

FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
30:10-14**

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Colossians 1:15-20**

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke 10:25-37**

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C 12th/13th JULY, 2025



**“You shall love the
Lord, your God
with all your heart.”**

Luke 10:27

The First Reading commands us to love, and gives us the means to do it. The law, or word, is not beyond our reach but is as close to us as our hearts. And the help and compassion of the Lord for the poor and needy can be seen by our service. It is through this that, hearts will revive (Psalm). The Second Reading makes clear that all is possible by Christ and his cross. He holds everything in being from the beginning and, even now, is drawing us together in deeper unity. Finally, the parable of the Good Samaritan (Gospel) gives us a concrete example of what this service, this command to love, this deeper unity without bias or prejudice, looks like. This week's Readings give us renewed confidence, trust, and hope in the Good Samaritan who comes close to us in our need, that we might go out so that God's desires for all people might be seen by our loving response.

Australian Catholics Scripture Reflection

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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:

Joselito Caparas, Ali Huish,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Maria Lettini, Tony Milicevic,
Anna Wronka, Joyce D'Olivera,
Edward Cheevers, Janet Loudeman,
Lim Heng, Doris Miller, Bill Miller,
Francis D'Souza, Josip Mandic,
Mason Chapman, Joe Halloran,
Manfred Morys, Saman Kunan,
Harold George, Marshall D'Souza,
Margaret Dowsey, Kevin Tyrrell,

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

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 **Sebastian, Annabelle,
Eden, Louis, Juniper and Isla**, who
will be Baptised this weekend.



COL GARDENING GROUP
There will be a 'Working Bee'
on Saturday, 9th August from
10am, (...weather permitting).
Anyone able to assist, either casually or more
regularly, would be most welcome. For further
information contact John Tetteroo on 0432 649
659. Thank you in anticipation of your presence.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S
LEAGUE OF VICTORIA &
WAGGA WAGGA** are
conducting a Women's Retreat:
*'Pilgrims of Hope: A journey
with the Lord Jesus'*

When: Saturday 6th September

Time: 9am – 4pm.

Venue: St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Led by Fr Nicholas Pearce, Parish Priest of St
Michael's Parish, North Melbourne.

The program includes, spiritual talks,
Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and the
Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Eucharist will
be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A
Comensoli. The day includes morning tea and
lunch at the Park Hyatt.

Tickets: \$60 (\$50 for CWLVWW members)

To register visit:

trybooking.com/events/landing/1407033

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Catholic Development Fund, on: 1800 134 135.

RCIA – Curious about the Catholic Faith? Do you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you interested in supporting those on their journey of Faith? 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. The RCIA gives those preparing for the Sacraments an opportunity to explore many facets of the Christian life. An invitation is extended to anyone seeking Baptism, as well as to those Baptised in another denomination who may desire full communion with the Catholic Church, to get in touch. 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.

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