



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C, 24th August 2025

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First Reading:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps.116

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him?

Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel.

Luke 13:22-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025: Registrations Open



WHAT? ACYF is a three-day festival bringing together thousands of young people from across Australia. The Festival will include opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, bishops, musicians, and speakers. **WHEN?** Sunday 30 November (afternoon) – Tuesday 2 December (late evening). **WHERE?** The Festival will be hosted at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). **WHO?** Young people from Year 9 up to 25 years of age are invited along with their leaders. **REGISTRATION** information, including pricing, methods of payment, terms and conditions and group types can be found via the Registration page of the ACYF website:

www.acyf.org.au/registration.

Here you can find Fundraising Guide for Young People: [ACYF-National-Fundraising.pdf](#)

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 25th—31st August**MONDAY** No Mass**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.30** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**11a.m.** Funeral Mass at Somerville.**FRIDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**11a.m.** Funeral Mass for Peter Hall at Shoreham**SATURDAY****10.00am-10.30am Reconciliation at Hastings****6.00pm** Mass at St Brendan's Church, Somerville**SUNDAY****8.00am** Mass at St Peter's Church, Shoreham**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 David Wirth, 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 especially John Dogerly and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Peter Bird and Marion Costello. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK, 30/8 & 31/8

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Judy Deefholts	Catherine Clancy	Val Coventry	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Garry McDonell	Genevieve Meyer	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	Peter Schreiner	Agnes Smith	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen		AUG: Genevieve Meyer		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	AUG: Catherine Russ		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Maree Chapman	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Fr Shymon
Cleaning	AUG. — Christine Coleman				

FATHERS' DAY MASSES—

Next week.

St Brendan's School

Thursday, August 28th at 11.30a.m.
at St Brendan's Church Somerville

St Mary's School

Friday, August 29th at 9.30a.m. at
Immaculate Conception Church.

St Joseph' School

Friday, 29th August at 2p.m.at
St. Joseph's School



The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation will be celebrated on September 1st

The theme "Seeds of Peace and Hope" chosen by Pope Francis, emphasizes the need for ongoing commitment and patient cultivation of peace through care for the Earth and each other.

In his message for the occasion, Pope Leo XIV reflects on Jesus' use of the image of the seed and how, in Christ, we are also "seeds of peace and hope."

"Echoing the words of the prophet Isaiah, which inspire the theme of the ecumenical Season of Creation, the Holy Father reminds us that "prayer, determination and concrete actions" are necessary to make "an arid and parched desert into a garden, a place of rest and serenity."

THE VIBRANT PARISH—Formation Series.

Inspired by the Take the Way of the Gospel Framework for Parish Renewal.

Evangelisation: Bridging the gap between parish and school. 9th September and 10th September. 6.30—9p.m. Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761

RCIA. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults”.

Our RCIA team is ready to welcome any participants who would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic. The first session will be on **Thursday 9th October at 7:00pm** in the Parish Centre. Please encourage any of your family or friends to consider the inquiry stage. There is no obligation to commit to continuing if the decision is made to not proceed. Please contact the Parish Office with names and details.



The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi

College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Total givings from the week 11th—17th August

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$1,020.70

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1,242.15

Tap Machine Donations \$60

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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