

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.' This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ May the Lord bless us
all the days of our lives.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For

the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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like a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10:15



We are brothers and sisters of Christ in more than one way. First, through his incarnation, he became one of us, a little lower than the angels. He shared our human existence; he knew the highs and lows of human life. Then he redefined family relationships, claiming that blood bonds were no longer the determinant for establishing kinship. Instead, those who hear the word of God and keep it, those who commit themselves to God in faithful discipleship, are his brothers and sisters. Marriage and other forms of discipleship make religious demands on us. Because we are taking a step into the unknown, they require a profound act of trust – trust in ourselves, trust in each other and, most importantly, trust in God. They also expect openness on our part – openness to give and openness to receive. Unfortunately we associate these characteristics with unpretentious children. While children may possess them because they are innocent, adults must repossess them because we have been recreated in Christ.

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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:

Peter Chapman, Allan D'Cunha,
Emma Liversidge,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Andre Rabaud, Philomena Alderton,
Dorothy Ryan, Daniel Paoli,
Teodoro Misajon, Celie McDonald,
Satiro Athaide, Sophia Melia, Pat Cashin,
Rick Miller, Graham Thomas, Ian Esposito,
Sylvie Samfat, Dorothy Gurnett,
Yvonne Bramblebee,

...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.melbourneP/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.



You're invited to stay and
join fellow parishioners for a
cuppa after the 9am & 11am
Masses, this weekend, in the
OLA church Meeting Room.



**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.



BASP TRIVIA NIGHT The Brigidine
Asylum Seeker Project Trivia Team are
organising another Trivia Night, via Zoom, on
Friday 8th November at 7.30pm. These Trivia
Nights run by St Mary's church, Hampton, are
great fun and raise funds for asylum seekers
supported by the Brigidine Asylum Seeker
Project. They are well supported and
professionally run, with around 15 teams
taking part. If you would like to test your
knowledge and enjoy good company, you can
form your own team, or join others from
Christ Our Light Parish. To register, go to
<https://cohdig.au/trivia> or contact Adrian Foley at
ade.foley@gmail.com or mobile 0497 780 233.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
THIS WEEKEND.** The clocks go
forward one hour at 2am on
Sunday 6th October, 2024.



CHRIST OUR LIGHT SOCIAL LUNCH



The next Parish Social
Lunch will be on
**Thursday, 5th December,
at 12 noon,** at the **Highett
RSL.** All are most welcome. **Please RSVP by
Thursday 28th November** to: Karen Mitri:
0411 354 670 or 9553 0350 or via email:
karen.mitri@gmail.com

**DAY OF PRAYER, FASTING AND
RECONCILIATION FOR PEACE**

To coincide with the first anniversary of the terror
attacks in the Holy Land, Pope Francis is calling
on Catholics across the globe to pray for peace
this Monday 7th October, the memorial of Our
Lady of the Rosary.



**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL
COLLEGE** Sign up for one or more
online presentations. **Engaging Your
Faith** – October 2024

Topics: Theology, Scripture, Meditation,
Spirituality, Science & Faith.

From: \$25 per session.

For more information and to register go to:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



**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
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