

## FIRST READING

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

**7:7-11**

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**R./ Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!**

## SECOND READING

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

**4:12-13**

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL READING

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to**

**Mark**

**10:17-30**

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



**CHRIST OUR LIGHT  
CATHOLIC PARISH**

**HIGHETT / CHELTENHAM**

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**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR B - 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2024**

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**How hard it is for those who have  
riches to enter the kingdom of God!**

Mark 10:23

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This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded. One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more. *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.

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PRAYING FOR:

Fr Michael Morgan PE, David O'Connor,  
... and all those who died recently.

WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Denis Foley, Michael McGurn,  
Molly Kelly, Darrell D'Monte,  
John Puccetti, Angela Settineri,  
Giuseppe Laquidara, Ludmila Gloss,  
Paul Gamble, Leo McGannon,  
Lola Costillo, Majorie Joseph,  
Sabino Del Balso, Manuela Lenio  
and Hendrika Cox.

... 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  
2023 to Christ the King 2024 are taken from  
Year B 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](http://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.



**BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND**  
With great joy the Church of God  
welcomes **Fletcher, Scarlett,  
Dasher, Vin and Arya** who will be  
BAPTISM Baptised this weekend.



**CATHOLIC MISSION  
APPEAL 2024** In  
Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar  
suffered a life-altering injury while trying to  
rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable  
to work and reliant on scarce support services for  
basic needs. Without shelter and food,  
Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to  
death. Resources are limited, but the Church in  
Mongolia is working hard to provide essential  
services to people in need. **This World Mission  
Month, we invite you to extend your  
generosity to help enhance these vital services.  
Your support can make a significant  
difference to the lives of many, offering hope  
and tangible assistance to individuals like  
Chuluunbaatar.** A special collection will be  
taken up at all Masses next weekend.



**RETURNING COMMUNION  
PYXES** Any parishioners who  
previously volunteered to minister  
Holy Communion to the sick, and still have, in  
their possession, a parish pyx, are asked to  
please return it to the Parish Office. Thanks.



**THE YCW VETERANS  
ASSOCIATION** The  
Association is keen to hear  
from any parishioners who were connected to  
the Highett/Cheltenham YCW in the  
1960s and who had sons or brothers balloted  
into the armed forces to fight in Vietnam.  
The Association is anxious to connect with  
any of these past members, and/or their  
families, as work is in process to assist any  
of the abovementioned who may be in need.  
For more information, contact Frank Barber  
on 0421 349 937 or via email:

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**OLA FETE - 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov. DO  
YOU HAVE A MARQUEE?**  
If anyone has a marquee that they  
could loan for the fete, please  
contact John Bardon at  
[jkardon@gmail.com](mailto:jkardon@gmail.com) ASAP & cc.  
[fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fete@olacheltenham.catholic.edu.au)

**PLANTS STALL** is seeking donations of  
flowers, herbs and succulent in plastic pots.

**LUCKY BOTTLES STALL** The Fete  
committee are collecting wine, bubbles or spirits  
for the lucky bottles stall. Bottles will be  
accepted right up to the week of the fete. Kindly  
drop your donations into the school office.

**CAKE STALL** is seeking donations of jams,  
curds, oils and preserves. These items are  
always very popular so please make as many  
jars as you can. Contact Kara Bogicevic 0409  
353 957 for queries.

**CHOCTOBER** October is our Choc-O-Block  
drive month and the committee are kindly  
seeking donations of chocolate blocks and  
chocolate share packs for the Choc-O-Block  
stall. Donations can be left at the School Office.



**BASP TRIVIA NIGHT** The Brigidine  
Asylum Seeker Project Trivia Team are  
organising another Trivia Night, via Zoom, on  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. These Trivia  
Nights run by St Mary's church, Hampton, are  
great fun and raise funds for asylum seekers  
supported by the Brigidine Asylum Seeker  
Project. They are well supported and  
professionally run, with around 15 teams  
taking part. If you would like to test your  
knowledge and enjoy good company, you can  
form your own team, or join others from  
Christ Our Light Parish. To register, go to  
<https://cohdig.au/trivia> or contact Adrian Foley at  
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