

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, revealed to us in the Christ Child of Bethlehem.

God bless, Fr Alan

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Thurs 26th Dec, 2025 to Sat 27th Dec, 2025

Thu 26th St Stephen, the first martyr
Sat 27th St John, apostle, evangelist

Sun 28th Dec, 2025 to Sat 3rd Jan, 2026

Sun 28th **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
Thu 1st **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
Fri 2nd Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors

Sun 4th Jan to Sat 10th Jan, 2026

Sun 4th **The Epiphany 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.



CHRISTMAS through to THE EPIPHANY PSALM RESPONSES & GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONS

24th / 25th December, 2025 – The Nativity of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 95:1-3, 11-13)

R/. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation (Lk 2:10-11)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Good News and great joy to all the world:
today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Alleluia!*

27th / 28th December, 2025 – Feast of the Holy Family

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 127:1-5)

R/. Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Gospel Acclamation (Col 3:15, 16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!*

1st January, 2026 – Mary: The Holy Mother of God

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 66:2-3, 5, 6, 8)

R/. May God bless us in his mercy.

Gospel Acclamation (Heb 1:1-2)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
now he speaks to us through his Son.
Alleluia!*

3rd / 4th January, 2026 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13)

R/. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Gospel Acclamation (Mt 2:2)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!*



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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**24th / 25th December, 2025
– 3rd / 4th January, 2026 (inclusive)**

*Merry
Christmas
& Happy New Year*

Readings for this liturgical year are from Year A

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

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

24th / 25th December, 2025 Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

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

27th / 28th December, 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Readings – Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23.

1st January, 2026 The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

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

3rd / 4th January, 2026 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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

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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, 2025
- 3RD / 4TH JANUARY, 2026 (INCLUSIVE)**

RECENTLY DECEASED...

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

† ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH †

Week beginning: Sun. 28th Dec., 2025

Alma Hardman, Malcolm Davidson,
Phillip Dunne, Lee They Wong,
Kerry Seymour, Evadne Boustead,
Esther O'Connell, Mary Taylor,
Jonathon Morton, Sebastian Faulkner,
Annie Smiles, Adolphus D'Rozario,
Cyril Smith.

Week beginning: Sun. 4th Jan., 2026

Ralph Foster, Mai Molloy, Holly Brennan,
Dennis Alderton, Robert Knight,
Moira Kelly, Sr Margaret Kenny,

Week beginning: Sun. 11th Jan., 2026

Nazzareno Zammit, Alice King,
Annie Bukasongo, Lily Walsh, Ellen Melia,
Caridad David, Juan Chavez, Barbara Skea,
Margaret Charters, Ananda Krishnan,
Drago Borko, Irene Borko.

Week beginning: Sun. 18th Jan., 2026

Eileen Fitzsimons, Alex Marasigan,
Annette Clarke, Monica Cashin,
Kevin Andrews, Moya Milesi, Joe Ingles,
Marie Therese Appleby.

Week beginning: Sun. 25th Jan., 2026

Dominic Usher, Thomas Smith,
John Walsh, Mary Andrews,
Joan Stackpole, Eileen McLoughlin,
William O'Reilly, Maria Fucile,
Gregorio Cajeric, Miroslav Andrysik.

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

Amen.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Please Note: The **COL** Parish Office will close for the Christmas / Summer holiday period **at 2pm on Wednesday 24th December**.

Regular office hours of 9am - 3pm will resume on Monday 5th January, 2026.

To contact me, please phone the Presbytery on: 9532 1794. This number will connect through to my mobile. 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 Thursday 1st January, 2026, will be at 9.15am at OLA church.

LITURGICAL TIMETABLE CHANGES

Please Note: There will be **No Communion Service on Monday 29th December 2025**. Communion Services will recommence on Monday 5th January, 2026.



**CELEBRATING
ST MARY OF THE CROSS**

St Mary of the Cross' Birthday Celebration

Sunday 11th January 2026 at the 10am Mass

Come celebrate Mary MacKillop's birthday at All Saints Parish Church, Fitzroy.

The Parish Priest, Fr Max Vodola, will celebrate this Mass to honour Mary's life and legacy, and pray for the ongoing work of the Sisters of St Joseph (Josephites).

**Where: All Saints' Church,
King William Street, Fitzroy**

All are invited to attend, and share in a slice of Mary's birthday cake in the Parish Hall, following the celebration of the Mass.



As the **Jubilee Year 2025** draws to its close on 28th December, we recall Pope Francis' invitation to the Church across the globe, to be Pilgrims of Hope. This invitation has been about recognising that our Christian life itself is a pilgrimage - lived day by day, step by step, often quietly, always together. Across our local churches many have taken up this invitation through prayer, reconciliation, pilgrimage, service, and renewed participation in the sacramental life of the Church.

The faithfulness of ordinary people: people who prayed, who welcomed, who listened, who served, and who walked with one another has been the hallmark of the last twelve months. In these simple but profound acts, the hope that does not disappoint has been made visible - not as an idea, but as a lived reality grounded in Christ.

As we now mark the formal conclusion of the Jubilee Year, we do not bring its spirit to an end. Rather, we are invited to carry it forward. The call to be pilgrims of hope remains with us - in our families, our parishes, our workplaces, and our communities. We are sent forth to continue walking together, attentive to the presence of the Lord who journeys with us, and responsive to the needs of those we meet along the way. May the seeds sown during this Jubilee continue to grow, bearing fruit in lives shaped by faith, hope, and love.

May God bless us all in

2026