

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews **12:5-7. 11-13**

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace

and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father,
except through me.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke **13:22-30**

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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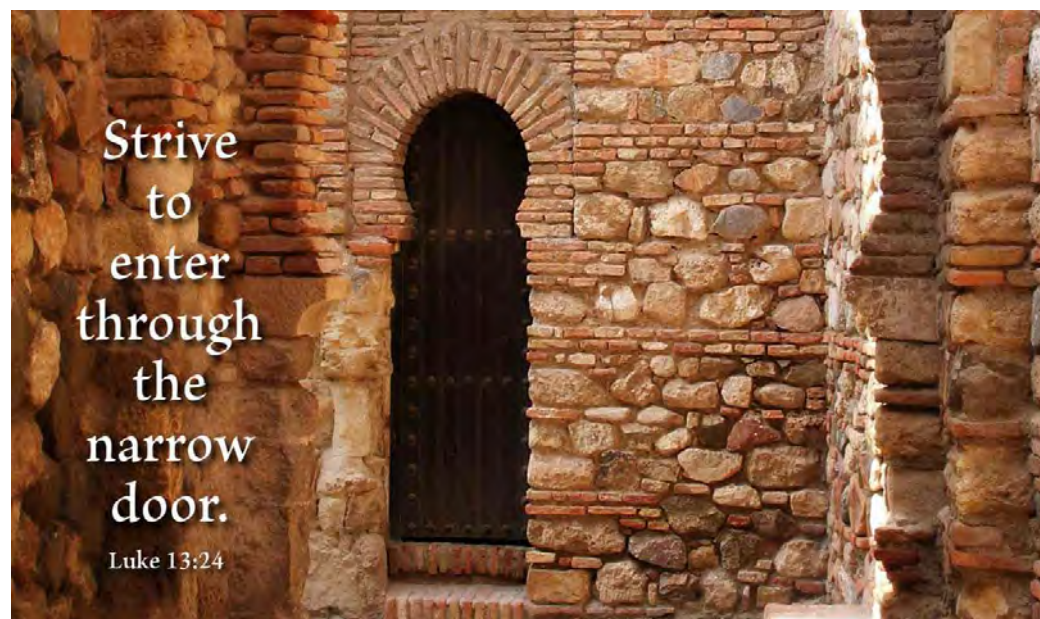
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C **23rd/24th AUGUST, 2025**



The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise.

The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People are gathered into the community of the saved primarily because others have been sent out to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. All Christians are called to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

Dianne Bergant CSA

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGHTT

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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Geoffrey Doyle, Patricia Okereke,
Artur Lalicki, Carmelina Zino,
Patsy Cannard, Brian Cash,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Margaret O'Brien, Stan Smith,
Janet Lanigan, Daniel Braganza,
Carmel Sier, Consorcio Maniwan Sr,
Gna Sar, Gaetano Lomacchio,
Mollie Taylor, Renee Herft,
Armitrano Rosie,

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
2024 to Christ the King 2025 are taken from
Year C 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.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS

Tuesday 26th August at 11.30am

Geoffrey Doyle (RIP)

at St Agnes' Church, Highett

*May his soul and the souls of all our faithful
departed, rest in peace*



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

The vital ministries of our Archdiocese are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer this weekend. Tax deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports these ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You're also most welcome to make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR code on the campaign materials.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND With great joy the Church of God formally welcomes **Bowie Valerie, Wilder William and Goldie Alice**, who will be Baptised this weekend.

CHRIST OUR LIGHT LUNCH is being organised at the Highett RSL on Thursday 28th August at 12pm. All are most welcome. RSVP by Tuesday 26th August. Tricia Hickey 0421 275 853 or Adrian Foley 0497 780 233.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP For those who contribute to our parish via 'Envelopes', **new boxed sets of Thanksgiving / Presbytery Giving envelopes** are available for collection in each church foyer. Thank you most sincerely, once again, to all who offer their ongoing practical and financial support for the mission of our parish.



ST AGNES' SCHOOL – NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Mr Lachie Foott for his leadership and dedication as Principal of St Agnes' School, Highett, over the last six years. Lachie has made a significant contribution to St Agnes' community through his strong faith and leadership. I believe it's appropriate to recognise Lachie's passion for learning, teaching and wellbeing, and for working hard with the staff to ensure students at St Agnes' have enjoyed excellent learning and wellbeing opportunities, notably in the recently refurbished learning spaces, the work of which, Lachie has overseen.

We congratulate Lachie on his news this week, of his appointment in 2026 as Deputy Head of Junior School at Brighton Grammar.

In the coming months, as Lachie prepares to move on to his new role, we look forward to acknowledging the contribution Lachie has made to Catholic Education over his career as Teacher, Leader and Principal in several Catholic primary schools. We wish Lachie every success in 2026, and beyond.

With the assistance of Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) we will now begin the Principal Appointment process, seeking to make an appointment for the commencement of the 2026 school year. Please keep St Agnes' School community in your prayers, as we embark on this recruitment phase.

- Fr Alan



OLA KNITTING GROUP would sincerely like to thank everyone who donated wool and supported our stall last Sunday. We have passed on to St Vincent de Paul, (OLA Conference) the wonderful sum of \$1000.