

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Malachi

3:19-20

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord comes to rule the earth
with justice.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul
to the Thessalonians**

3:7-12

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke**

21:5-19

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven. 'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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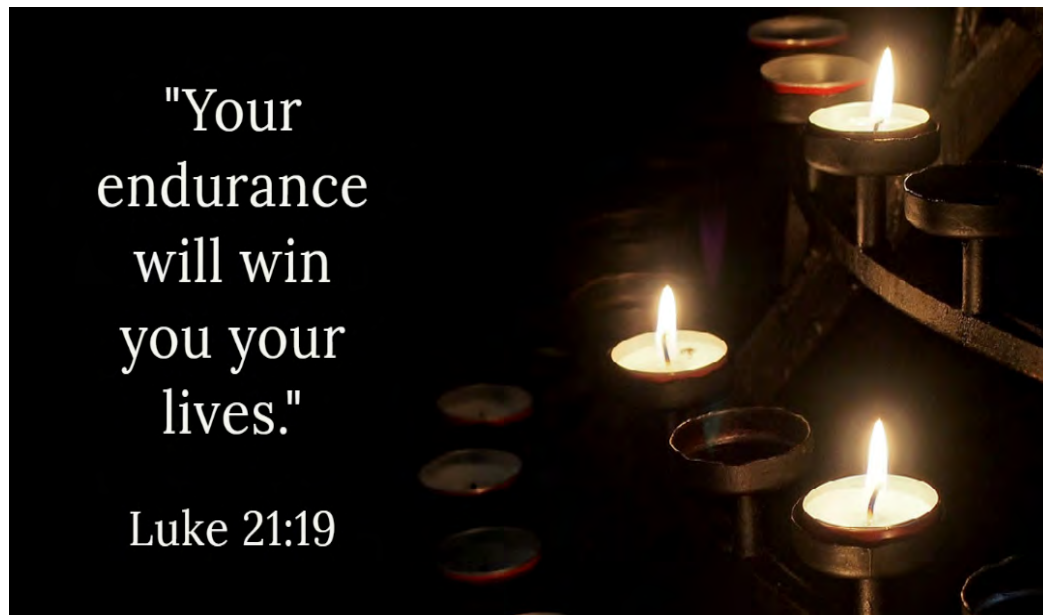
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 15th / 16th NOVEMBER, 2025



Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this end time with patient endurance of difficulties.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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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
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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.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 15th / 16th NOVEMBER, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Marie Collard, Danny Franza,
Mark Jeremiah Tan, Aline Vallot,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Bill Bywaters, Graciela Alvarez,
Joanna Muthu, Marie Malane,
Belle Kenny, Egbert Fernandes, Terry Sier,
Marisol Izquierdo, Marco Paoli,
Daniel Paoli, Carlo Paoli, Tony Trigona,
Concettina Trigona, Lionel Heaton,
Millie Heaton, Allan Fry, Eileen Charters,
Geraldine Grimes, Rosy Varghese,
Simon Melia, Henry Costin,

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

*...and we keep in our prayers all who are
currently unwell.*

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!



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.



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.



The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend their heartfelt thanks for our generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including **\$4,837.15** contributed by **Christ Our Light Parish, Highett & Cheltenham**. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.



RED NOVEMBER: PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS *Aid to the Church in Need* invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **Red November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. For more information, visit:

www.rednovember.org