

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Happy are they who follow  
the law of the Lord!**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to the Corinthians

2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth;  
you have revealed to little ones  
the mysteries of the kingdom.**

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to  
Matthew

5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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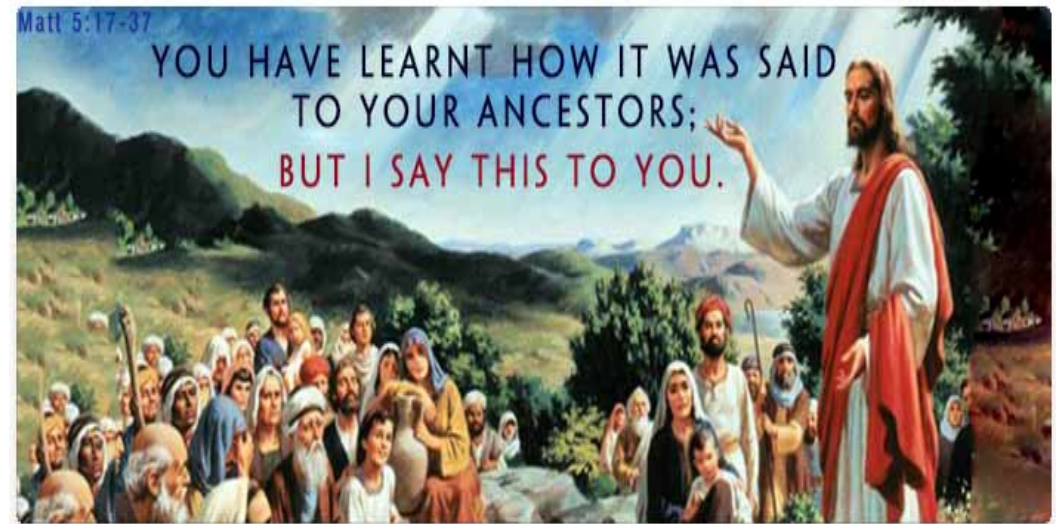
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## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

14<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026



The readings focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action and directs us in our interpretation of the law. The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary. True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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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
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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 parish 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 IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A - 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2026

##### PRAYING FOR:

Doug Borthwick, Rob McNab,  
Salvatore Follone, Roy Giesemann,  
*and all those who died recently.*

##### WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Irene D'Monte, Ronald Thomas,  
Margaret Donovan, Lucia Ficarra,  
Gaby Tanzimat, Dolores Aviles,  
Molly Sundberg, Eunice Frankeni,  
Liliane Tranquille, Donwin Baptista,  
Jeanette Wicker, Barbara Myint Oo,  
Alexandre Nime, Maria Settineri,  
Grace Lamden, Patricia Ellerton,  
Leonor Rivera,

*...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  
2025 to Christ the King 2026 are taken from  
Year A 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](http://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.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES** Lent begins  
this coming **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**.  
Masses will be celebrated at **9.15am at OLA  
Church**, and **7pm at St Agnes' Church**.

Our transition into **LENT** signals a move  
from Summer into Autumn. The evenings  
begin to grow cooler, giving way to darker  
mornings. And there is a stillness about  
Autumn that encourages a quietening of the  
spirit—perhaps bringing with it an invitation  
to cultivate a Lenten spirit.

From the moment we hear the cry from the  
Book of Joel on Ash Wednesday, 'No, no—  
it is the Lord who speaks—come back to me  
with all your heart, fasting, weeping,  
mourning' (2:12), we are invited to immerse  
ourselves in a different world, a different  
way of being, a time for us to strip away the  
excess of our lives enabling us to be more  
attentive to God's presence.

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are three  
practical strategies that, if we accept the  
invitation, will help us return to God. The  
liturgical elements of Lent have come from  
careful reflection on the Scriptures and the  
deep desire to keep alive the mystery that is  
celebrated. From the earliest times in our  
Judeo-Christian history, there has been a  
yearning to prepare for the feast of the  
Resurrection of Christ or the Pascha  
(Passover). The rituals and symbols we  
associate with Lent enable us to engage more  
deeply in this change-of-heart time.



#### PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY - February 15, 2026

This Lent, we are called to  
*Unite Against Poverty*  
through Caritas Australia's Project  
Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten  
Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide  
life-changing support to vulnerable  
communities in need. Thank you for standing  
with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.



**LENTEN GROUPS** Sign-up sheets for the  
2026 Lenten Program are available in the  
respective church foyers. This year's program,  
**THE JOURNEY HOME** features thoughtful  
and insightful daily reflections for Lent written  
by our guest writer, Archbishop Emeritus  
Mark Coleridge and reminds us that Lent is not  
merely a period of sacrifice or reflection; it is a  
pilgrimage. This resource aims to draw us  
together as companions on the road, renewed  
in faith and strengthened in love, as we follow  
Jesus towards the promise of our true home.



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT PARISH -  
LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Each Friday of Lent from 20<sup>th</sup> February  
through to the 27<sup>th</sup> of March, at 6.30pm,  
there will be a Lenten Way of the Cross in  
Our Lady of the Assumption Church. All are  
most welcome.

#### ✠ SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026 ✠

Christ Our Light Parish offers sacramental  
preparation for Reconciliation (Grade 3 and  
above), First Eucharist (Grade 4 and above)  
and Confirmation (Grade 6 and above) for  
students attending non Catholic schools. All  
sessions occur on Monday afternoons from  
4-5pm at the Our Lady of the Assumption  
Church Meeting Room. If you are interested  
or have any queries please contact the Parish  
Office on: 9583 6161.