FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ Happy are those who fear the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you,
says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. *(…continued overleaf)*

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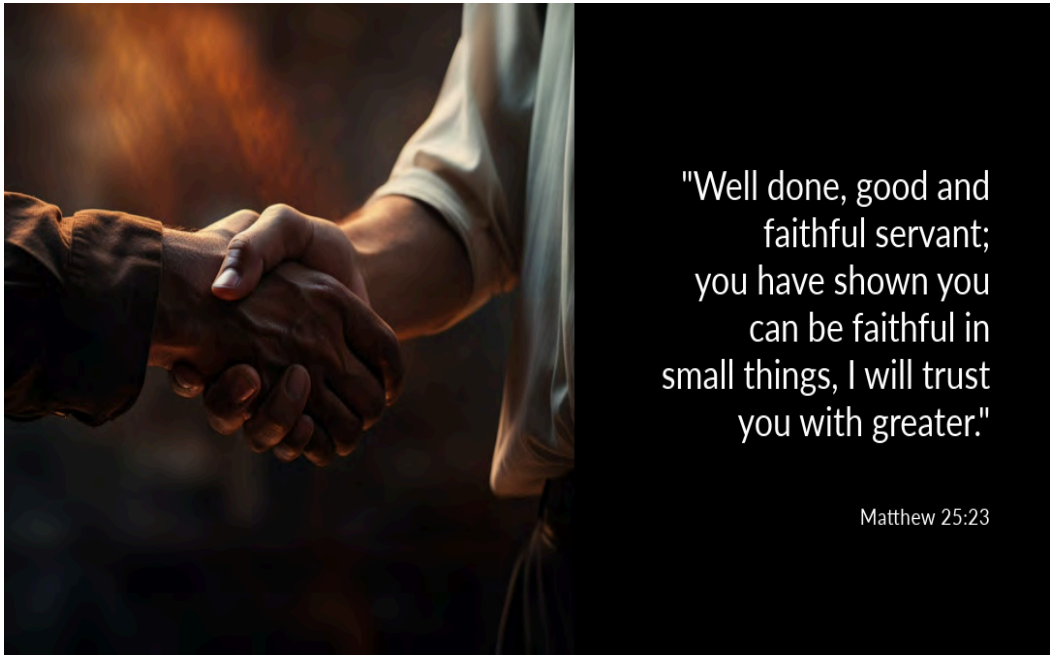
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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

14th / 15th NOVEMBER, 2026



The Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year brings us close to the end of another liturgical year in the church. Next week's feast of Christ the King concludes the current Year A liturgical cycle before we celebrate the beginning of Year B and Advent. So today's readings reflect the nearness of the end times. The gospel has the theme: 'the responsibility of talent'. No two of us gathered here today are alike. God has given us different talents or gifts to use for the good of all. Ultimately the 'talent' from God is God's very life, or grace. It is the talent of love that explodes from the reign of God everywhere in our midst, combating every form of evil. In using these talents we enrich our life and the lives of those around us. Sometimes we bury that gift. The first reading speaks of the wise woman who uses her talents to live a simple yet industrious life. The second reading suggests that the Master is nearer than we think. But the overall message is for us not to fear, but to know the Lord, and ourselves, in a new way, and be glad that his Day is near.

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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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Benjamin Jones, Zygmunt Wisniewski,
Joan Clarke, Neil Imlach, Reynaldo Dacumos,
Katharina Utri,
and all who have died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Joy Cleary, Joanna Muthu,
Alonzo Puey, Charles Farrugia,
Belle Kenny, Sr Catherine Burke,
Aloysius De Silva, Pio Salerno,
Bill Bywaters, Terry Sier, Irene Giugni,
Sharon Davis, Richard Warren,
Nancy Bradbury, Allan Fry,
Eileen Charters, Geraldine Grimes,
Arthur Greaves,
and all who we remember at this time.

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.

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME GROUP is having a picnic lunch at the **Briars Wildlife Sanctuary, Mt Martha**. Everyone is welcome to join us.
BYO picnic lunch.
Meet at the Briars Information Centre **Sunday 22nd November 2026 at 11.30am**.
Please contact Phillip Steele on phillipsteele1@gmail.com for more information.



CHRIST OUR LIGHT PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH The next Parish Social Lunch will be at 12 noon on Thursday, 26th November, at the Highett RSL. All are most welcome.
RSVP Tricia Hickey 0421 275 853
Adrian Foley 0497 780 233.

SYNOD CORNER: Synodality and young people. Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.

UPCOMING FUNERAL PRAYERS
for
Joan Clarke
will be celebrated at **11am**, on
Wednesday, 18th November, 2026,
at **OLA Church**, Cheltenham

BAPTISM

BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND With great joy the Church of God formally welcomes: **George and Max,** who will be Baptised this weekend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Christmas "Giving Tree" The St Vincent de Paul Conferences for Christ Our Light Parish have their Christmas trees in the foyers of both OLA and St Agnes churches. Please take an envelope and return a gift card by Sunday, 29th November (First Sunday of Advent). There is also a basket if you wish to donate any Christmas 'goodies' – food or decorations for the hampers.

GOSPEL READING *continued…*
Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.".

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MONTH OF NOVEMBER
Remembering Our Dearly Departed

The Cross of Remembrance
You are invited to inscribe the names of your dear loved ones who have died, on the November cross placed near the altar in each of our churches. These crosses will be in place from 1st – 30th November.

November Offering envelopes are available in the foyers of our churches and at the base of each Remembrance Cross, for those who would like Masses offered for deceased loved ones.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL You are invited to a playful and witty portrayal of Charles Dickens' classic story combining favourite music performed by Gilbert & Sullivan Opera Victoria.

When: Saturday 28th November
Time: 2pm (doors open 1.30pm)
Where: Brigid Hall, OLA Primary School
Tickets: $40 (adult), $35 (cardholder), $15 (child)
Book now to secure your seats at:
trybooking.com/DRGHM
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