

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the book of Genesis

**18:1-10**

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28**

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I

can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.**

**Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42**

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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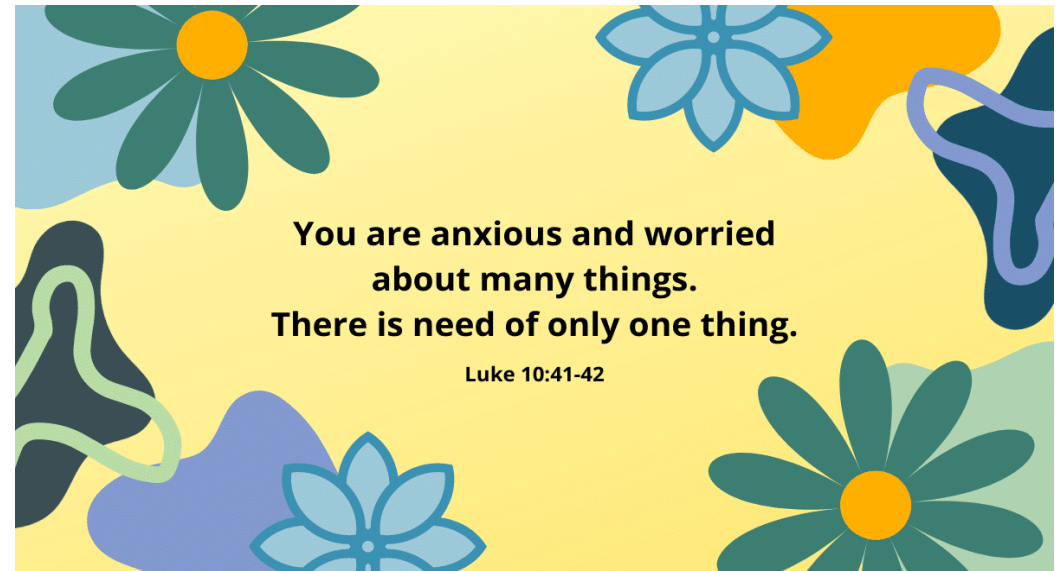
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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2025**



**You are anxious and worried  
about many things.  
There is need of only one thing.**

**Luke 10:41-42**

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings? First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits. We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

*Dianne Bergant CSA*

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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 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.

#### SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2025

##### PRAYING FOR:

Jude Nesarajah, Isabelita Cosido,

*and all those who died recently.*

##### WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Patrick Simpson, Lorraine Lack,  
Leonard Lary, Clair Herft, Joseph Zahra,  
Danny Cashin, James Brooks,  
Ante Milicevic, Josip Horvat, Mabel Ming,  
Colleen Barrett, Katrina-Bridget Blair,  
Jerome D'Souza, Sheila Fury,  
Myrtle Black,

*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.

*Thank  
You!*

Members of the **Refugee Support Group** would like to thank you for your prayers, and ongoing support of the group's initiatives.

The Arnaout family moved into a home of their choice last Sunday. We wish them well and pray they will happily settle into their new community in Reservoir.

**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.



This **Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> July**, you're invited to stay and join your fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 6pm Mass**, in **St Agnes' Church** foyer.

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE** Please note: the COL Parish Office will be **closed on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> July**. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.



#### COL GARDENING GROUP

There will be a 'Working Bee' on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



26 JULY



**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE – OPEN HOUSE** Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne, will open its doors to the public as part of the 2025 Open House Melbourne Weekend.

This program fosters public appreciation for good design and public engagement to rediscover the city.

We're excited to invite you to a special opportunity to experience the space through the eyes of the architect behind the design of Catholic Theological College. Mr. Greg Burgess will be onsite to engage directly with visitors between 10 am – 12 pm.

When: Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Where: Catholic Theological College,  
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne 3002

Time: 9am – 3pm.



**HEART OF LIFE - LET THE HEART LISTEN** This 12-week formation program is designed for individuals engaged in listening to and supporting others on their life journeys through listening, presence, and support. This online-only experience invites you into a space of deep transformation and connection. The next program will be held on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 9pm, starting on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> July. For more information: [heartoflife.melbourne/spiritual-formation/let-the-heart-listen-program/](http://heartoflife.melbourne/spiritual-formation/let-the-heart-listen-program/)