

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the book of Wisdom

2:12. 17-20

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./The Lord upholds my life.

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter of St James

3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that

you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 9:30-37

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'



CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2024

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**TO HOPE AND ACT  
WITH CREATION**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2024

*The firstfruits of hope*  
(Rom 8:19-25)

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Righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death. There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY  
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PRAYING FOR:

Pat Daly, Jack Kinnaird, Letty Monte,  
Maggie Landrigan,  
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Helen Ingles, Regina de Robillard,  
Frank Boyle, Edward Boyle, Tony Bardini,  
Noel Donnell, Karlo Zufic,  
Antonio Pacione, Rosalia Nombardo,  
Fausta Saguimpa, Amparo Arguilles,  
Paddy McNamara, Clare Robinson,  
Phyllis Smith, Ian Munro, Vera Moloney,  
Jack Moloney, Livia Polgar,  
...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  
2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from  
Year B 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.



**PARISH STEWARDSHIP** There are still  
Stewardship **boxed sets of Thanksgiving /  
Presbytery Giving envelopes** to be collected. The  
cost of posting so many is high given the boxes are  
considered parcels. Perhaps you may know some  
of those who are yet to collect their envelopes and  
you may be able to drop them in to them. If so,  
your assistance with this would be greatly  
appreciated. Thank you too, to all who offer your  
ongoing practical and financial support for the  
mission of our parish.

For further information or assistance with  
setting up contributions, please contact Maureen  
Ryan, our Parish Accountant, on: 0407 544 779  
or via email at: [maureen@maureenryan.com.au](mailto:maureen@maureenryan.com.au)

**BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKERS  
PROJECT (BASP)** This weekend 21<sup>st</sup> /22<sup>nd</sup>  
September, we continue to seek donations of  
certain types of food and cleaning products for  
refugees and asylum seekers. There is still a great  
need to help asylum seekers and refugees, many  
of whom receive little or no government support.  
Please take home one of the leaflets in the foyer  
of the church for details of which items are in  
demand and leave donations in the box/basket  
labelled **BASP Food & Cleaning Products** in  
the Church Foyer. For more information, please  
contact Adrian Foley at [ade.foley@gmail.com](mailto:ade.foley@gmail.com) or on  
mobile 0497 780 233. Thank you.

**YCW VETERANS ASSOCIATION** The  
Association is keen to hear from any parishioners  
who were connected to the Highett/Cheltenham  
YCW in the 1960s and who had sons or brothers  
balloted into the armed forces to fight in Vietnam.  
The Association is anxious to connect with any  
of these past members, and/or their families, as  
work is in process to assist any of the  
abovementioned who may be in need. For more  
information, contact Frank Barber on 0421 349  
937 or via email: [barberf@iprimus.com.au](mailto:barberf@iprimus.com.au).



**OLA FETE - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. DO  
YOU HAVE A MARQUEE?**

If anyone has a marquee that they could loan for the fete, please contact John Bardon at [jkbardon@gmail.com](mailto:jkbardon@gmail.com) ASAP and cc. [fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au).

**PLANTS STALL** is seeking donations of flowers,  
herbs and succulent in plastic pots.

**LUCKY BOTTLES STALL** The Fete  
committee are collecting wine, bubbles or spirits for  
the lucky bottles stall. Bottles will be accepted right  
up to the week of the fete. Kindly drop your  
donations into the school office.

**CAKE STALL** is seeking donations of jams,  
curds, oils and preserves. These items are always  
very popular so please make as many jars as you  
can. Contact Kara Bogicevic 0409 353 957 for  
queries.



**EXPLORING WOMEN'S  
WISDOM IN THE BIBLE &  
EARLY CHRISTIANITY**

There will be a talk at the  
Hampton RSL on **Wednesday,  
25<sup>th</sup> September** for Spirituality in the Pub by  
**Sally Douglas**. Bookings are essential by  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Meals from 6.00pm,  
followed by the presentation at 7.30pm,  
conversation and conclusion about 9.00pm.  
Sharing a meal is an important part of the  
evening.

For bookings and further enquiries please  
contact Sr Michele Kennan PBVM: 0415  
956 107 or [michelekennan@presvic.org.au](mailto:michelekennan@presvic.org.au), or  
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