

**ST MATTHEW'S ANGLICAN PARISH  
CHELTENHAM**

**16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / OS 26**

**SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025**



**CELEBRANT & PREACHER:  
FR. GERALD LOOS**

**DEACON OF THE MASS: REV'D JILL RENISON**

**ORGANIST: MR KEITH FULLARD**

*This church stands on the land of the Boon Wurrung people.  
We respectfully acknowledge their elders, past and present, and we pray  
for the ongoing work of reconciliation.*

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

*Then sings my soul...*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die – I scarce can take it in  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin:

*Then sings my soul...*

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, ‘my God, how great thou art!’

*Then sings my soul...*

## GATHERING IN GOD’S NAME

In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

♪ Cantor – I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *The Invitation to Confession*

Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours  
as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you  
in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith: pardon you and set you free from all your

sins, strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

♪ Lord, have mercy (x3)  
Christ, have mercy (x3)  
Lord, have mercy (x3)

### *The Gloria*

♪ Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our  
prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

### THE COLLECT

Let us pray,

Almighty God, our creator and guide, may we serve you with all our heart and know your forgiveness in our lives. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and

reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

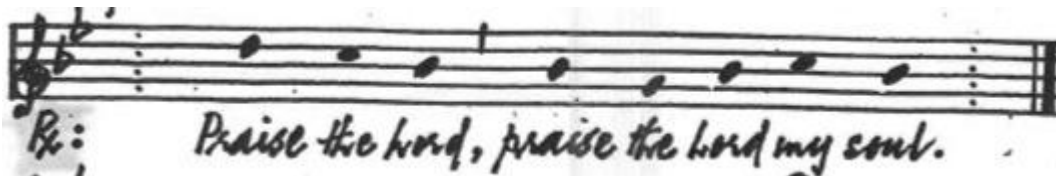
### FIRST READING

A reading from Amos

(Amos 6:1a, 4-7 - Found on page 747 in the pew bible)

For the word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM 146



**R:** Praise the Lord, praise the Lord my soul.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever:  
who deals justice to those that are oppressed.  
The Lord gives food to the hungry:  
and sets the captives free. **R:**

The Lord gives sight to the blind:  
the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.  
The Lord loves the righteous:  
the Lord cares for the stranger in the land. **R:**

The Lord upholds the widow and the fatherless:  
as for the way of the wicked, he turns it upside down.  
The Lord shall be king for ever:  
your God, O Zion, shall reign through all generations. **R:**

## SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter to Timothy  
(1 Timothy 6:6-19 - Found on page 965 in the pew bible)

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL *Please stand*

♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

♪ Cantor -Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor: to  
make you rich out of his poverty.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Luke 16:19-31 -- found on page 851 in the pew bible)

For the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Sermon

*Silence may be kept.*

## The Nicene Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and  
became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he  
suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy  
catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God is forever faithful, and he strengthens the oppressed  
and lifts the lowly. With confidence in his mercy, we now  
bring our prayers before him.

For the Church:

That all who follow Christ may manifest his love in concrete  
acts of mercy and justice toward the poor and vulnerable.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For civic leaders and those in public office:

That they govern with compassion, defend the dignity of  
every person, and create laws and policies that protect and  
care for those in need.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those weighed down by poverty, illness, or loneliness:

That they may experience God's presence, find help through  
others, and be supported in hope, strength, and healing.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For those of us gathered here:

That our faith may move beyond words — that we may share  
generously, act kindly, and walk humbly as witnesses of



Christ's compassion in our daily lives.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

For the faithful departed and all who have died:  
Especially those who suffered injustices in life, remembering  
Fr Peter and Barbara Wellock whose ashes we intern today  
— may they rest in God's peace and mercy.  
Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Lord our God, in your compassion you give us true riches —  
love, mercy, and justice. Hear these prayers of your people  
and grant what we ask in faith, that we may always live  
according to your will, share what we have, and love as Jesus  
has loved us. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.  
**His spirit is with us.**  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**HYMN: We pray thee, heavenly Father     311 NEH**

We pray thee, heavenly Father,  
To hear us in thy love,  
And pour upon thy children  
The unction from above;  
That so in love abiding,  
From all defilement free,  
We may in pureness offer  
Our Eucharist to thee.

All that we have we offer,  
For it is all thine own,  
All gifts, by thine appointment,  
In bread and cup are shown;  
One thing alone we bring not,  
The wilfulness of sin,  
And all we bring is nothing  
Save that which is within.

Within the pure oblation,  
Beneath the outward sign,  
By that his operation,—  
The Holy Ghost divine,—  
Lies hid the sacred Body,  
Lies hid the precious Blood,  
Once slain, now ever glorious,  
Of Christ our Lord and God.

Wherefore, though all unworthy  
To offer sacrifice,  
We pray that this our duty  
Be pleasing in thine eyes;  
For praise, and thanks and worship,  
For mercy and for aid,  
The Catholic oblation  
Of Jesus Christ is made.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my sisters and brothers, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Lord, hear the prayers of your people and receive our gifts. May the worship of each one here bring salvation to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

♪ The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All glory and honour be yours always and everywhere,  
mighty Creator, everliving God.

We give you thanks and praise for our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who by the power of your Spirit was born of Mary  
and lived as one of us.

