

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6 – 9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ..

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

UPCOMING FUNERAL

The Funeral Mass for
Maureen Carew
will be celebrated at **10.30am**, on
Tuesday, 22nd September, 2026,
at **St Agnes’ Church, Highett**



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

19th / 20th SEPTEMBER, 2026

‘Social Services Sunday’



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. (Ezekiel 47:1-12)

Today we begin our collection of non-perishable food and cleaning products for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. There is a basket in each church’s foyer. The collection continues until next weekend. Thank you for your generosity. For enquiries, please contact members of the Christ our Light Care for Our Common Home Group.

PARISH PRIEST:

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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Monday - Friday 9am – 3pm
Parish Accountant: Maureen Ryan 0407 544 779
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OUR SCHOOLS:

Our Lady of the Assumption PS 9584 9488
Principal: Mr Richard Jacques
Email: principal@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au

St Agnes' Primary School

9532 0344
Principal: Mr Thomas Hartney
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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-FIFTH SUNDAY-Year A

19th / 20th SEPTEMBER, 2026

'Social Services Sunday'**PRAYING FOR:**

Maureen Carew, Loreto Valent,
Mario Aviles, Joe Meo,
Santina De Pasquale, Gerald Stutterd,
and all who have died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Helen Ingles, Luke Fowler,
Sr Catherine Burke RSJ, Patricia Hurley,
Carlo Giugni, Maureen Reidy,
Giuseppe Fucile, Antonia Zingale,
Neil Joseph, Ian Munro, Vera Moloney,
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 and trust.
Trust grows when people know their voices
matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the
Church and between the Church and society.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

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 19th / 20th September and 26th /
27th September. Please collect a list of
suitable items from the church foyer. In the
latest BASP Newsletter we read: "Inevitably
refugees and asylum seekers become a part of
any debate about immigration—often based on
devastatingly wrong information. While
Australia accepts a high volume of overall
immigrants, the number of refugees and
asylum seekers admitted is extremely low."

BASP ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT is back on
Friday 9th October supporting the **Brigidine
Asylum Seekers Project** (basp.org.au).

Invite a team to your place or co-operate with a
distributed team. Details and booking at
cohdig.au/trivia. For further information, please
email: baspstrivia@gmail.com.



OLA KNITTING GROUP would
like to thank parishioners for their
generous support of last weekend's
knitting stall. The \$800 raised will be
passed on to St Vincent De Paul. Thanks again!

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Grand Final public
holiday this coming **Friday 25th September**, the
Parish Office will be **CLOSED**.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Communion
Service this **Monday, 21st September, 2026**

**We Need Your Support!****OLA Fete, Saturday 7th November 2026**

If you can lend a hand, we are gratefully
accepting donations for:

Plants: Please let our team know how much
space we will need to allow.

Preserves: You can help by making some
delicious homemade preserves.

Scones: Our Devonshire Tea stall team would
love your help! Please let us know if you can.

Where and when to drop off donations:

OLA School Office on Friday, 6th November
2026 or the morning of the fete on Saturday, 7th
November 2026 (please drop them straight to
their appropriate stalls).

How to confirm your help:

Please contact either of our Fete Co Chairs **Kim
0413 038 753** or **Rachel 0413 348 768**, or
Email: fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you so much for your continued
generosity and support!