

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of Samuel

5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is

his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

23:35-43

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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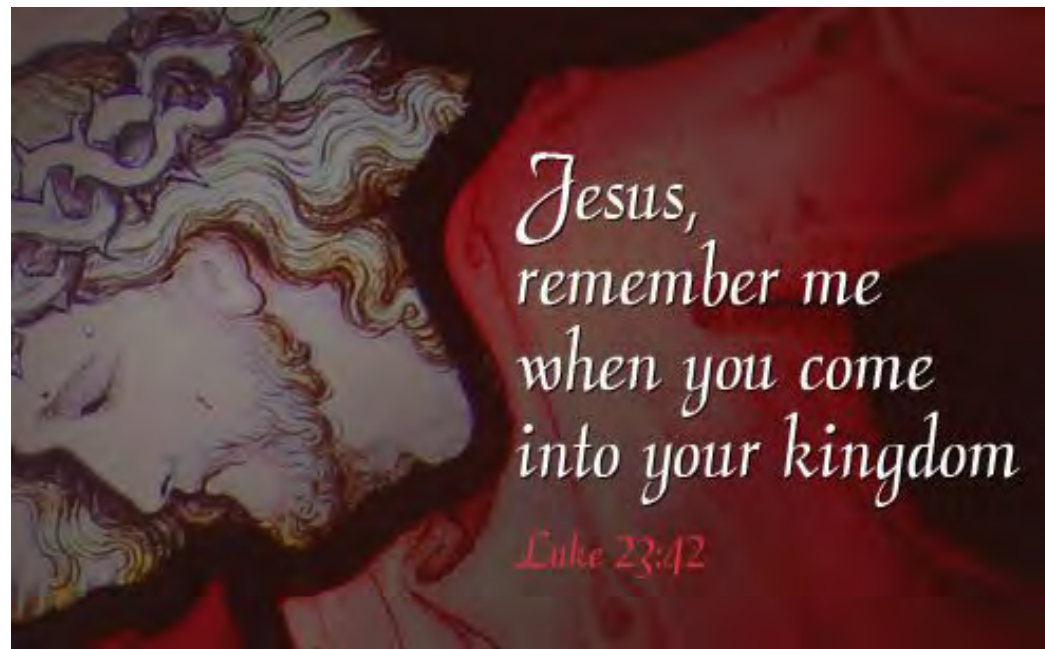
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR C - 22nd / 23rd NOVEMBER, 2025



Luke's Gospel has been loaded with surprises: the poor are rich, sinners find salvation, the Kingdom of God is found in our midst. Here we see the greatest surprise of all. We are confronted with the crucified Jesus, whom faith tells us is King and Saviour of all. The irony is that the inscription placed on the cross, perhaps in mockery, contains the profoundest of truth. As the leaders jeer, the thief crucified by his side recognizes Jesus as Messiah and King, and finds salvation. Jesus is King, but not the kind of king we might have imagined or expected. His kingship was hidden from many of his contemporaries, but those who had the eyes of faith were able to see. As modern disciples of Jesus, we, too, struggle at times to recognize Jesus as King. Today's Gospel invites us to make our own judgment. With eyes of faith, we, too, recognize that Jesus, the crucified One, is indeed King and Saviour of all.

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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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THE UNIVERSE - YEAR C
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PRAYING FOR:

Joy Cleary, Sharon Davis, Totti Kilner,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Agnieszka Czech, Patricia D'Cruz,
Victor D'Cruz, Santarita Kollosche,
Mavis O'Neill, Felipe Sevilla, Luigi Ferro,
Elsie Seymour, Rosie Schiena,
Colleen Taylor, Margaret Booth,
Sara Paredes, Arthur Greaves,
Fr Gerard Dowling, Peter Wallis,
Beryl Holloway, Kath Devine,
Jude Borg Cardona, Cecil D'Souza,

...and all who we remember at this time.

*...and 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.melbourne/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.



MONTH OF NOVEMBER Remembering Our Dearly Departed

The Cross of Remembrance

You are invited to inscribe the names of your
dearly departed loved ones, on the November
cross placed in the sanctuaries of each of our
churches. The crosses will stand prominently
throughout the month of November.

November Offering envelopes are available in
the foyers of our churches and at the base of each
Remembrance Cross, for those who would like
Mass to be offered for deceased loved ones.

PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord,
and, as our faith in your Son,
raised from the dead, is deepened,
so may our hope of resurrection
for our dearly departed,
also find new strength.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHRIST OUR LIGHT SOCIAL LUNCH

The next Parish Social
Lunch will be held on
Thursday, 27th November,
at 12 noon, at the **Highett**
RSL. All are most
welcome. **Please RSVP by Tuesday 25th**
November to: Tricia Hickey: 0421 275 853 or
Adrian Foley: 0497 780 233. Looking forward to
seeing you!

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS † (OLA Church)

Friday 28th November at 12.30pm

Joy Cleary (RIP)

*May her soul and the souls of all our faithful
departed, rest in peace*



**OLA ST VINCENT DE PAUL
Christmas "Giving Tree"** On 6th
December St Vincent De Paul
volunteers will pack/deliver some 90
Christmas Food Hampers to our needy families
plus Retailers Gift Cards (not toys) for their 82
children. If you wish to help, please take an
envelope from around the tree today and return it
with your Gift Card enclosed, by Sunday, 30th
November, if possible. You can place your
returned envelope/Gift Card in the Box in front of
the Christmas Giving Tree. Many thanks,
- Rob Hamilton.



**ST AGNES' ST VINCENT DE
PAUL CONFERENCE** are also
seeking donations of retail gift cards
for distribution to families in need in
the Highett / East Hampton area. Please consider
taking an envelope from the **'Giving Tree'** in the
foyer of St Agnes' church, and depositing it with
your gift card in the 'St Vincent de Paul Poor Box'
at the back of St Agnes' church.

Thank you, Tricia Hickey



CHRISTMAS CAROLS The
OLA Choir is seeking new
members to sing carols with us at St
Matthew's Church, Community
Carol Service on Sunday 14th
December at 6pm. We are
practising every Sunday at 10am at OLA church
and will also be preparing Carols for our
Christmas Eve Mass. You will be most welcome!
For enquiries contact: Helen: 0432 866 039 or
Tony: 0468 453 156.

OLA PIETY STALL St Vincent De Paul
Christmas cards are available for sale @ \$5 per
pack and the 2026 Columban Art Calendars @
\$10 each after the 9am and 11am Masses.



OLA KNITTING GROUP Our
wonderful knitting group will be
holding their **Christmas Stall at
OLA after the 9am and 11am
Masses on the 7th of December.** Please support
our wonderful knitters, as all proceeds go to St
Vincent De Paul.