

FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
35:12-14. 16-18**

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

SECOND READING

**A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy
4:6-8. 16-18**

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me

power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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 Luke
18:9-14**

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 25th / 26th OCTOBER, 2025

**"For all those who exalt
themselves will be humbled,
and those who humble
themselves will be exalted."**

LUKE 18:14

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the Psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened. Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

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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:

Shirley Murphy, Maria Bracchi,
Leo Francis, Felicidad Magsino,
Oliver Seniwara, Jean Spalding,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Carmel Ryan, Mervyn Patterson,
Eldon Rozario, Cyril Blair,
Selim Messawarati, Samuel Bukasongo,
Michele Piccolo, Pino Anile,
Leonard Fernandes, Piotr Volkel,
Librada Cajeric,

...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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Can
you assist with ministering
communion to the sick? If you have
some time to spare, your assistance
would be gratefully appreciated.
Similarly, if anyone you know would like to
receive communion, or you would like any
further information, please contact the Parish
Office on 9583 6161.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND
With great joy we, the Church of God,
formally welcome: **Rocco**, who will be
Baptised this weekend.



Next Sunday 2nd November,
you're invited to stay and join
fellow parishioners for a cuppa
after the 9am & 11am
Masses, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



**MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Remembering Our Dearly Departed**

The Cross of Remembrance

You are invited to inscribe the names of your dear
loved ones who have died, on the November
cross placed near the altar in each of our churches,
from 1st – 30th 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
Masses offered for deceased loved ones.



**The Rite of Christian
Initiation of Adults** is a
“journey” designed for
people who feel a call to know more about Jesus
Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most
welcome to participate in the RCIA with your
questions, your insights and your faith story. If
you're aware of anyone who may wish to know
more about the faith we share, within the Catholic
Church, please consider inviting them to take up
the ‘journey’ to the Easter Sacraments. For more
information, please contact the **Parish Office on
9583 6161.**



**A PASTORAL LETTER TO THE
CATHOLICS OF VICTORIA ON
EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED
SUICIDE**

The State Government is
seeking to amend Victoria's
euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed,
the new laws would further weaken protections
for vulnerable patients and reduce protections
for nurses, doctors and other medical
practitioners who conscientiously object. In
response, the Bishops of Victoria have written
a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local
Members of Parliament and
urge them to vote against these
laws. You can read the letter
online and find out more by
scanning this QR Code or by
visiting: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill



**HEART OF LIFE - A QUIET
SPACE BEFORE ADVENT**

Step into a gentle space of stillness
and reflection as we prepare for
the season of Advent. Guided by
Cathy Beaton and Gail Crisp, this

retreat offers time to pause before the busyness of
Christmas and enter more deeply into the themes
of waiting, light, and hope. Through silence,
prayer, nature, and creative expression,
participants are invited to reconnect with God and
nurture an inner calm that fosters peace and
readiness to receive Christ's presence anew.

Please bring your own lunch and join us for a day
of spiritual grounding and renewal.

When: Saturday, 22nd November

Where: In person at Heart of Life (Croydon)

Time: 10am to 3.30pm

For more information and to register:

heartoflife.melbourne/events/a-quiet-space-before-advent-2

Pope Leo XIV's first Apostolic Exhortation:
‘Dilexi Te’ Download here: vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20251004-dilexi-te.html