



Western Port Catholic Parish

Immaculate Conception Hastings, St Peter's Shoreham and St Brendan's Church Somerville

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First Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his rest-less nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R)**

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. **(R)**

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. **(R)**

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R)**

Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and, in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!**Gospel:****Luke 12:13-21*****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke***

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'



Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say, to my soul: 'My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.'" But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage

Embark on a transformative journey through Italy, visiting the sacred sites of the Church's most beloved saints like **St Catherine of Siena**, **St Francis of Assisi**, and **St Padre Pio—Assisi, Sienna and San Giovanni Rotondo**. COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 08 AND OCTOBER 20, 2025, 12 DAYS. Learn more: [Great Saints of Italy - Catholic Pilgrimage – Harvest Journeys Catholic Pilgrimages](#)

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH**Scriptural
Context****Do not worry**

This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.

Western Port Parish is committed to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protect them from harm.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 4 August —10 August**MONDAY** *No Service***TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.00am** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**SATURDAY****6.00pm** Confirmation Mass at St Brendan's Church, Somerville**SUNDAY****8.00am** Mass at St Peter's Church, Shoreham**10.00am** Confirmation Mass at Immaculate Conception Church,
Hastings**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CUPBOARD**

The demand for non-perishable food is significant and the Conference is currently purchasing items to give to those in need in our Community.

We are in desperate need of the following food items. Long Life Milk, Pasta and Pasta sauces, tins of Soup, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Tuna, diced Tomatoes, tins of Vegetables and tinned Fruit . Spreads such as Peanut Butter, Jam, Vegemite, Sweet and Dry biscuits and Two-minute noodles and Cup of soups . Any type of toiletries would be most welcome .

Thank you for your ongoing support!

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Brian Stahl, Kees Meyer, Mary McCluskey, Michael Smith, Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Marie Mereszko, Halima, Sala, Agnes, Malia, Janelle Farley, Maureen Bleighly, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Pat Tagliabue, Frank Tagliabue, Michael Pound, John Kelly, Janice Danaher, Vicky Mathis, Edna Walsh, Jane Maria, Kathy Burke, Frank Howard, Mike Mason, Elaine Duyvestyn, James Smythe, Lucy Triffett, Helena Jaskolski, Oscar Dixon-Rotherham, Margaret Sherlock, Kathleen and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

Please pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Carmel Tuck. May they rest in peace.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 9/8 & 10/8/2025

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Confirmation Candidates	Anthony Grimes	Confirmation Candidates	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Brian McAnallen
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Street	Sylvia Falzon	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Steven Stewart Ian Marshall
Commentator	Garry McDonell	Anne-Marie Wilkinson	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing Brian McAnallen
Altar Linen		AUG.—Genevieve Meyer		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	AUG.—Catherine Russ		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Louise Street	Somerville Maintenance— Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson		Communion to the Sick This Week	---
Cleaning	AUG. — Christine Coleman				

Western Port Parish Fundraiser and Social Dinner

Date: Friday 29th August 2025

Time: 6.30pm - 10.00pm

Place: Western Port Parish Community Room

Cost: \$30.00 per person
BYO: Alcohol and soft drinks (Tea and Coffee will be provided)

We warmly invite you to come along and enjoy a wonderful evening of food, live music and fun! We would gratefully accept your kind donation of Raffle Prizes, if you are able to, and also a casserole or dessert to share on the night, (please let us know when you purchase your ticket). Don't forget to bring some cash and coins on the night for the raffles and games. Tickets are on sale at all Mass Centres after Mass from the 19th July 2025

MORNING TEA

There will be Morning Tea this **Sunday the 3rd of August** at **Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass.

All are welcome!

Evangelisation: Bridging the gap between parish and school

When: **Tuesday 9 September 2025, 7pm-9pm**

Where: **Mulgrave Country Club
Corner of Wellington and Jells Roads
Whealers Hill**

Parish and school leadership teams are invited to the final session of *The Vibrant Parish Formation Series*. The Catholic school is today's 'mission field'. For many families, it is the only place where people encounter the Church in their daily lives. The missionary imperative to share the Gospel—the Great Commission—today may seem daunting.

Hear real-life experiences from parish priests and school leadership team members. Gain insights on bringing parish and school closer together in mission and explore practical ways for your communities.

Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5761

Registrations close on 9 August.

National Vocations Awareness Week 3 - 10 August

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage.

Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



Thank you from St Mary's Hastings & St Joseph's Crib Point

We are grateful to the Western Port Parish community for your warm welcome, kind support and prayers for our Confirmation candidates. The children are excited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next Sunday, 10th August at 10am at Immaculate Conception Church.

All are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration.

NEW SCHOOL PROGRAM HELPS BRIDGE GENERATION GAP

The Generations of Value program helps children appreciate the contributions of older generations, while inspiring older people to maintain connection and purpose in their lives. Inspired by Stanford University's *New Map of Life*, it counters myths about ageing and emphasises lifelong learning. By fostering mutual respect between young and old, the program strengthens communities and intergenerational bonds.



Continue reading: [New school program helps bridge generation gap](#)

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Working With Children Check

Is your **Working With Children Check** registered with our Parish Secretary? Please forward your current card details to the Parish Secretary at the office in Hastings or via email to westernport@cam.org.au. **Training** online and signed **Code of Conduct** should be completed at the links below and details posted/emailed to the Parish Secretary. Face to face training (one session) will be offered during the year after mass at a date to be notified.

Training: [Login](#)

Code of conduct: [Safeguarding-Children-Code-of-Conduct-Declaration-2915.pdf](#). Thanks to all those who already provided their WWCC details and completed their online training.

Total givings from the week 21/7-27/7/25

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$506.90
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$1321.45
Tap Machine Donations	\$97.01
Thank you for your ongoing support!	