

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our

homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud
the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

15th/16th MARCH, 2025



The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us. God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
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PRAYING FOR:

Marjorie Connolly, Josette Vassollo,
Therese Costelloe, Donwin Baptista,
Rosemay Lan, Juliana Granada,
Charlie Healey, Adela Aviles,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Matt Ryan, William Byrne, Charles Dib,
Douglas Boustead, Ita Lambert,
Frank Sweeney, Elizabeth Fox,
Eamon Molloy, Nathan De Abreu,

...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
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.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.

 **PROJECT COMPASSION**
2025 Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) is a 13-year-old

primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.


Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time.

Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. This transformative story is just one example of how Caritas Australia's Project Compassion creates waves of change around the world. Will you stand with students like Toefuata'iga this Lent?

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

 **Vatican Websites: THE HOLY SEE**
As we marked the 12th Anniversary of Pope Francis' election as Pontiff this past week, it may prompt you to visit the websites of the Holy See. These sites are a great resource for the Pope's homilies, speeches, Apostolic Letters, Encyclicals, and for Vatican News, etc. Simply visit:

vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html

vaticannews.va/en.html



FLOWER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS We are seeking volunteers to assist with the presentation of flowers within OLA church. If you can spare an hour or two of your time and creativity, please contact Vino in the Parish Office on 9583 6161 or Email: col@cam.org.au.



OLA CHOIR Come along and sing with us!! Easter Choir practice begins next **Sunday 23rd March** from **10am** at OLA and will continue every Sunday until Easter. All are welcome. Enquiries: Tony 0468 453 156 or Helen 0432 866 039.



CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our congratulations and best wishes to:

Dannet D'Souza
&
Tuyet Duong

Who will celebrate their Wedding at St Agnes' Church this coming Wednesday the 19th March.



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE ENROLMENTS YEAR 7, 2027

are now open. St Bede's warmly welcomes you and your family to attend a College campus tour. It's a wonderful opportunity to explore Campus facilities and hear more about student life from our students and College leaders.

Bookings for a College Tour can be made using the following QR code:



Please note: Enrolments for Year 7, 2027, close on 15th August, 2025.

For further information visit our website:

stbedes.catholic.edu.au/