

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Exodus 19:2-6**

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp. Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, 'You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ We are his people:  
the sheep of his flock.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans 5:6-11**

When we were still helpless, at the due time, Christ died for the godless. Scarcely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person perhaps someone might undertake to die. So God proves his love for us, that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. How much more can we be sure, therefore, that, now that we have been justified by his death, we shall be saved through him from the wrath of God! For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, how much more can we be sure that, being now reconciled, we shall be saved by his life! What is more, we even exult in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already received reconciliation.



## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
The kingdom of God is near;  
repent and believe the Good News!  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 9:36-10:8**

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.' He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows: 'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

**Please keep in your prayers** the children preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time. **First Eucharist Masses** will be celebrated next weekend, at both parish churches.



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

### 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026

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Mission and reconciliation are prominent topics in the readings. The people of the Old Covenant received their mission through Moses. We, the people of the New Covenant receive our mission through Jesus. What is our mission? We are commissioned and sent to proclaim loud and clear to all and sundry that the kingdom of God has come. The gospel passage reminds us that Jesus chooses some of his disciples for specific tasks. That is not to say that the others have nothing to do. The whole Church is missionary. Each of the baptised is duty bound to spread the Gospel to the best of his or her ability. There are many ways of doing that. But the basic and most important contribution which we can make is to live a deep Christian life

The apostles worked many miracles. In our day the miracles may not be as frequent or as evident but the power is there in the Church. Every Christian is called upon to be an influence for good in society. The presence of the kingdom is announced, Christ's mission is continued and extended when we bring the compassion of Jesus into the lives of others. Through our ordinary daily contacts with people, especially with the lonely and those on the margins, we can and ought to be instruments of acceptance, reconciliation and healing. We don't have to go on the foreign missions in order to do that. For most Christians the home, the parish, the work-place are the mission territories where we spread the Gospel message as best we can.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

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**MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGETT****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.

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY - Year A**  
 13<sup>rd</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2026

**PRAYING FOR:**

James Marshall, Bill Chapman,  
 John Reid, Sydney Bealey  
*and all who died recently.*

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR:**

Gumersindo Nombrado, Cirilo Nombrado,  
 Thomas Aviles, Mariamma Aloysius,  
 Moli Bukasongo, Vincent Ferruccio,  
 Pio Salerno, Giovanni Fucile,  
 Francis Yang, Fr Peter Cross,  
 Bob Wilson, Thomas Stevens,  
*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](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.

**MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026**

We're invited to answer the call to deepen our understanding of synodality in parish life. Timeline for Synod consultation: This month will see the gradual release of the Synod theme papers, with June and July being Consultation and dialogue months for our faith communities. For more information on the Synod please visit: [melbournecatholic.org/synod2026](http://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026)

**SYNOD CORNER: Synodality is about mission** The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation—helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND**

With great joy the Church of God formally welcomes: Rennie Martyn, Maxwell Castellano, Scarlett Hester, Matilda Hester, Mateo Gomez, and Xavier Murphy.

**WORLD REFUGEE WEEK 14-20<sup>th</sup> June & WORLD REFUGEE DAY 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026.**

What started as a local initiative here in Australia has grown into an international movement, with celebrations now taking place in more than 20 countries. This year's theme recognises the milestone of Australia having issued one million humanitarian visas since the formal humanitarian program began in 1947. It reflects on how a single story of survival can shape generations to come. This year also marks the 75th anniversary of the 1951 Refugee Convention, which Australia was one of the first countries to sign. "Refugees contributions have formed the backbone of our modern multicultural society. When we lead with welcome, we create the safety and belonging necessary for people to rebuild their lives and build a better Australia for everyone." Co-CEO RCOA. [refugeecouncil.org.au/refugee-week-2026-celebrates-a-million-stories](http://refugeecouncil.org.au/refugee-week-2026-celebrates-a-million-stories)



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL.** A big thank you for all who generously contributed to the 2026 Winter Appeal. So far parishioners have donated \$8,255.75 in addition to any online donations. There is still an opportunity to donate online via:

[donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic](http://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/winter-appeal-vic)

**2026 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL**

This weekend 13th / 14th June, you're invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day (Oct 2026), we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided, appeal envelope, scan the QR code or visit:

[catholicmission.org.au/unity](http://catholicmission.org.au/unity)

Archbishop Peter Comensoli's video message: [youtu.be/K\\_JbH-7AQuM](https://youtu.be/K_JbH-7AQuM)

Fr Brendan Lane's reflection from his missionary experience in Africa: [youtu.be/y3OCR\\_Wcwdo](https://youtu.be/y3OCR_Wcwdo)