

FIRST READING

A reading from the second book of the Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died

with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in
Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C - 11th / 12th OCTOBER, 2025**



The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power and saving grace of God. After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord. Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living.

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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:

Maria Bracchi, Chris Frame,
Ariel Amistoso,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Darrell D'Monte, John Puccetti,
Giuseppe Laquidara, Ludmila Gloss,
Leo McGannon, Dora Barry, Daniel Paoli,
Gregorio Gajo, Lillian Fowler,
Artemio Frejas, John Mumford Snr,
Sabiro Del Balso, James Arjis,

...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.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS †
(OLA Church)

Tuesday 14th October at 11am

Maria Bracchi (RIP)

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



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

We extend a warm welcome and our gratitude to Bishop Emeritus Les Tomlinson, who will lead the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St Agnes' church this weekend. We also extend our best wishes and congratulations to our newly Confirmed young parishioners, and we thank their families and the staff at St Agnes' school, for their encouragement, support and mentoring of these young people. Please keep our newly Confirmed in your prayers as they contemplate and employ the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit given them sacramentally in Confirmation.



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: **Romeo, Alexander, Mason, Jake, Clara, Aidan and Parker**, who will be Baptised this weekend.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE invites you to our **October 2025 'Engaging Your Faith'** online series. From \$25 per session. For more information visit:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

Knox Public Lecture by Prof. Myriam Wijlens
Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm For more information visit:

ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Online Information Session Monday 27th October at 7pm Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact: ctc@ctc.edu.au



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



WORLD MISSION MONTH

This October, Catholic Mission and the broader Catholic community will come together to celebrate World Mission Month, guided by the theme **'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples'**.

Together, we have the power to create change and build a more just world for people everywhere. For more information visit:

catholicmission.org.au/worldmissionmonth