

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Lord, send out your Spirit,  
and renew the face of the earth.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. 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. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



# CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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## PENTECOST - YEAR A

23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2026



Coming to faith is not so much acquiring a new set of beliefs about God as it is discovering God's existence within the realities of our daily lives. The gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit help us to be more attuned to the actions of God in our lives and in our world. At baptism, the Spirit comes upon the newly initiated Christian, and at confirmation, the Spirit of God is renewed and confirmed in the faithful. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: wisdom, understanding, counsel (right judgment), fortitude (courage), knowledge, piety (reverence) and fear (awe) of the Lord. The Church lists twelve fruits of the Spirit: charity (love), joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control and chastity. These gifts and fruits are still very much in need in our world today.

**The Summit**

**PARISH PRIEST:**

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

9583 6161  
 Monday - Friday 9am – 3pm  
 Secretary: Julie Binstead  
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**OUR SCHOOLS:**

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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.

**PENTECOST - Year A**

23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> MAY, 2026

**PRAYING FOR:**

Lynette Byers, Barry Young,

*and all who died recently.*

**WE ALSO PRAY FOR:**

Rita Herft, Henry Mallia, Doris Borg,

Teresita Salvador, Dennis Butler,

James Malane, David D'Silva,

Filomena Cinaglia, Lyn McHugh,

Jack McHugh, Melania Volkel,

Carmeline DSouza, Peter Dsouza,

Angus Emery

*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 and Bishops**

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does

**WE CONTINUE TO MARK THIS WEEK**

**OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** with this year's theme drawn from Ephesians 4:4: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling." It is a timely reminder to us that Christian unity is not simply an ideal, but something we are called to live through prayer, friendship, service and shared witness. You can find resources and more information from the National Council of Churches in Australia website:

[www.ncca.org.au/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026](http://www.ncca.org.au/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2026)



**COL GARDENING GROUP.** There will be a 'Working Bee' next week on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> May from 9.45am - 11.15am.

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 please contact John Tetteroo on 0432 649 659.

Thank you in anticipation of your presence.

**ANNUAL ATTENDANCE MASS COUNT**

Every five years, on this last weekend of the National Count of Attendance, parishes are asked to count numbers in 5 age groupings:

**0-17; 18-29; 30-49; 50-69; and 70 and over.**

Hopefully, this won't prove too challenging for anyone. If you'd like any further information please visit:

[ncpr.catholic.org.au/national-count-of-attendance](http://ncpr.catholic.org.au/national-count-of-attendance)

**PARISH SOCIAL LUNCH**

The Parish social lunch will be held **this Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**, at 12 noon. The venue is the Highett RSL. All are most welcome. Please RSVP by this Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May, to: Tricia Hickey: 0421 275 853, or Adrian Foley: 0497 780 233.

**A MESSAGE FROM POPE LEO XIV.**

During his Regina Caeli address last Sunday, Pope Leo encouraged all who promote integral ecology to "renew their commitment," reminding us that "caring for peace is caring for life." To view visit: [vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/angelus/2026/documents/20260517-regina-caeli.html](http://vatican.va/content/leoxiv/en/angelus/2026/documents/20260517-regina-caeli.html)

**POPE LEO XIV's FIRST ENCYCLICAL,**

*Magnifica humanitas*, will be published on 25 May and will address artificial intelligence and the protection of human dignity, the Vatican has announced. In an unprecedented first, Pope Leo XIV will be present in person at the Vatican press conference to mark the publication of the social encyclical, along with a tech founder from one of the world's fastest growing AI companies. For the full article visit:

[melbournecatholic.org/news/magnifica-humanitas-pope-to-publish-encyclical-on-ai-nest-week](http://melbournecatholic.org/news/magnifica-humanitas-pope-to-publish-encyclical-on-ai-nest-week)

**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK**

is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2026 is *All In*, a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every single day.

[reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/](http://reconciliation.org.au/our-work/national-reconciliation-week/)