

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

6:1-8

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.' The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: 'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: 'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: 'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?' I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ In the sight of the angels
I will sing your praises, Lord.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been

taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

(Gospel reading continued overleaf...)



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

8th/9th FEBRUARY, 2025



Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world and this call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

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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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YR C - 8th/9th FEBRUARY, 2025

PRAYING FOR:

Nicole Thompson, Helen Lugt,
Sr Bernadette Nihill CSB,

and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Austin Francis, Malcolm D'Souza,
Margaret Donovan, Antonio Cesario,
Alexandre Nime, Dolores Aviles,
Janet Siebel, Absalon Layos,
Mariano Villaceram, Don Clifford,

...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.

† UPCOMING FUNERAL †

Tuesday 11th February at 1 pm (OLA)

Nicole Thompson (RIP)

May her soul and the souls of all our faithful departed, rest in peace.



BAPTISM THIS WEEKEND With great joy the Church of God formally welcomes Ella who is to be Baptised this weekend.



THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY AND THE AUSTRALIAN CHURCH - WHERE TO NOW? All are invited to take part in a report back and discussion session about the global Synod and its implications for the Australian Church, to be held via Zoom at **7.30 pm on Wednesday 19th February 2025.**

The presentations will focus on the final session of the universal Synod in October 2024 and its report For a Synodal Church. The presenters are two Synod participants: Bishop Shane Mackinlay and Dr Sandie Cornish (yet to be confirmed for this date). As well as relating their experiences of the final meeting, the presentations and discussion will highlight key issues such as the role of women in the Church, the diversity of opinions across the global Church and the scope for local autonomy. A key question is how the Australian Church will implement the results of the Synod and address unresolved issues. Free registration here at:

trybooking.com/CYOTK

Gospel reading continued...

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is people you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.



HEART OF LIFE - JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO THE CROSS

Reflection Series (Online)

Beginning 6th March 2025, from 7.30-8.30pm
Join us on Thursday evenings during Lent for a time of reflection. Each week will feature guided meditation, quiet personal reflection, dwelling in the word and an opportunity for group sharing. Register at heartoflife.melbourne.



ONLINE INTERLINEAR STUDY BIBLE Here is a very helpful **online resource** for the study of Sacred

Scripture, and the understanding of these texts in their original languages, namely Hebrew and Greek.

Those wanting to grasp the significance of specific quotes or phrases can benefit by also examining the texts in their first languages, both in a literal and interpretive sense.

studybible.info/interlinear