

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

66:10-14

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Let all the earth cry out to God
with joy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Galatians

6:14-18

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

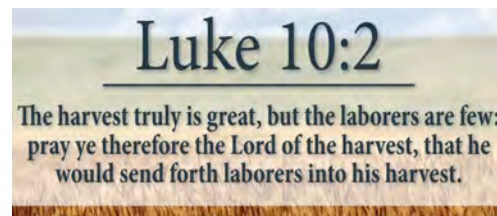
Alleluia, Alleluia!
May the peace of Christ
rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message
live within you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Luke

10:1-12. 17-20

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.' The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

5th/6th JULY, 2025



We are called and sent to bring the deep peace of the kingdom of God into the world. The prophet Isaiah (First Reading) proclaims a joyful time of peace that flows like a river from the healing, comforting love of God, which is compared to the intimate, tender bond between a mother and a baby. The same spirit of contented happiness is reflected in today's Psalm of jubilation, where the whole earth cries out with joy to the Lord. The members of the Early Church community in Galatia are encouraged to be at peace with one another through Christ, who makes us a new creation in him. Christ is the source of all peace and unity in the world (Second Reading). In the Gospel, Jesus sends seventy-two of his followers ahead of him. He is confident that they will have all they need for their mission through all they have learnt from following his way. He instructs them to bring his peace and healing into the communities that they visit. In a world that cries out more than ever for the peace of Christ, this is our calling today. Jesus stands among us and sends us before him, to declare his peace and to heal and encourage people in the knowledge that the Kingdom of God is very near.

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.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME - YEAR C - 5th / 6th JULY, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Jelena Ivanovic, Sr Angela Ryan,
Jerry De Silva, Peter Rice,
Diego Hernandez, Paul Costigan,
Patricia Scully,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Giuseppe Barca (1 month)
Lynette Cronk, Fiona Roberts,
Martin Nombardo, Darryl Wigney,
Derek Lambert, John Lambert,
Graziella Castro, Gregorio Gajo,
Mick Sullivan, Nellie Andrews,

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.melbourneP/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.

CDF COMMUNITY FUND
This weekend we welcome representatives from the **Catholic Development Fund**, who will speak to us about the **CDF Community Fund** and the investment opportunities it provides. When you open a savings or term investment account with CDF Community Fund, you not only get a great return on your savings, but you will also help build new parish facilities for growing communities, classrooms for students, hospitals for the sick, aged care homes for the elderly, and social service facilities for the poor and vulnerable. With competitive interest rates across a range of accounts, including 4.85% p.a.* on a 6-month Term Investment, it's a way to save while helping out. For details, visit: www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund, scan the QR code below, or telephone CDF on 1800 134 135.

*Interest rates subject to change.



View current rates on the CDF website.

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UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS (OLA)

Tuesday 8th July at 11am
Jelena Ivanovic (RIP)
Rosary prior – 10.30am

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



This Sunday 6th July, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 9am & 11am Masses**, in the Meeting Room.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
Thank you, most sincerely, for your kind and generous support for the Holy Father's charitable works. **\$1,448.85** was raised across the parish.

MOST REVEREND ANTHONY IRELAND
ARCHBISHOP-ELECT
We extend our best wishes and congratulations to **Bishop Anthony Ireland** who has been appointed the new **Archbishop of Hobart** by Pope Leo XIV.



Currently an auxiliary bishop in the Southern Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, on August 12th, 2025, Archbishop-elect Ireland will be formally installed with a Mass and Liturgical Reception at St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart. Please keep Archbishop-elect Ireland in your prayers as he takes up this new appointment.

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, on their path to Sacramental initiation into the life of the Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office on: 9583 6161.



NAIDOC WEEK 2025 (6-13 July)
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday falls within the National celebration of NAIDOC Week. The 2025 theme, *'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy'*, celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors. This year, we celebrate not just a milestone but a movement that endures, grows, and evolves—driven by the unwavering strength of our communities, the shared vision of our people, and the enduring legacy we pass on to those who will shape our future. Together, we walk forward, honoring where we've come from and looking boldly to the next generation who will carry NAIDOC and their communities into the future.