



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C, 17th August 2025

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First Reading:

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let **Jeremiah** be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes.

There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet **Jeremiah** like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm.

Ps 39:2-4. 18.

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R.)

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay! (R.)

Second Reading:

12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia.

Gospel:

Luke 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

All Souls Day Memorial Service

November 1st, 2025, in St Brendan's Memorial Garden

For the weekend of All Souls Day in November this year we would like to hold a short Memorial Service in the St Brendan's Memorial Garden at 5.30 pm before the evening mass.

We would like to invite applications for memorial plaques throughout the months of August and September so that we may have time to order them and affix them prior to the service. Application forms are available at the Parish Office and at St Brendan's Church. The cost for a plaque is \$200.00, (being \$60.00 for the plaque and a one-time maintenance fee of \$140.00 for the upkeep and future requirements of the garden). There is also the opportunity to reserve an adjoining space for a future family memorial for an additional cost of \$30.00, (which is deducted from the cost of that future plaque).

If you have any queries, please see Tracey Clark or leave your details with the Parish Office.

Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage Dates & Chaplains:

Sept 08, 2025 – Led by Fr Adam Carlow

Oct 20, 2025 – Led by Fr Dean Taberdo

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 08 AND OCTOBER 20, 25 – 12 DAYS.

Learn more: [Great Saints of Italy - Catholic Pilgrimage – Harvest Journeys Catholic Pilgrimages](#)—[Harvest Journeys Catholic Pilgrimages](#)

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 18 August —25 August**MONDAY** *No Service***TUESDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Somerville**WEDNESDAY** No Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.30am** Communion Service 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 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 Peter Anthony Hall , and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Carmel Tuck, Maria Russo, Bill Marshall and Geoffrey Hardiham.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK, 23/8 & 24/8/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Christine Coleman	Damian Ireland	Tom Leyden	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Agnes Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Joan White	Barbara Farley Deidre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Sylvia Falzon	Michael Smith	Counters Next Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Altar Linen		AUG: Genevieve Meyer		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	AUG: Catherine Russ		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance— Sandy Adolphus Sharon Judd		Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne-Marie Lawson
Cleaning	AUG. — Christine Coleman				

Western Port Parish Fundraiser and Social Dinner

Postponed

Unfortunately due to low ticket sales, it has been decided to postpone the dinner at this time until later in the year.

We would like to thank everyone who purchased tickets, donated raffle prizes and made offers to contribute food for the evening - your support is greatly appreciated.

All the details of existing ticket purchases will remain recorded and held over until a new date has been announced. However, if you would prefer that your ticket is refunded, please let the Parish Office know, and we will ensure your funds are returned to you.

ACCOMMODATION.

Mike is looking for a guy to share his unit in Balnarring. Own bedroom and bathroom. Fully furnished..

Call: 0400 221 926

REQUIEM MASS

You are invited to celebrate the Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass

For the repose of the soul of

Most Rev Peter John Elliott

St. Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

Monday, 18th August 2025 at 10.30a.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TRIVIA NIGHT.

Date : Friday 29th August 2025

Time : 7pm

Venue ; Ursula Frayne Building, Padua Mornington,

Oakbank Road, Mornington

Tickets : \$15 each

Tickets thru trybooking :

<https://www.trybooking.com/DELAU>

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

Please note that opening hours of our Parish office are temporarily changing to 9.30am—**1.30pm** Tuesdays and 9.30am—3.00pm Wednesdays to Fridays, with Judy Deefholts who will be filling in for Hijacinta Svabelj during her longer leave.

Congratulations to all our Confirmation Candidates! And Thank you to the school staff and Dierdre our Pastoral Worker for the support of the children at this time.



Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese —bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

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 4/8—10/8/2025

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$868.20

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1679.65

Tap Machine Donations \$169.91

Thank you for your ongoing support!