



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 6 July 2025

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First Reading

Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord:
Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.

Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20

R. The Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

'Before you all the earth shall bow:
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Colossians 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.



The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although the gospel is a report of ministerial commissioning, it contains elements of discipleship in general. Most obvious is the disciples' dependence on Jesus. They are not independent missionaries; they are followers. Furthermore, there is a communal dimension of discipleship. While there is certainly a personal relationship between Jesus and each disciple, discipleship itself is not a singular privilege that one hugs to oneself to the exclusion of others.

Disciples minister to the needs of others, whatever those needs may be and with whatever abilities the disciple may possess. There are various kinds of healing: a friendly smile, a word of gratitude, a soothing touch. We can teach the lessons of life in classrooms, in playrooms, in kitchens, in boardrooms. There are many ways that we can cast out the demons that hold our world by the throat; demons of poverty and oppression, demons of addiction and slavery, demons of disdain and neglect, demons of hatred and violence. If they are not cast out by us, then by whom?

The life of discipleship is not an unmixed blessing. Because disciples are marked by the sign of the cross, they must expect suffering. Because they do not live according to the standards of the world, disciples will be judged as fools. Some of them will be subjected to even greater suffering. Still, the disciple proclaims that true fulfilment is only found in God! In reality, it is the world that is upside down, not the life of discipleship. And it is the cross that sets things right.

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, 7 July—13 July**MONDAY** *No Service***TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY** *No Mass at Shoreham***THURSDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.00am** Communion Service at Hastings**SATURDAY****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**PRAYERS AND PETITIONS**

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Mary McCluskey, Michael Smith, Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Marie Mereszko, Halima, Sala, Agnes, Malia, Janelle Farley, Mary McCluskey, 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 Kathleen Marshall. May they rest in peace.

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 .

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 12/7 & 13/7/2025

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Judy Deefholts	Sylvia Falzon	Lioba Robinson	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Agnes Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Genevieve Meyer	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Heimann Sissing Brian McAnallen
Commentator	Garry McDonell	John Patterson	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Altar Linen		JULY –Val Fakhry		Sacristan	Marie Ernestine
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	JULY–Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance— Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Anne-Marie Lawson
Cleaning	JULY—Louise Street				

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 will be on sale at all Mass Centres after Mass from the 12th July 2025.

JUBILEE YEAR-MORNING TEA

There will be Jubilee Year Morning Tea this **Sunday the 6th of July at Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome!

NEW SETS OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Parish weekly Thanksgiving envelopes are now available at the foyers of our churches.

Peter's Pence

This weekend there will be leaving collection —**Peter's Pence**, which is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. For more information, please look at: [Donate - Peter's Pence](#)

POPE LEO XIV ORDAINS MELBOURNE'S JOHN VESPA TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Melbourne priest **John Vespa** has been ordained by **Pope Leo XIV** at St Peter's Basilica in Rome, along with others from around the world. Watching on were Fr Vespa's family, senior members of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, including **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli**, and parishioners from the communities Fr Vespa served as a deacon.

Continue reading: [Pope Leo XIV ordains Melbourne's John Vespa to the priesthood](#)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools has started on 2nd July for Confirmation. Enrolment forms and more details are on the Parish Website or contact the Parish Office. Please get any interested families to contact the Parish.

NAIDOC WEEK 6 July –13 July 2025

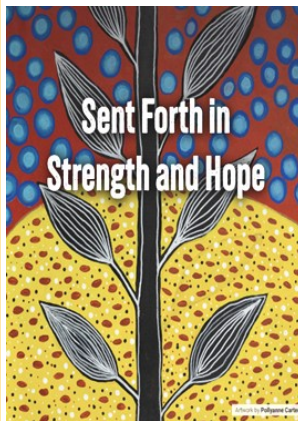


THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY
6-13 JULY 2025

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday, when we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage, spirituality and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Church.

In 2025, NAIDOC Week marks 50 years of honoring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience. The 2025 theme, **"The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy,"** celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors. Read more at <https://www.aidoc.org.au/about/aidoc-theme>

NAIDOC Week is an opportunity for all Australians to learn about First Nations cultures and histories and participate in celebrations of the oldest, continuous living cultures on earth. **You can support and get to know your local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities through activities and events held across the country:** <https://www.aidoc.org.au/about/aidoc-week>



This year's artwork is by PollyAnne Carter

Here some of the community events that are happening locally:

Monday 7 July, Flag Raising Ceremony: 4 pm – 5 pm, Willum Warrain, Pound Road, Hastings.

Saturday, 12 July 2025, Community BBQ: 11 am – 1 pm, Willum Warrain, Pound Road, Hastings. The afternoon will also include the launch of 'Faces in our mob' a photographic exhibition along with the unveiling of community paintings called 'Painting up Country'.

For more community events, please also see **Shire's website:** <https://www.mornpen.vic.gov.au/About-Us/News-Media-Publications/News-and-Media-Releases/Join-us-for-NAIDOC-Week>

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE COUNTRY: In the spirit of reconciliation the Western Port Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

MASS FOR "THE CARE OF CREATION"

On Thursday 3 July 2025, a press conference has been held at the Holy See Press Office, to present the new formulary of the **Missa "pro custodia creationis"** (Mass for "The Care of Creation") which will be added to the Roman Missal under Masses "for various needs."

The speakers were: **His Eminence Cardinal Michael Czerny, S.J.**, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and **Archbishop Vittorio Francesco Viola, O.F.M.**, secretary of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. The press conference was livestreamed in the original language on the Vatican News YouTube channel, at <http://www.youtube.com/c/VaticanNews>.

Total givings from the week 23/6-29/6/25

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$899.85
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$1343.25
Tap Machine	\$104