

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ **If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

1:6-8. 13-14

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."



CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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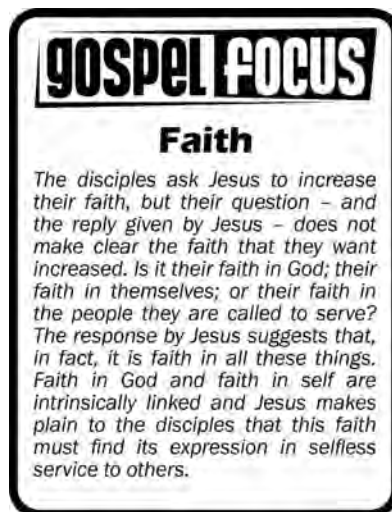
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - 4th / 5th OCTOBER, 2025



'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

Luke 17:6



World Migrant and Refugee Sunday encourages us to ask how we can build a better future together. As with other large goals such as addressing climate change, this can seem overwhelming. The task is enormous and the resources are few. In all worthwhile human enterprises though, small is beautiful and we need to find a patch of rock at which we can chip away and go from there. There are many ways in which we can give to refugees our time, our resources, our voice and our heart. We can take refugees into our heart by supporting them in our own communities and taking practical steps to advocate for issues affecting their lives and futures. Reading their stories, listening to them speak, allowing time to imagine what it must be like to flee fearing for your life and desperate to find food and a night's shelter for your family are some of the ways we can also connect with them. Through using our voice, heart, time and resources – we have the opportunity to advocate for actions we can take now that will help build the future we want: an Australia that welcomes people seeking asylum and treats them with humanity and compassion. *Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ*

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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:

Fr Ted Burns PE, Maria De Gregorio,
Maureen Lovick, Paul Nicolosi,
Jordana Millman, Bernadette Gorey,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Mary Schibli, Moyha Bettess,
Frank Forbes, Angela Settineri,
Agostino Sofo, Philomena Alderton,
Chen Den, Pat Cashin, Sylvie Kimtia,
Jacob Castillo, Satiro Athaide,
James Liistro, Jack Wishart,
Michael McGurn, Molly Kelly,
Rosina Pignataro, Emilio Salerno,
Giuseppe Fucile, Antonia Zingale,
Rick Miller, Adrian Loos, Dorothy Gurnett,
Yvonne Bramblebee, Francisco Garcia,
Elisea Garcia,
...and all who we remember at this time.

**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.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS †
(OLA Church)

Wednesday 8th October at 11.30am

Maria De Gregorio (RIP)

11am - Rosary recited prior to Mass.

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



**'MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES
OF HOPE', is Pope Leo's
Message on this World Day of
Migrants and Refugees:**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.html>

The Holy Father describes migrants and refugees as: "Privileged witnesses of hope ... Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes." Migrants, refugees and displaced persons demonstrate hope daily through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral human development and happiness are possible.



MONTH OF THE ROSARY

Pope Leo XIV invites Catholics across the globe to unite and to pray the Rosary daily for peace in war-torn lands, especially during the month of October, which the Church dedicates to the Holy Rosary. He also announced a Rosary for Peace in St. Peter's Square on October 11th as part of the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.



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



You're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa after the **9am & 11am** Masses, this weekend, in the OLA church Meeting Room.



SEASON OF CREATION

2025 We hope you have appreciated the liturgies and actions (songs, prayers of the faithful, messages in Fr Alan's homilies, prayers after Mass, BASP collection) during the Season of Creation 2025 which ended on 4th October with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi – Patron Saint of Ecology.

THANK YOU for the contributions to the **Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project (BASP)** appeal. On 1st October we delivered two full carloads of supplies to BASP. These will help many families. Thank You!



During the Season of Creation 2023, we planted two *Corymbia ficifolia* (red flowering gum) trees in St Agnes and OLA church gardens. You will be happy to know that although they are still small (about 1m high) they are coming along well.

Please take the messages of hope, peace and care for our common home from this Season of Creation with you, and practise them daily.

– Care for Our Common Home Group



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE invites you to our **October 2025 'Engaging Your Faith'** online series. From \$25 per session. For more information visit:

ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith

Knox Public Lecture by Prof. Myriam Wijlens
Wednesday 15th October at 7.30pm For more information visit:

ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Online Information Session Monday 27th October at 7pm Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact: ctc@ctc.edu.au