

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R/ The vineyard of the Lord
is the House of Israel.**

SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians 4:6-9**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew 21:33-43**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next, he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

UPCOMING FUNERAL MASS for the late **Ivanka Smrdelj** will take place at **10:45am** on **Wednesday 7th October**, at **OLA Church**.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Communion Services on Mondays until November 2026.



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

3rd / 4th OCTOBER, 2026



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water

EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

SEASON OF CREATION 2026

Wherever the river flows, all living creatures in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. ...Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and their leaves medicinal.

(Ezekiel 47:1-12)

This weekend, with the Feast of St Francis of Assisi (4th October), the 'Season of Creation' draws to its close. This year's theme of 'Living Water', inspired by the vision in Ezekiel 47 verses: 9 and 12, concerning healing, restoration, and new life, has Christians worldwide unite during this ecumenical period to pray, reflect, and commit to ecological conversion, and the care for our common home. This year's closure marks the 800th anniversary of St. Francis passing from earthly life to life in the new and eternal Kingdom.

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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 parish 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY-Year A

3rd / 4th OCTOBER, 2026

PRAYING FOR:

Jed Griffin, Ted Fraser, Ivanka Smrdelj,
Catherine Hayden, Steve Hey
and all who have died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Amparo Arguilles, Philomena Alderton,
Patrick Boshell, Jacob Castillo, Porenda Wright,
Lillian Fowler, Joan Nononbo, Adrian Loose,
Dorothy Gurnett, Yvonne Bramblebee,
Fr John Rogan
and all who we remember at this time.

*...as we also keep in our prayers
all those who are currently unwell.*

**Readings for this liturgical year from
Advent 2025 to Christ the King 2026 are
taken from Year A 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

PLEASE NOTE The Parish Office will be
closed this coming **Thursday 8th and Friday
9th October.** Apologies for any inconvenience.

MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026 We're invited to
answer the call to deepen our understanding of
synodality in parish life. More information is
available at: melbournecatholic.org/synod2026

**SYNOD CORNER: Synodality and the Holy
Spirit** At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy
Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere
strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

POSITION VACANT

**Parish Office Administrator
/ Parish Secretary**

**Christ Our Light Parish
Highett / Cheltenham**

We are currently seeking a **Parish Office
Administrator / Parish Secretary** to provide
essential administrative support, manage parish
records and communications, assist with
liturgical provisions, and help keep the parish
office running smoothly.

If you, or any one you know, would like more
information about this important role in our
parish, including a 'Position Description', please
visit the Archdiocese's Job Vacancies website.

Applications close: 9th October, 2026.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies/parish-office-administrator>



You're invited to join your
fellow parishioners for a 'Cuppa'
after both the **9am & 11am**
Masses this Sunday. Thank you to all who assist
with the provision of food, the serving, and with
both the setting up and the clean-up.

BASP ONLINE TRIVIA NIGHT is back on
Friday 9th October supporting the **Brigidine
Asylum Seekers Project** (basp.org.au).

Invite a team to your place or co-operate with a
distributed team. Details and booking at
cohdig.au/trivia. For further information, please
email: basp trivia@gmail.com

The **BASP** Team would like to thank you all for
your kind donations over the last few weeks.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

SEASON OF CREATION

2026 We conclude the Season
of Creation this weekend with the feast of St
Francis of Assisi, the beloved saint who
inspires us to live simply that others may
simply live, and to praise and thank God for the
gift of creation, especially water.
On every continent, inspired by our faith,
Christians are acting. Rivers are being restored,
water sources are being protected from
pollution and extractive industries, and arid
lands are becoming green again. Wells are
being dug and water provided for parishes,
villages, and health care centres.

**OLA Fete, Saturday 7th November 2026**

If you would like to assist or want further
information, please contact either of our Fete
Co- Chairs: **Kim (0413 038 753)** or **Rachel
(0413 348 768)**, or get in touch via email:

fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

Thank you so much for your continued
generosity and support!