

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Isaiah
32:15-18

Once more there will be poured on us the spirit from above; then shall the wilderness be fertile land and fertile land become forest. In the wilderness justice will come to live and integrity in the fertile land; integrity will bring peace, justice give lasting security. My people will live in a peaceful home, in safe houses, in quiet dwellings.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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'AUSTRALIA DAY'

25th / 26th JANUARY, 2025



Australia, 'Down Under', is a place to which people have been attracted by a vision of a different future, a future where human beings could relate to each other differently to the old order in their society of origin. De Quiros, the Portuguese explorer of the 16th Century, set out on a quest for 'Terra Australia del Espiritu Santo', South Land of the Holy Spirit. We could pause for a moment and thank God. For our land abounding in nature's gifts of beauty rich and rare. For the divine Spirit of Pentecost attracting us to follow Jesus in this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.

- Fr Michael Tate

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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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Francesca Fuccio, Ly Leang Rong,
Keith Arundell,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Joe Ingles, Tim Dodgson, Serge Dada,
Claudia Dada, Steeve Carver,
Mirek Andrysik, Maurie Corkill,
Carlyle Muller, Eileen McLoughlin,
Mary Andrews, Dominic Usher,
Marie Therese Appleby,

...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

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.

† **UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS** †

Wednesday 29th January at 11 am (OLA)
Francesca Fuccio (RIP)

May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed, rest in peace.



COL GARDENING GROUP There will be a 'Working Bee' on Saturday next, 1st February from 10am.

Anyone able to assist, either casually or more regularly, would be most welcome. Ordinarily we spend around an hour or so on these days. For further information contact John Tetteroo on 0432 649 659. Thank you in anticipation of your presence.



Next Sunday 2nd February, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church Meeting Room.



OLA KNITTING GROUP will next meet on Tuesday 4th February at 1pm in the Church Meeting Room. All are most welcome. Donations of wool would be much appreciated.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCES

We wish all the children and staff of both our parish schools, along with all associated with our schools, every blessing for the year ahead as classes commence this coming week. We pray that all who contribute to the children's education will continue to nurture them in faith and in love.

AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed and there will be **No Communion Service this Monday 27th January 2025.**



Throughout this **Holy Year of Jubilee 2025**, 13 churches and shrines across the diocese have been designated by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne as 'Pilgrim Places', with the majestic St Patrick's Cathedral serving as the principal place of pilgrimage. As 'Pilgrims of Hope', all within the Archdiocese are encouraged to visit and pray at one or more of the local Pilgrim Places during the Jubilee year.

To find out more about the designated pilgrim places, please visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/hope-does-not-disappoint-archdiocese-of-melbourne-announces-local-pilgrim-places-for-jubilee-2025>

