



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C - 12th October 2025

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FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-3-7

A reading from the second book of Kings

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The leprosy of Naaman and the ten men in the gospel serves as a metaphor for sinfulness, the condition that makes us unfit for the presence of God and despicable in the eyes of others. Separated from God and alienated from society, we are truly in a deplorable state, a state out of which we are unable to extricate ourselves. Into these seemingly hopeless conditions step the prophet Elisha and Jesus. Each in his own way brings the healing power of God, the saving grace of God. Paul is such a mediator as well. He brings the gospel to those who are in need of salvation. When people are open to his preaching, they are transformed and made ready to receive eternal glory.

After healing come gratitude and praise. Both Naaman and the lone Samaritan are so filled with gratitude that they return to the one responsible for their healing. They are not so preoccupied with their good fortune as to forget that it came to them as a gift. Their response is the kind of thanks and praise that is proclaimed in the psalm and that is also celebrated at each Sunday Eucharist. We have been saved from our alienation from God and from each other so let us give thanks to the Lord.

Those who know that they have been healed, who realize that this was a gift freely given to them, and who return to give thanks have, by these acts of devotion, stepped over a threshold into a new way of living. Their thanks and praise usher them into a new age, the age of eschatological promise.

**Jubilee Year 24 December 2024 –
6 January 2026**



This Year of Jubilee in the universal Church calls us to embrace, and be renewed in, the hope of Christ—a hope that does not disappoint. We are embarking on a particular time of pilgrimage, and as the Holy Father has reminded us, Jesus, 'is the destination of our pilgrimage'. He is both the way, and the path to be travelled.

Archbishop Peter

gospel focus

Where are they?

"The other nine, where are they?" asked Jesus. Why would the other nine not have come back to give thanks? It is insufficient to say that the miraculous healing these men experienced changed their lives. Being healed of this disease meant so much to them: they could return to their families; they could return to work; they could touch another person; they could walk among other people; they could join in prayer at the synagogue. As they hurried back toward town they must have been overwhelmed by the possibilities and opportunities that lay before them. But they neglected to acknowledge the source of their great joy!



**ACYF 30 November –
2 December 2025**

This is a chance for pilgrims to showcase their God-given talents with peers from every corner of the country.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 6th—12th October.**MONDAY** No Mass**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.00** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** No Mass at Hastings**11.30 am** School Mass at Somerville**2.15pm** School Mass at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**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**10.00am** 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 Bob Fels, Pat Pope, David Wirth, Brian Stahl, Kees Meyer, 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, May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 13th to 18th October

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Mary Marshall	Anthony Grimes	Kayla Miller	Mass Welcom- er Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary McDonell	Genevieve Meyer	Paula Stokes and Maggie Par- sons	Counters This Week	Steven Stewart Ian Marshall
Commentator	Tracey Clark	Anne Lorkin	Jared McCartin	Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing Brian McAnallen
Altar Linen		October- Maria and Anne		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	Ocober Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Princes Jelly- anne Manocan
Flowers	Louise Street	Somerville Maintenance— Sandy Adolphus & Sharon Judd		Communion to the Sick This Week	Ann Maree
Cleaning	October Louise Street				

OCTOBER, THE MONTH OF ROSARY

Promises from Our Lady (St. Louis de Montfort)

- **Signal graces:** Subtle signs or answers to prayers that guide your spiritual journey.
- **Special protection:** Mary promises her help and intercession to those who faithfully pray the Rosary.
- **Assurance of salvation:** Those who pray the Rosary devoutly are promised spiritual perseverance and mercy.

Please come join us in prayer at Immaculate Conception Church Hastings - 25 minutes before Mass on Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. Also at St Brendan's Church Somerville Tuesdays & Saturdays.

Keeping the windows open: Vatican II's unfinished agenda at 60

Six decades after its close, the Second Vatican Council remains a living event, as a recent symposium confirmed. Speakers highlighted Vatican II's unfinished agenda, and its renewed, global focus on the environment and marginalised people. It raised questions about the future of a Catholic Church that interprets the Gospel for a new age.

Continue reading: from *Melbourne Catholic website*.

Pope to declare St John Henry Newman doctor of the church on 1 November

Pope Leo XIV has announced he will proclaim St John Henry Newman a doctor of the Church on 1 November during the Jubilee of the World of Education, saying that St Newman 'contributed decisively to the renewal of theology and to the understanding of the development of Christian doctrine'.

Continue reading: from *Melbourne catholic website*.

Parish Leadership Team Meeting (PLT)

Wednesday 15th October 2025

Time : 5.00 PM

Place: Parish Activity centre, Hastings

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has announced that **'This is my body, given for you'** has been chosen by the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028. See: *Melbourne Catholic website*.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference Social Justice Statement 2025-2026

Signs of Hope on the Edge - Serving homeless people with mental ill-health

Discussion Group at St Peter's Shoreham on Thursday 23rd October at 4.00 - 5.00 p.m.

Contact Parish Office for further information.

'News from St Mary's Primary School

Mission Month Mass

All parishioners are warmly invited to our Mission Month Mass on Wednesday, 15th October at 2.15pm, led by our wonderful Grade 3 and 4 students. Join us as we celebrate being "Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples."

Thank you!

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has collected and recycled plastic caps to support St Mary's sustainability work with Circular Peninsula. The program is now on pause, so we no longer require caps at this time, but we are very grateful for your efforts and continued support.

Thank you for walking alongside us in faith, hope, and action.

Faithful can trust in God's salvation, Pope tells Australian community in Rome

God always comes to save and free his children and to help them say 'yes', like Mary, to his will, Pope Leo XIV said on 6 October as he celebrated vespers in the chapel of the Domus Australia, a spiritual home for Australians in Rome.

Continue reading: from *Melbourne Catholic website*.

Total giving from the week 29th Sept—5th Oct .

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$702.55

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1,414.50

Tap Machine Donations - \$122.92

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.