



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 13 July 2025

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First Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R)**

As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R)**

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
(R)

For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah
and men shall dwell there in possession.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell
there. **(R)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Luke 10:25-37***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

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

It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.

Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. 'Who is my neighbour?' or 'Whom should I love?' becomes 'Who acts as a neighbour?' or 'Who shows love?'

The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

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 western-port@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.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 14 July—20 July**MONDAY** *No Service***TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY** *No Mass at Shoreham***THURSDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.30am** Mass 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 Kees Meyer, 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 Paula Meyer and Alan James Crombie Snr. 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, 19/7 & 20/7/2025

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Mary Marshall	John Patterson	Kayla Miller	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Gary McDonell	Anne Maree Dyer	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Sylvia Falzon	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen		JULY –Val Fakhry		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	JULY–Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Paula Street	<i>Somerville Maintenance—</i> Fred Arena		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	JULY—Louise Street				

NEW SETS OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Parish weekly Thanksgiving envelopes are now available at the foyers of our churches. If you haven't already, please take your set from the church that you attend.

Also, if you're interested of getting a new set of giving envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

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.

STELLA MARIS LAUNCHES INTO THE DEEP

This Sunday, 13 July, is **Sea Sunday**. Stella Maris, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church, is asking Catholics to reflect on the lives of seafarers and the challenges they face, and to offer our support to those who are among the least visible people in the world yet are among the greatest contributors to our daily life.

Continue reading: [Stella Maris launches into the deep](#)

Swipe Right on God's Plan

Swipe Right on God's Plan is fun, faith-filled Q&A session designed to support young adults navigating modern dating while seeking to honour their Catholic values. We'll be joined by Melbourne guest speakers from Spiritual Renewal Ministry Australia and Alpha Australia, including Bobby Joseph (SRM Mission Head) and Sue & Greg Murray (Alpha Australia).

The talk is aimed at young adults who are single, dating, or discerning — and looking for real, practical advice on how to approach relationships grounded in faith.

Event details:

Swipe Right on God's Plan

 Wednesday 23rd July 2025

⌚ 8PM–9PM (Melbourne time) | 6PM–7PM (Perth time)

📺 Online via Zoom

To register, please follow this link:

<https://forms.gle/gPhc1VJAzZC8NUoCA>

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.

NAIDOC WEEK (6-13 July): A MESSAGE OF HOPE

NAIDOC Week 2025 has begun with a special Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral** featuring Indigenous music, the symbolism of the message stick and reflections on walking together 'in strength and hope' with First Nations communities.

Continue reading: [NAIDOC Week: a message of hope](#)

The Cathedral decorated
with Aboriginal Art



Take The Way of the Gospel Vibrant Parish Formation Series

Open to all—clergy, parish leadership, volunteers, and anyone interested—who hope for parishes that nurture and send forth disciples.

DATES & locations: Tuesdays: 12 August 2025, 9 September 2025

Mulgrave Country Club, Corner of Wellington and Jells Roads, Wheelers Hill

(Repeat) Wednesdays: 13 August 2025, 10 September 2025

Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine

TIME: 6.30pm - 9pm

AUGUST SESSION Outreach / Service: Beyond the Church doors:

In my own local community, do I love my neighbour?

Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbour—the Great Commandment. Matthew Chapter 25 may be considered our 'playbook' for following Jesus, who is a model of servant love. **Hear from leaders in Catholic social services** as they explore what it means to serve with love, mercy and justice at the local level, and how we can collaborate with others. You will also hear from a panel of people in our parishes working at the coalface. Finally, learn about a new practical resource to help you identify who makes up your local parish community, using data from the last census.

[Read more and register today](#)

Total givings from the week 30/6-6/7/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$667.80

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$1353.40

Tap Machine \$98.24

Peter's Pence \$308.05

Thank you for your ongoing support!