

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Amos 6:1. 4-7

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR C - 27th/28th SEPTEMBER, 2025**



Garden of Peace

Isaiah 32:14-18

**PEACE
WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025**

Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. Biblical covenant is a communal concept and a commitment that emerges from a society which insists on mutual responsibility. Righteousness is a covenant term and a quality that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond with a merciful and compassionate God. Paul challenges Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate remain our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame, finding ourselves having to face the judgment of God.

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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.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C
27th / 28th SEPTEMBER, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Neil (Tony) Joseph, Jack Smith,
Shirley Leskovec, Christine Turnstall,
John Giarratana,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Darlene Usher, Patrick Boshell,
Celie McDonald, Tony Infanti,
Norma O'Connor, Jack Moloney,
Bill Wilson, James Davidson,
Livia Polgar,

...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
In today's Gospel, the rich man fails to hear the Cry of the Poor and misses the opportunity to help the poor man Lazarus. On this 4th week of the Season of Creation, we remember that the 'Cry of the Poor' and the 'Cry of the Earth' are inextricably linked. When we, the rich nations, exploit Mother Earth and her resources, it is the poor nations who are disproportionately affected and who suffer the most. Let's take some time to slow down every day to feel, experience and connect with the awe and wonder of the natural world. Paying attention to, and caring for, the plants and wildlife that live around us is a form of prayer, a communion with God through the Earth. Let's listen to the voice of creation. May it transform our hearts and minds toward greater love of God, one another, and creation. Act in ways that nurture communion through healing and renewing our common home. Together, let us play our part in the protection and restoration of Mother Earth.



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 27th / 28th September, 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.



**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS
NEXT WEEKEND.** The clocks
go **forward** one hour at **2am** on
Sunday 5th October, 2025.



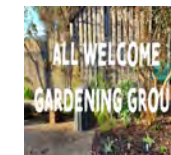
Thank you all to those who attended the St Vincent de Paul Festival Mass at Our Lady of Assumption Church on 9th September, and a special thanks to those who helped cater for the supper. If anyone is interested in the St Vincent de Paul Society and the work it does in the Cheltenham area, contact Michele on 0401 366 036.



Next Sunday 5th October,
you're invited to stay and join
fellow parishioners for a cuppa
after the 9am & 11am Masses, in the OLA
Church Meeting Room.



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND
With great joy we the Church of God
formally welcome: **James Henry Dong,**
who will be Baptised this weekend.



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.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASSES †

Tuesday 30th September at 11am (St Agnes')
Shirley Leskovec (RIP)

Wednesday 1st October at 1pm (OLA)
Jack Smith (RIP)

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



We are seeking volunteer
computer operators to assist
with the PowerPoint
presentations, during the 11am Mass at OLA
church. If you are able to assist, please contact
the Parish Office on 9583 6161.