By his death on the cross and rising to new life,  
he offered the one true sacrifice for sin  
and obtained an eternal deliverance for his people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Merciful God, we thank you  
for these gifts of your creation,  
this bread and wine,  
and we pray that by your Word and Holy Spirit,  
we who eat and drink them  
may be partakers of Christ's body and blood.  
On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread;  
and when he had given you thanks  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,  
    "Take, eat. This is my body given for you.  
    Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup,  
and again giving you thanks  
he gave it to his disciples, saying,  
    "Drink from this, all of you.  
    This is my blood of the new covenant  
    shed for you and for many  
    for the forgiveness of sins.  
    Do this, as often as you drink it,  
    in remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we do as our Saviour has commanded:  
proclaiming his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross,  
his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming again,  
we celebrate, with this bread and this cup,  
his one perfect and sufficient sacrifice  
for the sins of the whole world.

Renew us by your Holy Spirit,  
unite us in the body of your Son,  
and bring us with all your people  
into the joy of your eternal kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
with whom, and in whom,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**



♪ As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to  
pray,



## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
 We who are many are one body,  
 for we all share in the one bread.

♪ Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
 Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
 grant us your peace.

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.  
 Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word,  
 and I shall be healed.

*The sacrament is given with the following words*

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

♪ Cantor – create in us a pure heart O God: and put a new and loyal spirit in us.

Let us pray.

Father, in this eucharist we have shared the joy of salvation. May this food renew us in Christ, who came to call not the just but sinners to salvation in his kingdom where he is Lord for ever and ever

**Father, we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen**

*Please remain seated for some announcements.*

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*If you are able, please stand for God's blessing*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**HYMN: Abide with me fast falls the eventide      TIS 586**

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:**

when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away,  
change and decay in all around I see:  
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## Church News

Morning tea after Mass in the Parish Hall

A Special THANK YOU to all who made St  
Matthew's Day a success



## Feast / Special days

5 October – St Francis of Assisi

9:30am Mass followed by petting zoo and sausage sizzle

Please advertise this among your family and friends



### ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

1<sup>st</sup> November 8:00am & 9:30am

Names of our loved ones who have gone before us will be remembered at this Mass



## PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November @ 10:45am

Please note that the Electoral Role will be closed on Sunday 26 October please check that your name is on the Electoral Role if not please fill in the form provided

All organisations within the parish please send in your reports by the end of October.

### Service Roster 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - St Francis Day

Volunteer roster:	Readings:
Welcomer: Barbara Chalice: Sandra Reader: Rory Intercessor: Graham	Galatians 6:14-18 Psalm 133 Matthew 11: 25-30

### Prayer Diary:

Monday	29 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret & Robert Henry Deborah Howard Janet Jeffery
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Russell & Elizabeth Joyce Doug Kennedy & Nicole Tanner Chloe Lampard
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	Anne Leegel

		Joan & Don Leslie Fr Gerald, Shani & Gabe Loos
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sanjeeve, Rapti & Skyler Markalanda / Wijendra Family Shirley & Ken Marriot Rory McGrath
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Frances McKay Fr Rob & Jenny McUtchen Marie Murray-Arthur
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	CHN St. Matthew's Cheltenham



Today's gospel passage is a striking parable that confronts the danger of spiritual blindness caused by comfort, wealth, or indifference.

The rich man lived in luxury while Lazarus, a poor and suffering man, lay ignored at his gate.

Despite their close physical proximity, there was a vast spiritual and emotional distance between them—a distance that becomes eternal after death.

This story challenges us to look around and ask: Who is lying at our gate? Who are we overlooking in our comfort or busyness?

It also reminds us that God has already given us what we need—through Scripture, through Christ's teaching—to live justly, love mercifully, and walk humbly. We cannot claim ignorance; the call to compassion is clear.

In the end, the parable isn't just about the afterlife—it's a wake-up call for how we live now. It invites us to open our eyes, soften our hearts, and respond to the needs of others while we still have the chance.

Blessings

*Fr Gerald*

*A warm welcome to all who are visiting this morning.  
Please join us for a cuppa in the Parish Hall.*

# EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT ST MATTHEW'S

## **First Sunday of the Month:**

8:00am A quiet, said service of Holy Communion

## **Every Sunday:**

9:30am A sung service of Holy Communion  
with a Children's Program

## **Wednesdays (not in January):**

9:45am Prayer for Healing, Wholeness and Peace

10:00am A quiet, said service of Holy Communion

## **Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings:**

9:00-9:30 am Morning Prayer via Zoom.

The link can be found in the Parish e-newsletter.

Meeting ID: 796 1738 1243

Passcode: 8hzrij

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Tuesday – Pastoral Visits

Wednesday – Healing Mass and Home Communion

Thursday - Office Day in Parish Office

Friday – Pastoral Visits

Please note that Fr Gerald will be taking his regular day off on Monday.

Should there be an emergency or if you require urgent pastoral care, he can be contacted on his mobile.

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St Matthew's  
Cheltenham



Celebrating  
**St Francis Day**  
**Sunday 5th October**  
**9:30am Mass**

With Blessing  
of the pets

At  
161 Park Road  
Cheltenham  
(cnr of Nepean Hwy)

Followed by  
Petting Zoo  
Free Sausage Sizzle

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