

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
**15:1-2, 22-29**

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ O God, let all the nations praise you!**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the book of the Apocalypse**  
**21:10-14, 22-23**

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**All who love me will keep my words,**  
**and my Father will love them**  
**and we will come to them.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL READING** (*see overleaf...*)



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT**  
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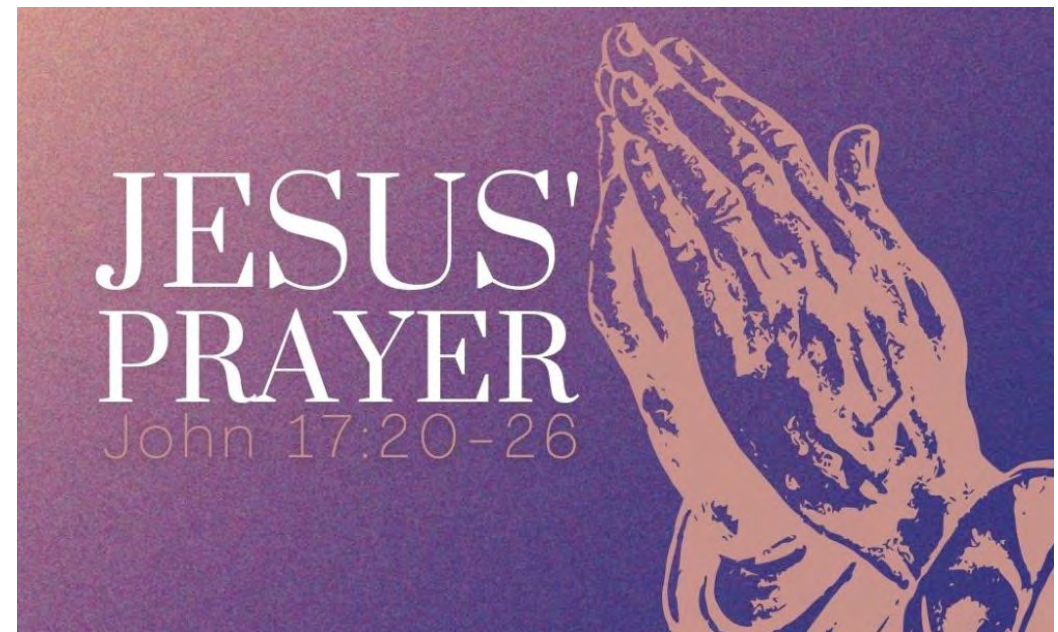
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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C - 24<sup>th</sup>/ 25<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2025



The central theme of this week's Gospel is unity. Jesus prays that all believers 'may be one', just as He and the Father are one. This unity is established in the very relationship between the Father and the Son. Jesus asks that all believers be united 'in us', sharing in the divine life and love that exists within the Godhead. Such unity serves a purpose: 'so that the world may believe that it was you who sent me'. The visible unity and love among Christians serves as a powerful symbol to the world of Christ's love for all. This echoes Jesus' earlier teaching: 'By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another' (Jn 13:35). Unity and love among believers are not ends in themselves. They are signs to us of Christ love for us, inviting us to take up Jesus mission of love.

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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.

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
YEAR C – 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2025**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Frances Masterson, Bernard Martis,  
Lucio Piastrilla, Gerald Ahluwalia,  
Salvina Pulis,

*and all those who died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Jim Malane, Doris Borg, Teresita Salvador,  
Pelagio Aviles, Eduardo Oropeza,  
Agnes McNamara, Edna Monteiro,  
Melania Volkel, Nguyen Thi Tho,  
Peter D'Souza, Janet George,  
Carmeline D'Souza, Collete D'Souza,

*...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](http://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.

**FYI: THE ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN  
MASS COUNT** concludes this weekend.



**BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND** With  
great joy the Church of God formally  
welcomes **Tres Jacobs**, who will be  
Baptised this weekend.



**COL GARDENING  
GROUP** There will be a  
'Working Bee' on  
Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> June from  
10am. Anyone able to  
assist, either casually or more regularly,  
would be most welcome. For further  
information contact John Tetteroo on 0432  
649 659. Thank you in anticipation of your  
presence.



**Next Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June**, you're  
invited to stay and join fellow  
parishioners for a cuppa **after**  
**the 9am & 11am Masses**, in  
the Meeting Room.



**DO YOU KNOW OF ANY  
AVAILABLE RENTAL  
ACCOMMODATION IN  
THE AREA?**

**Nepean Welcoming Immigrants and  
Newcomers with Dignity (Nepean Wind)** is a  
group made up of parishioners from our  
parish of Christ Our Light and the parish of St  
Mary of the Cross, Mordialloc/Aspendale.  
We are supporting a Syrian refugee family (2  
parents, 3 young daughters) who will arrive in  
Australia at the end of this month.  
**Unfortunately, we have had to reconsider  
the suitability of the house we were going  
to rent and so are continuing our search for  
a rental home.** If you or anyone you know  
can assist with accommodation, please get in  
touch.

Contact: Theresa Thomas (0400 126 010) or  
Joan Kenny (0428 584 327).

**GOSPEL READING**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to John 17:20-26**

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said:  
'Holy Father, I pray not only for these, but  
for those also who through their words will  
believe in me. May they all be one.

Father, may they be one in us, as you are  
in me and I am in you, so that the world  
may believe it was you who sent me. I have  
given them the glory you gave to me, that  
they may be one as we are one. With me in  
them and you in me, may they be so  
completely one that the world will realise  
that it was you who sent me and that I have  
loved them as much as you love me.

Father, I want those you have given me to  
be with me where I am, so that they may  
always see the glory you have given me  
because you loved me before the  
foundation of the world. Father, Righteous  
One, the world has not known you, but I  
have known you, and these have known  
that you have sent me. I have made your  
name known to them and will continue to  
make it known, so that the love with which  
you loved me may be in them, and so that  
I may be in them.'



**LAUDATO SI' WEEK** (24-31 May) is a  
commemoration of Pope Francis' encyclical  
*Laudato Si'* and a call to action for Catholics  
around the world to care for our common home.  
This year is extra special as we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup>  
anniversary of the encyclical on climate change  
and ecology. Laudato Si' Week unites thousands  
of people worldwide with a common goal: the  
protection of Creation. By participating, you  
become part of a global movement of faith and  
action. Your voice and actions have an impact  
when joined with those of many others.