

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

47:1-2. 8-9. 12

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming 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 the leaves medicinal.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I have chosen and sanctified this house,
says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 2:13-22

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA YEAR C - 8th / 9th NOVEMBER, 2025



**"Destroy this sanctuary,
and in three days
I will raise it up."**

John 2:19

The Basilica of John Lateran in Rome, is not just any building, it is the first official 'home' for the Church in Rome. It is considered to be the 'mother church' of Rome and is dedicated to John the Baptist and John the Evangelist. The readings today keep our focus on the fact that the church is not only a building but a gathering (*in Greek, ekklesia*) of believers. John's Gospel transforms the understanding of where we find God, not in sacred buildings but firstly in the person of Jesus. The Christian community later understood that even though Jesus was no longer physically present, God was still dwelling with them, in the community, so Paul spoke of the people as a Temple – a dwelling place of God. So really, today we are not celebrating bricks and mortar, but the flesh and blood people down through the centuries, including you and me, who are God's dwelling place in the world, God's Temple.

Mary Coloe PBVM

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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.

**THE DEDICATION OF THE
LATERAN BASILICA
YEAR C 8th / 9th NOVEMBER, 2025**

PRAYING FOR:

Sue Cunningham, Benjamin Macasadia,
Anne Joseph, Bill Armstrong,
Marion Murphy, Rita Boarquin,
Josefina Pacheco,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Rocksten Pereira, David Barrile,
Elvie McKinley, Geoff Miller,
Carmela Sofo, Jean Adey, Lorna Melia,
Patrick Pereira, Lily Dunne, Mick Dunne,
Mark Rowe, Dominic D'Souza,
Margaret Pereira, Jacob Chacko,
Aleyamma Jacob, Jan de Jong,
Arthur Pinto, Cimiotti family, Frances Max,
Barbara Mills, Fr George Maher,
Charles Farrugia,

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

*...and 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.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.



**MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Remembering Our Dearly Departed**

The Cross of Remembrance

You are invited to inscribe the names of our
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.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

With great joy we the Church of God
formally welcome: **Brodie, Charlie,
Belen, Isabelle, Ella, and Aston**, who
BAPTISM will be Baptised this weekend.

HAPPY 80th BIRTHDAY FR LAURIE



Congratulations on this remarkable milestone,
as we joyfully celebrate not only your 80 years
of life and many years of faithful service, but
the countless blessings you've shared with your
community and all those fortunate enough to
know you. May this day be filled with joy,
reflection, and the love of those whose lives
you've touched. May God continue to bless
you with strength, peace, and grace in the years
ahead. Thank you for being a shepherd to your
flock and a true servant of Christ.
We also extend our gratitude to Fr Laurie for
filling in for Fr Alan while he is on annual
leave.



**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.

**2025 UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE
CHANGE CONFERENCE COP30** is the next
meeting of the 198 signatories (Parties) to the UN
Framework Convention on Climate Change, taking
place in Belém at the gateway to the Amazon, Brazil
from 10-21 November. The Catholic Bishops from
Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean have
released a message on the occasion of COP30. It is
called: "A Call for Climate Justice and the Common
Home: Ecological Conversion, Transformation and
Resistance to False Solutions". It is well worth
reading and is available online. The bishops'
inspiration is both Laudato Si' by Pope Francis and
Pope Leo XIV's call to live an integral ecology with
justice. They call for a profound ecological
conversion.

"Ten years since the publication of Laudato Si' and
the signing of the Paris Agreement, the countries of
the world have not responded with the necessary
urgency. The Church will not remain silent. We will
continue to raise our voice alongside science, civil
society, and the most vulnerable, with truth and
consistency, until justice is done."

- Care for the Common Home Group

PRAYER SERVICE OF LAMENT

Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli has called for an
inaugural Prayer Service of Lament to be
acknowledged in the Archdiocese of Melbourne on
Wednesday 12th November 2025 for survivors of
abuse and their families, in the grounds of St
Patrick's Cathedral. Parishes are invited to join the
wider Archdiocesan community in prayer and
reflection.