

## FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis

14:18-20

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ You are a priest for ever,  
in the line of Melchizedek.**

## SECOND READING

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

11:23-26

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**


**I am the living bread from heaven,  
says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

 **RETURNING COMMUNION PYXES** Any parishioner who previously volunteered to minister Holy Communion to the sick, and still have, in their possession, a parish pyx, are asked to please return it to the Parish Office or to one of our churches' sacristies. Thank you.



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### YEAR C - 21<sup>st</sup>/ 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE, 2025

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This Feast reminds us that the body and blood of Christ were offered as a sacrifice for us, and every time we re-enact this sacrifice, we renew his sacrifice. The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes in the Gospel prefigures the messianic banquet of fulfilment. Its miraculous bounty assures us of the abundance of that future banquet. Its miracle of multiplication prefigures the miracle of Jesus as he changed the bread and wine into his own body and blood. Jesus handed himself over as food and drink on the very night that he was handed over by others. The banquet that he prepared was a celebration of the new covenant; it was a messianic banquet of thanksgiving. This feast invites us to enter through either the past, the present or the future, for each one will lead us to the mystery that we celebrate: the mystery of the sacrifice of Christ; the mystery of the sacred bread and wine of the future; the mystery of the messianic banquet of the present.

*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 [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.

**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST - YEAR C - 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE, 2025**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Robert (Bob) Wilson, Lynn Dillon,  
Michael O'Brien, Pauline Barlow,

*and all those who died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Kevin Kelly, Nora Hammon,  
Gumersindo Nombrado, Tomas Aviles,  
Moli Bukasongo, Leo Barry, Earl Edwards,  
Agnes McNamara, Cyril Fitzsimons,  
Grace Andrews, Phoebe Wilson,

*...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.melbourneP1000/Mass](http://universalis.com/australia.melbourneP1000/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.



**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND** With great joy the Church of God formally welcomes **Celine and Ella** who will be Baptised this weekend.



**ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL – 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE** This weekend St Vincent de Paul are conducting their

Winter Appeal. This is the major appeal made by local conferences to generate funds to enable the support of needy families in the local area. In this past year we made 560 home visits to more than 137 local households, providing assistance to approximately 790 adults and 530 children. The support given includes food, food vouchers, Vinnies vouchers (for clothing and furniture), fuel cards and assistance with utility costs and educational expenses.

In the past the Winter Appeal has been the major source of our funds, enabling us to do this good work on behalf of our parishioners. For those wishing to pay by card, there will be people in the foyer to collect and provide receipts for donations made at Masses.



**2025 PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL**

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula. **Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.** To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit: [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at [catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission). Your action will make a profound change in people's lives.



**FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES**

We extend our best wishes and congratulations to all the children receiving the Eucharist for the first time this weekend. May Jesus, our Bread of Life, nourish and sustain them, and us, as together we gather in thanksgiving at His Table. My sincere gratitude to St Agnes' and Our Lady of the Assumption School staff, catechists and to all the parents for their support. - Fr Alan



**UPCOMING FUNERAL**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am

**Robert (Bob) Wilson (RIP)**

(St Agnes' Church)

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

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION** There will be a special collection for the intentions of the Holy Father next weekend. The Peter's Pence offerings are designated to support the Holy Father's apostolic and charitable activities.

**RCIA –Do you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian**

**Initiation of Adults** is an established 'Journey of Faith' that has parishioners accompany discerning adults, i.e. those seeking to become Catholic, on their path to Sacramental initiation into the life of the Church, at Easter. If you know of someone who'd be interested in taking up this journey, or you'd like to be a part of their accompaniment, or would like any more information, please contact the Parish Office on: 9583 6161.

