

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes." Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty." The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light. 'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C - 20th/ 21st SEPTEMBER, 2025**



Garden of Peace

Isaiah 32:14-18

**PEACE
WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025**

In the gospel, the steward is praised for his prudence because he recognises that his future will not be secured by gathering up his commissions [or more], his part of the rich man's wealth. Instead, he uses the wealth to make friends who will welcome him and support him in the future. Jesus taught, and Catholic social teaching has long emphasized, that a successful human life is not measured by the accumulation of wealth or power. The 'good life' is the fruit of strong and loving relationships, bonds of friendship and justice, and commitment to community wellbeing. 'Mammon' means 'what we trust in'. Jesus is uncompromising: we cannot put our trust in both God and money. The severe socioecological crisis in these times makes very clear how pursuing and valuing a practical idolatry of wealth, above all else, threatens and destroys God's gifts in creation. It betrays our sacred mission to care for creation and to share it in gratitude and love.

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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:

Joseph Borg, Antonio de Angelis,
Jill Vincent, Marcella Woodford,
Joseph Vu Dinh, Christine Shortall,
Carmela Passarelli, George Desparte,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Cirila Subala, Noel Donnell,
Teodoro Misajon, Rosalia Nombrado,
Fausta Saguimpa, Finbar O'Neill,
Maureen Reidy, Marianito Malanog,
Maria Catherine Pelayo, Ian Munro,
Helen Ingles, Vera Moloney, Fr John Rate,
Edward Boyle, Francis Boyle,
Tony Bardini, Phyllis Smith,
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.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.



**SEASON OF
CREATION**

To help us enter into the spirit of the Season of Creation, each year a new theme and image are chosen, supported by a passage from Scripture. This year, as you will see from the poster at the front of our church, the theme is 'Peace with Creation' and the image shows a contrast between lifelessness and devastation on the one hand and thriving and abundance on the other, with the Dove of Peace above. The passage from Scripture, Isaiah 32: 14-18, is well worth reflecting on. What are we doing to work for peace during the Season of Creation?



THE BRIGIDINE ASYLUM SEEKER PROJECT (BASP) As part of our response to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, this weekend and next (20/21 Sept and 27/28 Sept) we will be collecting goods for refugees and asylum seekers supported by the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. Please note that both food and cleaning products are very welcome. You can collect a list of suggested goods in the church foyer. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

CONGRATULATIONS to Fr Laurie McNamara CM, on the occasion of his 55th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. We offer him our best wishes, and thank him for his ministry among God's people.

**† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS †
(OLA Church)**

Tuesday 23rd September at 11am

Carmela Passarelli (RIP)

10.30am - Rosary recited prior to Mass.

May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed, rest in peace



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

With great joy we the Church of God formally welcome: **Adrian and Alaia Moreno**, who will be Baptised this BAPTISM weekend.



PARISH STEWARDSHIP For those who contribute to our parish via 'Envelopes', **new boxed sets of Thanksgiving / Presbytery Giving envelopes** are available for collection in each church foyer. Thank you most sincerely, once again, to all who offer their ongoing practical and financial support for the mission of our parish.



COL GARDENING GROUP

There will be a 'Working Bee' on Saturday, 4th October, 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.



SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY 2025:

ANCHORS OF HOPE Sunday 21st September marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society. Social Services Sunday is also a time to reflect on how we, as Pilgrims of Hope, can partner with Catholic agencies and others to be more involved in Gospel-inspired works of charity and justice in our own communities.