

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Be with me, Lord,
when I am in trouble.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however

many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
from the mouth of God.
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GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.



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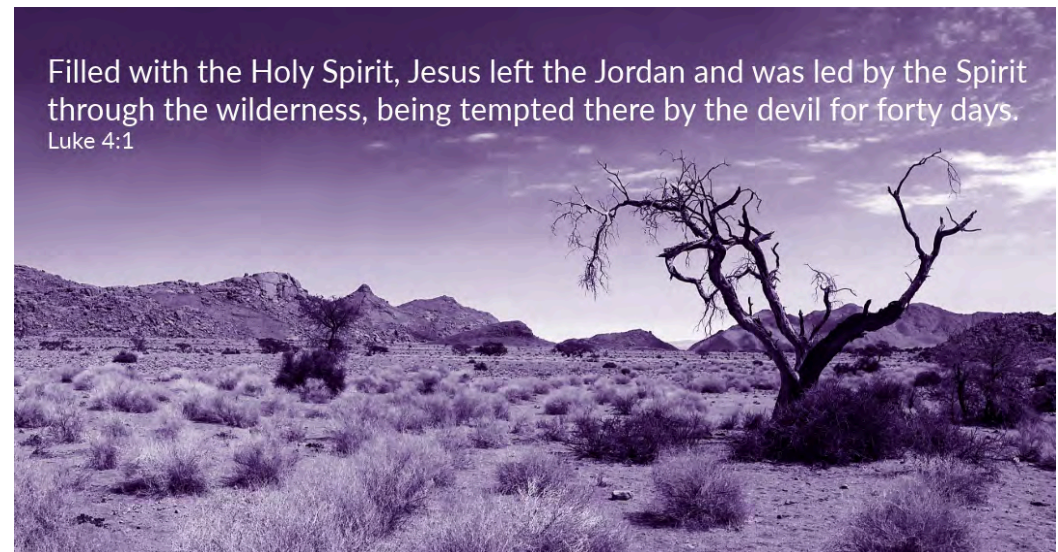
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8th / 9th MARCH, 2025



Lent is a time when we are reminded that there is nothing we can do to win our salvation. It is a pure gift from God. Like Jesus in the wilderness, we are to allow God's plan to unfold in and through us. Lent is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us. The temptations of Jesus are the same temptations that we face when we are inclined to think that somehow we are in control. While the goals of the temptations may be admirable – feed the hungry, bring the world under the control of good, trust in God's power to protect us – we often choose to accomplish them in ways that are less than admirable. We try to perform the extraordinary so that what we do reflects favourably on us. We put God to the test rather than live peacefully with God's plan as it unfolds within and around us. In his responses to the tempter, we see Jesus constantly deferring to the power of God. In a real sense, these temptations are a reminder that the fundamental temptation is to deny our human limitations and refuse to let God be God for us.

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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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Fr Peter Carrucan PE, Margaret Masters,
Graeme Douthie, Zenaida Liwanag,
Frank Anile, Kim Groot, Carlos Agustin,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Sy Bun Siu, William Morley, Audrey Homan,
Adam Wanless, Darren Edgar,
Mary McGannon, Fr John McGannon,
Martin Piccolo, Kit Martin, August Valent,
Aliette d'Offay, Doris Zahra,
Bernadette Cutajar, Marge Rosevear,
Lawrence Mooney, Paul Smiles,
Brian McKittrick, May Molloy, Pat Molloy,
Cyprian Osando, Paul Chadwick,
Gerald Lannan, Edmund Noone,

...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.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.

LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Please

Note: There will be **No Communion Service on Monday 10th March 2025.**



PROJECT COMPASSION 2025 This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. This year is especially significant as we celebrate the Jubilee Year - a time of renewal and solidarity.

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet Toefuata'iga a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education.

We'll get to know Lam from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer.

And we'll meet Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family. 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.



This Saturday 8th March, you're invited to stay and join fellow parishioners for a cuppa **after the 6pm Mass**, in St Agnes' Church Foyer.

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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.

THE ST MARY OF THE CROSS PARISH JUSTICE ACTION GROUP (JAG) is committed to raising awareness and taking action to address the issue of Domestic and Family Violence. The key activity will be a Parish Forum on Saturday 15th March 2025, from 2-3:30pm, at St Brigid's school hall. This will be an adults-only event and bookings are required. Further information on our website:

www.melbocatholic.org/s/mordialloc-aspendale

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA & WAGGA WAGGA are conducting a Lenten Retreat on **Saturday 15th March, from 9am – 12.30pm.** Venue: **St. Roch's Catholic Church, 198-200 Burke Road, Glen Iris.** Program: The morning includes Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, Spiritual Talks and morning tea. Led by Fr Michael Gallacher. All are welcome. Register at www.trybooking.com/CXRYE or via email at: info@cwvicww.org.au