

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ O that today,
you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
God was in Christ,
to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation
he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL FLOOD DISASTER APPEAL

We've all been struck by the devastation and the many lives lost, the injuries and displacement of people as a result of the floods and mudslides in Nepal. If you would like to support the outreach Caritas Australia is offering, please consider donating to their Nepal Flood Disaster Appeal visit: www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 5th / 6th SEPTEMBER, 2026



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

Wherever the river flows, all living creatures in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. ...Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and their leaves medicinal.

This biblical text is drawn from Ezekiel 47: 1- 12, which portrays God's life-giving water flowing from the temple of God. The river grows deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. The vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage, embracing interconnectedness, we are called to immerse ourselves in the water, and actively safeguard and work for the renewal of creation, so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together. Season of Creation.

PARISH PRIEST:

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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Parish Accountant: Maureen Ryan [0407 544 779]

OUR SCHOOLS:

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGETT**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 parish 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.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY-Year A

5th / 6th SEPTEMBER, 2026

PRAYING FOR:

Guida Pedley, Angelina Marvida,
Agueda Rubia, Henny de Jong, Joe Mahony,
and all who have died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Ian Stoddart, Ursula Millar,
Edmond Millar, Carmel Dingemans,
Jenny Anne Abarquez, Barry Phillips,
Alex Marasigan, Kerry Mugavin,
Anthony Catajar, German Salazar,
Harry Lambert, Des Dwyer, Ivan Herft Snr,
Wilhelmeina Herft, Sybil Lee,
and all who we remember at this time.

*...as we also keep in our prayers
all those who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from
Advent 2025 to Christ the King 2026 are
taken from Year A 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.

**MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026**

We're invited to answer the call
to deepen our understanding of
synodality in parish life. More
information is available at:

melbournecatholic.org/synod2026

**SYNOD CORNER: Synodality is a
conversion.** True synodality requires conversion
of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It
asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the
mission.



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

**SEASON OF CREATION**

2026 Caring for our Common
Home calls for us to respond to the Cry of the
Earth, but also to the Cry of the Poor who
suffer most from climate change and its
damaging effects on food and water. As in
previous years we will collect non-perishable
food items and cleaning products for the
Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project on the
weekends of **19/20 September and 26/27
September.** In the latest BASP Newsletter, we
read: 'We are saddened by the lack of
understanding from leaders who do not have
any words of welcome or kindness towards
people who are in any way different and who
ask for protection. Not only do asylum seekers
suffer the immense hardships and policy
challenges facing them in Australia (lack of
visa security, destitution, lack of work rights,
prolonged processing delays) but are then told
to try to hide their identifying cultures.'



**This Sunday, 6th September
(Father's Day)** you're invited
to stay for a cuppa **after both
the 9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church
Meeting Room.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be
closed this **Monday 7th September.** Apologies
for any inconvenience.

OLA FETE

SATURDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2026

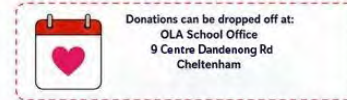
**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

We are collecting
BOTTLES OF ALCOHOL
FOR OUR LUCKY BOTTLES STALL!



**YOUR DONATIONS HELP MAKE OUR FETE
A SUCCESS FOR EVERYONE!**

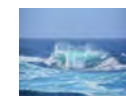
♥ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** ♥



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DONATIONS can be dropped in to the
OLA School Office:
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by the 2nd October 2026.

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**IGNATIAN OCEAN RETREAT
ONLINE FOR SEASON OF
CREATION 2026** Tuesdays 8th,
15th, 22nd & 29th September 2026. 6.30pm -
8.30pm AEST. \$80.00 for all four sessions,
including retreat facilitation and prayer
materials. Facilitated by Jesuit & Ignatian
Spirituality Australia, *Being with God in Nature*
Ministry. For further information please visit:

<https://jsa.org.au/retreat/ignatian-ocean-retreat-online-for-season-of-creation-2026/>