

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel! See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here. They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



RETURNING COMMUNION

PYXES Any parishioners who previously volunteered to minister Holy Communion to the sick, and still have, in their possession, a parish pyx, are asked to please return it to the Parish Office or to one of our churches' sacristies. Thank you.



CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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And immediately his sight returned.

Mark 10:52

Throughout this liturgical year we have examined several aspects of our faith. We have pondered the history of our salvation, the merciful compassion of God and God's willingness to lead us out of the bondage of our addictions. We have meditated often and long on the person of Jesus, on his life and death, on the meaning of his sacrifice, on his resurrection and on his influence in our lives today. We have considered our own ongoing transformation as disciples of Jesus, baptised into his death and resurrection, commissioned to bring the news of his love to all those with whom we come into contact. We have reflected on all of these wonderful deeds of God, and now we must ask the question: What difference has it made? Have we accepted more genuinely the Christian responsibilities that are ours as baptised followers of Christ, in our own personal lives, in our families, in our relationships with others, at the workplace? To what degree have we been transformed into Christ? How open have we become to the action of the Spirit in our lives? Have we been made a new creation? And do we recognise Christ in our midst? *Dianne Bergant CSA*

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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
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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.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 26th/27th OCTOBER, 2024

PRAYING FOR:

John Coleman, Louise MacDonald,
Mary Ryan,
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Mervyn Patterson, Eldon Rozario,
Cameron Torcasio, Michele Piccolo,
Cynthia D'Cruze, Carmel Ryan,
Jim Buckley, Mary Buckley,
Timothy Richards,

...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
2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from
Year B 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

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.



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL 2024

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy. A total of \$2,302 was raised across our parish. **Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.** If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at: catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be **no 9am** Mass at **St Agnes' Church**, this coming **Tuesday 29th October**. Tuesday's 6pm Mass at OLA church will be celebrated as scheduled. Apologies for any inconvenience.



Next Sunday 3rd November, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa after the **9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA church Meeting Room.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL †

Thursday 31st October at 11.30am (St Agnes')
Louise MacDonald (RIP)

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

**WE EXTEND OUR GRATITUDE TO FR
LAURIE MCNAMARA CM** for filling in
for Fr Alan while he is on annual leave.

CHRIST OUR LIGHT SOCIAL LUNCH

The next Parish Social Lunch will be **on Thursday, 5th December, at 12 noon**, at the **Highett RSL**. All are most welcome. **Please RSVP by Thursday 28th November** to: Karen Mitri: 0411 354 670 or 9553 0350 or via email: karen.mitri@gmail.com



OLA FETE - 23rd Nov. DO YOU HAVE A MARQUEE?

If anyone has a marquee that they could loan for the fete, please contact John Bardon at jkbardon@gmail.com ASAP & cc. fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au.

PLANTS STALL is seeking donations of flowers, herbs and succulent in plastic pots.

LUCKY BOTTLES STALL The Fete committee are collecting wine, bubbles or spirits for the lucky bottles stall. Bottles will be accepted right up to the week of the fete. Kindly drop your donations into the school office.

CAKE STALL is seeking donations of jams, curds, oils and preserves. These items are always very popular so please make as many jars as you can. Contact Kara Bogicevic 0409 353 957 for queries.

CHOCTOBER October is our Choc-O-Block drive month and the committee are kindly seeking donations of chocolate blocks and chocolate share packs for the Choc-O-Block stall. Donations can be left at the School Office.



BASP TRIVIA NIGHT The Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project Trivia Team are organising another Trivia Night, via Zoom, on Friday 8th November at 7.30pm. These Trivia Nights run by St Mary's church, Hampton, are great fun and raise funds for asylum seekers supported by the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project. They are well supported and professionally run, with around 15 teams taking part. If you would like to test your knowledge and enjoy good company, you can form your own team, or join others from Christ Our Light Parish. To register, go to <https://cohdig.au/trivia> or contact Adrian Foley at ade.foley@gmail.com or mobile 0497 780 233.