

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the book of Exodus

3:1-8. 13-15

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God. And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.' Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ The Lord is kind and merciful.**

## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

10:1-6. 10-12

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert. These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer. All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Repent, says the Lord;  
the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**

**Glory to you, Word of God,  
Lord Jesus Christ!**

## GOSPEL READING

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them?

*(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)*



## CHRIST OUR LIGHT CATHOLIC PARISH

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2025



The Lenten theme of repentance (metanoia) is the central teaching of today's Gospel. Living Christian faith does make demands that go beyond an hour on Sunday. In all the choices we make, about what we buy, how we live and how we vote, we are to be guided by Gospel principles of 'love of God and neighbour.' Are we living a rigorous Christianity that stands for principles of social justice, respect for all, tolerance towards others with a special regard for those most vulnerable in our society? What are our values really? How much do Gospel values impinge on the choices we make. These questions may help deepen our Lenten time of metanoia. Lent is a metanoia time giving us a chance to have a change of heart and to live from the choices of our hearts. We are at the half-way point of the Lenten journey. This week take some time to reflect on your choices and the direction in which you want your life to go. Choose while the choice is still possible.

*Mary Coloe PBVM*

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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.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**YEAR C - 22<sup>nd</sup>/ 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 2025**

**PRAYING FOR:**

Marjorie Connolly, Patricia Bolger,  
Lawrence Tudu, Marlina Rovira,  
Patricia Benson, Elvin Thomas,  
*and all those who died recently.*

**WE ALSO REMEMBER:**

Antonino Fucile, Giuseppe Fucile,  
Giuliano Pertile, Julie D'Souza,  
Francis Fernandes, Frank Patterson,  
Ben Plummer, Cora Robinson,  
Steffano Bettoni, Mariano Villaceran,  
Noel Byrne,

*...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](http://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 Lam is 27 years old from  
a small village in rural Vietnam  
who faced significant challenges due to his short  
stature. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam  
completed a six-month course developing his  
graphic design skills. He now runs a successful  
freelance graphic design business from home,  
serving clients worldwide and earning a steady  
income. You can support Project Compassion  
2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or  
online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by  
calling: 1800 024 413

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** Please keep in  
your prayers our young parishioners who, this  
coming week, will celebrate the Sacrament of  
Reconciliation for the first time.

**† UPCOMING FUNERALS †**  
**(OLA Church)**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

**Marjorie Connolly (RIP)**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 11am

**Patricia Bolger (RIP)**

*May their souls and the souls of all our  
faithful departed, rest in peace.*



**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 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.**

For further information visit our website:

[stbedes.catholic.edu.au](http://stbedes.catholic.edu.au)

*Gospel reading continued...*

Do you suppose that they were more guilty than  
all the other people living in Jerusalem? They  
were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you  
will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree  
planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for  
fruit on it but found none. He said to the man  
who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for  
three years now I have been coming to look for  
fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it  
down: why should it be taking up the ground?"  
"Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year  
and give me time to dig round it and manure it:  
it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can  
cut it down."



**CHOIR** We extend an invitation to  
you to come along and sing with us!!  
Easter Choir practice begins  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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](mailto:col@cam.org.au).



**THE KNITTING GROUP** will be  
holding their stall at OLA church on  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> April at 1pm,  
in the Church Meeting Room. All are  
welcome. *'In the rhythm of the needles, there  
is music for the soul'.*