

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6–10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/ I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests, he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



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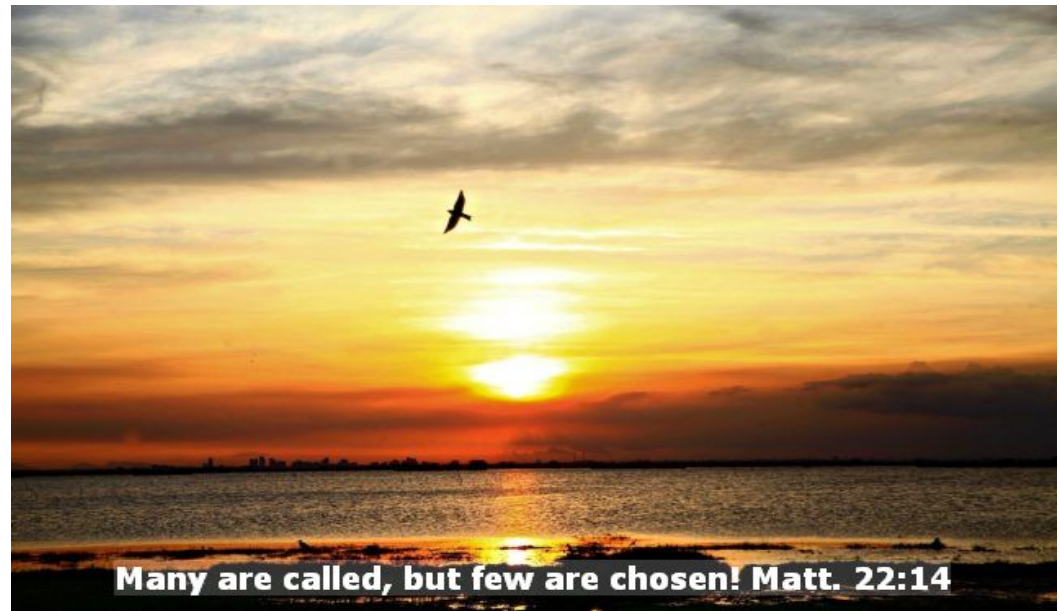
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

10th / 11th OCTOBER, 2026



As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the heavenly banquet. This is the case, both in this week's parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than life's other pursuits. So much time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, many struggle to find the time and energy it might require. And so we send our regrets. What a shame! We can forget that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is accept them. God provides whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We needn't negotiate with God.

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MASS TIMES – CHELTENHAM & HIGETT**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-EIGHTH SUNDAY-Year A

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PRAYING FOR:

Connie Verhoef, Bernard Woon,
Bethia Tennyson, Kevin Thomas,
Vivienne Madeira,

and all who have died recently.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR:

Frank Forbes, Ludmila Gloss, Effie Lambert,
Diane Hyde, Rick Miller, Michael McGurn,
Molly Kelly, Daniel Paoli, Grace Sison,
Domingo Sison, Agueda Rubia,
Jennifer Batchelor, Jack Wishart

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.

**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 Scripture

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the
road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God
walking with His people. Synodality places us
within that biblical story.

**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND**

With great joy the Church of God
formally welcomes: Kallie
Patterson, Laurize Martindale,
Ivy Wood and Huxley Wood,
whose Baptisms we celebrate this weekend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Please
pray for our young parishioners who are preparing
to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the
week ahead. Our parish Confirmation Masses will
be celebrated this coming **Friday 16th October** at
5pm in **OLA church**, and within our **6pm**
Saturday evening Mass at **St Agnes' church**, on
17th October. We sincerely thank all those who
have helped with the children's preparation.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Communion
Service on Mondays throughout October.

**POPE LEO'S PRAYER
INTENTION FOR THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER**

Pope Leo XIV has dedicated
his October prayer intention to
mental health ministry, calling
on the Church to listen without judging and
accompany those who suffer without
excluding them. He prays, 'We bring before
you our brothers and sisters who struggle
with challenges to their mental health, who
suffer in solitude with anxiety, depression or
any other mental illness'. His prayer may be
accessed online here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rx0liiPoyRLY

**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!

WORLD FOOD DAY 2026

World Food Day
is observed globally on 16th October to raise
awareness about global hunger, promote food
security, and encourage action to eradicate
malnutrition and poverty. For more details visit:
<https://www.fao.org/world-food-day/en>

