

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Numbers

11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again. Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./The precepts of the Lord
give joy to the heart.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St James

5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the

Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth:

Make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us. 'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 28th/ 29th SEPTEMBER, 2024



**TO HOPE AND ACT
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)

As we move into the final week of the Season of Creation, Jesus' choice of imagery and his message about dramatic action are especially pertinent. As Pope Francis declares in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*, climate change is an imminent threat to our world. For Christians, this raises two issues directly relevant to this passage from Mark. On the one hand, we have a duty to protect ourselves and each other from catastrophe by checking our own sinful behaviours and habits. We should seriously consider what we can do to reduce our reliance on fossil fuels through personal usage, investment options, and political choices. We cannot dodge responsibility on this issue. Our faith demands action. On the other hand, we also have a duty to find common cause with everyone else who shares this concern. Pope Francis encourages us to work with people of other religions 'for the sake of protecting nature, defending the poor, and building networks of respect and fraternity.' When it comes to protecting our common home, 'Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

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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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PRAYING FOR:

Baby Bruce Alexander Cleary,
Sr Catherine Burke RSJ, Carmel Skehan,
John McIntyre, Chen Den,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Darlene Usher, Norma O'Connor,
Moyha Bettess, Frank Forbes,
Carlo Ceravolo, Patrick Boshell,
Jacob Castillo, Clara Rappai,
Francisco Garcia, Elisea Garcia,
Bill Wilson, Jack Wishart,

...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.melbourneP1000/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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the maintenance
and repair works being carried out to the
cross and cupola atop **St Agnes' church,**
next Tuesday 1st October, and the
consequent safety issues, there will be **no**
9am weekday Mass. The 6pm Mass at OLA
church will be unaffected and celebrated as
scheduled. Apologies for any inconvenience.



Next Sunday 6th October,
you're invited to stay and join
fellow parishioners for a
cuppa after the 9am & 11am
Masses, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



COL GARDENING GROUP
will have a working bee on
Saturday 5th October from
10am. Anyone who is able to
assist either casually or more
regularly would be very
welcome. We usually spend around an hour
or so on those Saturdays. Contact John
Tetteroo 9583 4628 for further information.
Thanking you in advance.



**OLA FETE - 23rd Nov. DO
YOU HAVE A MARQUEE?**
If anyone has a marquee that they
could loan for the fete, please
contact John Bardon at
jkbardon@gmail.com ASAP & cc.
fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

PLANTS STALL is seeking donations of
flowers, herbs and succulent in plastic pots.

LUCKY BOTTLES STALL The Fete
committee are collecting wine, bubbles or spirits
for the lucky bottles stall. Bottles will be
accepted right up to the week of the fete. Kindly
drop your donations into the school office.

CAKE STALL is seeking donations of jams,
curds, oils and preserves. These items are
always very popular so please make as many
jars as you can. Contact Kara Bogicevic 0409
353 957 for queries.

**A REMINDER: DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS BEGINS NEXT
WEEKEND.** Our clocks go
forward one hour at **2am** on
Sunday 6th October, 2024.



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**YCW VETERANS
ASSOCIATION** The
Association is keen to
hear from any parishioners who were
connected to the Highett/Cheltenham YCW
in the 1960s and who had sons or brothers
balloted into the armed forces to fight in
Vietnam. The Association is anxious to
connect with any of these past members,
and/or their families, as work is in process to
assist any of the abovementioned who may
be in need. For more information, contact
Frank Barber on 0421 349 937 or via email:

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'GOD WALKS WITH HIS PEOPLE', is
the title chosen by **Pope Francis** for
his **Message on this World Day of Migrants
and Refugees:**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/20240524-world-migrants-day-2024.html>.

The Holy Father reminds us that **all of us,
God's people, are migrants on this earth, on
our way to the 'true homeland', the
Kingdom of Heaven.** Migrants are a
contemporary icon of this people on a journey,
of the Church on a journey, and at the same
time, it is in them and in all our vulnerable
brothers and sisters that we can encounter the
Lord who walks with us.