

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs
9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians
5:15-20

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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**Whoever eats my
flesh and drinks my
blood remains in
me and I in him.**

John 6:56

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

Dianne Bergant CSA

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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 9:45 am
Saturday 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:

Lorraine Christopher, Graham Giuliera,
Hilda Lynch, Edgar Rodrigues,
Dermot Bulger,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Laima Jomantas, Caterina Calvo,
Paul Aviles, Elizabeth Dagostimo,
Sar Nga, Hubert Cimiotti, Miette Cimiotti,
Lena O'Reilly, Indu Antao,
Domenica Algeri, Lucia Herft,
Liam Chadwick, Nicholas Gori,

...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
2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from
Year B 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.



CELEBRATION This weekend,
the 17th/18th August, we will mark
Fr Alan's 30th Anniversary of
Priesthood Ordination. You are
most welcome to join us, as we celebrate this
milestone, with a cuppa after each of our Masses.



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024
A special collection will take place this
weekend, 17th/18th August, in support of
the Archbishop's Campaign: 'Come
follow me'. Catholics across Melbourne are asked
to consider pledging their support for the vital
ministries of our Archdiocese. Gifts of \$2 or more
are tax deductible. Please review the Campaign
material and prayerfully consider making a pledge.
Envelopes are available or donate online via:
melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or
scan the QR codes on the campaign materials.
Please give generously.

† UPCOMING FUNERALS †

Thursday 22nd August at 11am (OLA)
Lorraine Christopher (RIP)

Tuesday 27th August at 11am (OLA)
Graham Giuliera (RIP)

*May their souls and the souls of all our
faithful departed, rest in peace.*



Sr Margaret Pelly CSB would
like to extend her sincere gratitude
to all parishioners for the many
well wishes she received, and for
making the celebration of her 90th
birthday and 70th Jubilee of religious profession,
a most memorable one.

VATICAN II LECTURE SERIES 2024 In
Part 3 of this series, Fr Greg Brett CM, will
present 'Vatican II, Yesterday, Today &
Tomorrow, His Spirit, Our Renewal' When:
Tuesday, 20th August Where: Resurrection
Church, 402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough.
Time: 7pm – 8.30pm. Gold coin donation
appreciated.

PARISH AMALGAMATION - CHRIST
OUR LIGHT PARISH, HIGHETT-
CHELTENHAM

The 10th August, 2024 marked the
establishment of **Christ Our Light Parish,
Highett-Cheltenham**.

This new parish configuration will inevitably
mean some changes to our communications and
administrative infrastructure.

In practical terms this may mean, for example,
people's financial contributions to the parish,
particularly through Direct Debit and Credit
Cards, acknowledged in a different way on their
bank statements.

Should you have any questions you're most
welcome to contact Maureen Ryan, our Parish
Accountant, on: 0407 544 779 or via email at:
maureen@maureenryan.com.au

Maureen will be able to clarify any of these
administrative changes, however please be
assured that parishioners wishes, re. their
contributions to both Thanksgiving and
Presbytery giving, will be honoured and remain
unchanged.



**OLA FETE - 23rd
November 2024 DO
YOU HAVE A
MARQUEE?** The Fete
Committee are on the
lookout for marquees. For
every dollar saved on
equipment hire, more
funds go towards our
school and parish
community. If anyone has a marquee that they
could loan for the fete, please contact John
Bardon at jkbardon@gmail.com ASAP and copy to
fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

LUCKY BOTTLES STALL Throughout
August, the Fete committee are collecting wine,
bubbles or spirits for the lucky bottles stall.
Kindly drop your donations into the school
office.