

FIRST READING

A reading from the first book of the Kings 17:10-16

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth." The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year

after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:38-44

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.' He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR B - 9th/10th NOVEMBER, 2024



Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity. However, God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - 9th / 10th NOVEMBER, 2024

PRAYING FOR:

Jane Ryan,

... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Donald Walford, Belle Kenny,
Dominic D'Souza, Marguerite de Robillard,
Geoffrey Miller, Terry Sier, Allan Fry,
Carmela Del Rossi, Giovanna Bernabeo,
Barbara Mills, Frances Max, Sofia Mazzeo,
Caterina Giorlando, Lucia Giorlando,

...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.melbourneP/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.



MONTH OF NOVEMBER Remembering Our Dearly Departed

The Cross of Remembrance

You are invited to inscribe the names of your dear
loved ones who have died. A cross is located near
the Altar in each of our churches.

November Offering envelopes are available in
our church foyers and at the Remembrance
Crosses, for those who would like Masses offered
for deceased loved ones.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL Christmas "Giving Tree" On 7th

December St Vincent De Paul
volunteers will pack/deliver some 90
Christmas Food Hampers to our needy families
plus Retailers Gift Cards (not toys) for their 82
children. If you wish to help, please take an
envelope from around the tree today and return it
with your Gift Card enclosed, by Sunday, 1st
December, if possible. Many thanks, Rob
Hamilton.



PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2024 This weekend is CatholicCare

Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal
(previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal).
Donations from our parish will support the most
vulnerable people in our community. Your
support and generosity will ensure that Catholic
Prison Chaplains can continue to be the
messengers of God's mercy, love and
compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer
prayers and financial support to help provide
continued spiritual and emotional comfort to
individuals and families in Victoria. The presence
of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our
faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love,
and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its
stages. You can donate using the envelopes
available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or
call (03) 9967 2515. Please give generously.

OLA FETE – 23rd NOVEMBER 2024



THE CAKE & PRESERVES STALL NEEDS YOU!

Traditionally our OLA community have been
incredibly generous in their support of the Cake
Stall by contributing donations of your family's
favourite treats. Paper plates/cellophane bags are
available in the foyer to assist with packaging your
donations. Donations can be left at the school
office on Friday 22nd Nov 12:30-1:30pm or
delivered directly to the stall on the morning of the
fete. If any parishioner would like to assist on the
Stall on Fete Day, please don't hesitate to contact
us. Thank you in advance,
Kara Bogicevic and Julia Clemente
0409 353 957 0423 679 018

CALLING ALL SCONE BAKERS!

Our Devonshire Tea at this year's fete will be
serving home made scones and we would love
some contributions from any scone bakers in the
parish. Please reach out to Olivia Moran on 0420
490 713 or sign up after Mass on the sheet in foyer.
Thank you to those who have already offered to
bake scones and drop them off on the morning of
the fete.

CHELTENHAM COUNTERS Many thanks
for the volunteering you do with the counting.
The time you give to the Church is very much
appreciated. The 2025 roster is currently being
prepared. If you would like to reconsider being a
counter, please let either John Tetteroo (0432 649
659) or Maureen Ryan (0407 544 779) know.
New counters are also very welcome. Please
contact John or Maureen for details.



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

With great joy the Church of God
formally welcome those to be Baptised
this weekend: Hunter
Flack, Teodora Babic and Toma
Cvitkovic.