

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Joshua 5:9-12
The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R./ Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21
For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I will rise and go to my Father
and tell him:**

**Father, I have sinned against heaven
and against you.**

**Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 15:1-3. 11-32
The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT
CATHOLIC PARISH**

HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM

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The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God. The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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PRAYING FOR:

John Des O'Reilly, Mireille Messawarati,
and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Fortunata Morabito, Selim Messawarati,
Maryann D'Rozario, Benedicta Nombrado,
Michael Campion, Ken Holloway,

...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.

 **PROJECT COMPASSION**
2025 Irene lives in the Kongolo
Region in the Democratic
Republic of the Congo (DRC) and 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



Next Sunday 6th April, you're
invited to stay and join fellow
parishioners for a cuppa **after the
9am & 11am Masses**, in the OLA Church
Meeting Room.



**COL GARDENING
GROUP** There will
be a 'Working Bee'
on Saturday next, 5th
April from 10am.
Anyone able to assist, either casually or
more regularly, would be most welcome. For
further information contact John Tetteroo on
0432 649 659. Thank you in anticipation of
your presence.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS
Daylight Savings ends next
Sunday 6th April. We turn our
clocks back 1 hour.



THE KNITTING GROUP will
be holding their stall at OLA
church **next Sunday 6th April**
after the 9am and 11am Masses.
All proceeds will go to the St Vincent De Paul
Cheltenham Conference. Come along and
support these wonderful, creative people. If
you would like to join the group, come along
on Tuesday 1st April at 1pm, in the Church
Meeting Room. All are welcome. *'In the
rhythm of the needles, there is music for the
soul'.*

Gospel reading continued...

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."



COL CHOIR We extend an
invitation to you to come along and
sing with us!! Easter Choir practice
on Sunday from **10am** at OLA church, and
will continue each Sunday morning until
Easter. All are welcome. Enquiries: Tony 0468
453 156 or Helen 0432 866 039.



**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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Monica Cashin, a
parishioner, who was recently awarded a City of
Kingston Women of the Year Award, in the
Arts and Sports Category. Well done, Monica.