

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

18:25–28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the

underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.**

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?’ ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

UPCOMING FUNERAL The Funeral Mass for **Carmen Whitehouse (née Scicluna)** will be celebrated at 11am this **Tuesday 29th September**, at **St Agnes' Church**.

112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2026: Message of Pope Leo XIV: **"Even Just One of These Children"** (cf. Mt 18:10) To read Pope Leo's message, along with the message of Archbishop Christopher Prowse, the Australian Bishops' Delegate for Migrants and Refugees, visit: <https://acmro.catholic.org.au/wdmr/2026>



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

26th / 27th SEPTEMBER, 2026

'World Day of Migrants and Refugees'



Living Water Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

Wherever the river flows, all living creatures in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. ...Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and their leaves medicinal. (Ezekiel 47:1-12)

This weekend concludes our collection of non-perishable food, toiletries, and cleaning products for the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. Donations can be left in the basket in each church foyer. Thank you once again for your generosity.

PARISH PRIEST:

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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9532 0344
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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 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.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY-Year A

26th / 27th SEPTEMBER, 2026
'World Day of Migrants and Refugees'

PRAYING FOR:

Carmen Whitehouse (Scicluna), Kay O'Brien,
Alfredo Rafol, Luis Misajon, Clara Rappai,
Ubalde Rodriguez,
and all who have died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Phylis Smith, James Davidson, Anne Noone,
Darlene Usher, Rosalia Nombardo,
Fausta Saguimpa, Neil Joseph, Shirley de Hoedt,
Satiro Athaide, Scholastica Muthu, Finbar O'Neill
Paddy McNamara, Teodoro Misajon, Ryan Driver,
Adrian Joseph, Letty Monte, Norma O'Connor,
Rosina Pignataro, Emilio Salerno, Jack Moloney,
Bill Wilson,

and all who we remember at this time.

*...as we also keep in our prayers
all those 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

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.

**MELBOURNE SYNOD**

2026 We're invited to answer
the call to deepen our
understanding of synodality in
parish life. More information is available at:
melbournecatholic.org/synod2026

SYNOD CORNER: Synodality is demanding
Walking together takes patience, time, and
effort. But the Gospel has never promised an
easy path — only a fruitful one.

POSITION VACANT

**Parish Office Administrator
/ Parish Secretary**
Christ Our Light Parish
Highett / Cheltenham

We are currently seeking a **Parish Office
Administrator / Parish Secretary** to provide
essential administrative support, manage parish
records and communications, assist with
liturgical provisions, and help keep the parish
office running smoothly.

If you, or any one you know, would like more
information about this important role in our
parish, including a 'Position Description', please
visit the Archdiocese's Job Vacancies website.

Applications close: 9th October, 2026.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/parish-office-administrator>

**SEASON OF CREATION**

2026 Caring for our Common
Home calls for us to respond to the Cry of the
Earth, but also to the Cry of the Poor who
suffer most from climate change and its
damaging effects on food and water. We are
collecting non-perishable food items and
cleaning products for the **Brigidine Asylum
Seekers Project** this weekend, the **26th / 27th
September**. A list of suitable items is
available from the church foyer. Thank you
once again for your generosity.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Communion
Service this Monday 28th September.

BASP ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT is back on
Friday 9th October supporting the **Brigidine
Asylum Seekers Project** (basp.org.au).

Invite a team to your place or co-operate with a
distributed team. Details and booking at
cohdig.au/trivia. For further information, please
email: basp trivia@gmail.com

**We Need Your Support!**

OLA Fete, Saturday 7th November 2026

If you can lend a hand, we are gratefully
accepting donations for:

Plants: Please let our team know how much
space we will need to allow.

Preserves: You can help by making some
delicious homemade preserves.

Scones: Our Devonshire Tea stall team would
love your help! Please let us know if you can.

Where and when to drop off donations:

OLA School Office on Friday, 6th November
2026 or the morning of the fete on Saturday, 7th
November 2026 (please drop them straight to
their appropriate stalls).

How to confirm your help:

Please contact either of our Fete Co Chairs **Kim
0413 038 753** or **Rachel 0413 348 768**, or
Email: fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you so much for your continued
generosity and support!