift of life and love.

God bless, Fr Alan

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Thurs 26th Dec, 2024 to Sun 29th Dec, 2024

Thu 26th St Stephen, the first martyr
Fri 27th St John, apostle, evangelist
Sat 28th The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Sun 29th **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Mon 30th Dec, 2024 to Sun 5th Jan, 2025

Wed 1st **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
Thu 2nd Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors
Sun 5th **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Mon 6th Jan to Sun 12th Jan, 2025

Sun 12th **The Baptism of the Lord**

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.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the *faith* you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of *charity* enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed *hope* for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Franciscus

www.iubilaeum2025.va/en/giubileo-2025.html



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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24th / 25th December, 2024

– 4th / 5th January, 2025 (inclusive)

Merry
Christmas
& Happy New Year

Readings for this liturgical year are from Year C

To view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:

<https://www.universalis.com/australia.melbourne/1000/>

24th / 25th December, 2024 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Readings - Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14.

28th / 29th December, 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Readings – Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52.

1st January, 2025 The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Readings – Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21.

4th / 5th January, 2025 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

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OUR SCHOOLS:

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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.

24TH/25TH DECEMBER, 2024
– 4TH/5TH JANUARY, 2025 (INCLUSIVE)

RECENTLY DECEASED...

Margaret Cadzaw,

*..and all those who have died recently,
and all whose anniversaries
occur around this time.*

† ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH †

Week beginning: Mon. 23rd Dec., 2024

Molly Fowler, Francis Denvir,
Domenico De Gilio, Fedelina Chan,
Maria Fucile, Steeve Carver, Lesley Aldred,
Patrick Aldred and Alma Hardman.

Week beginning: Mon. 30th Dec., 2024

William John O'Reilly,
William Joseph O'Reilly, Philip Dunne,
Nerissa Abello, Lolita Seares,
Gloria Magcawas, Caridad David,
Alberto David, Joseph Russo, Joy Harris,
Eardly Lewis, Dervin Lewis,
Sebastian Faulkner, Annie Smiles,
Malcolm Davidson, Lee They Wong and
John Grossi.

Week beginning: Sun. 6th Jan., 2025

Jereme Ceballos, Drago Borko,
Irene Borko, Clare Cinaglia, Ellen Melia,
Bernie Duffy, John Buckley,
Suzanne Bosisto, Barbara Skea,
Ralph Foster, Margaret Charters,
John Salvano, Carmelo De Gilio,
Sr Margaret Kenny and Jon Regulski.

*May these, and all our dearly departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE Please note:

The COL Parish Office will close for the Christmas/ Summer holiday period from 12pm on Tuesday 24th December. The office will open only on a limited basis over the ensuing week due to parish staff taking leave. The regular office hours of 9am – 3pm will resume from Monday 6th January, 2024. Should you need to get in touch, please phone the Presbytery on: 9555 3557. This number connects through to my mobile phone. Please leave a message and a contact number if I'm unable to answer your call, and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you, Fr Alan

MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEARS DAY) on Wednesday 1st January, 2025, will be at 9.15am at OLA church.

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE CHANGES

Please Note: There will be **No Communion Service on Monday 30th December 2024.** Communion Services will recommence on 6th January.

PUBLIC LECTURE Fr Robert McCulloch, (originally from the parish of Cheltenham), and **Eric Siray,** a Hospital Administrator, will be speaking on their missionary and educational work in Hyderabad, Pakistan.

When: 7pm on Monday 20th January

**Where: St Patrick's Parish Centre,
3 Mitchell Street, Mentone.**

The evening has been arranged by the Knights of the Southern Cross, and all are welcome.

To assist with catering you're asked to advise either John Tetteroo M: 0432 649 659 or John Beruldsen E: johnberuldsen@gmail.com or M: 0429 693 030.



ST AGNES' SCHOOL UPDATE The works to resurface the school playground with Astro-turf at St Agnes' school have now begun. Unfortunately, due to this earlier commencement of works, we have been advised that the school playground will be unavailable for parking over the next few weeks. The timing of these works is out of our hands and sadly will impact on available parking to the rear of St Agnes' church, as the works will not be completed until the new year due to a delay in the provision of the sand, which is used to stabilise the new artificial surface. This upgrade is needed for safety reasons because the asphalt area has significantly deteriorated over time and is very rough, causing considerable injury when children fall. The school had hoped to minimise any impact on the community; however, the exact timing of the contractor's work wasn't within our control. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. The Parents & Friends Committee of the school have fundraised \$65,000 to enable this improvement for the children. This solution is the only cost-effective and viable solution. Thank you for your consideration.
- Lachlan Foott, Principal

May God bless us all in

2025