



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C - 28th September 2025

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FIRST READING

Amos 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion

and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans,

they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal;

they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music
like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anoint-
ing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM.

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to the oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked

The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled
with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and
win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made
your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now,
before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as
a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of do-
ing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing
of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the
blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who
alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and
everlasting power. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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.

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

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 29/9/25—5/10/25**MONDAY** No Mass**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.00** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**11.00a.m.** Funeral Mass for Kathleen Marshall 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 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 Kathleen Marshall (Hillary's daughter) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 29th September to 5th October 2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Maree Chapman	Joan White	Michelle Claudio	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Michael Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Anne Lorkin	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Commentator	Tracey Clarke	Anthony Grimes	Agnes Smith	Counters Next Week	Genevieve & Kees Meyer
Altar Linen		OCT. Maria Patane		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	OCT. Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Maree Chapman	Somerville Maintenance—	Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson	Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne-Marie Lawson
Cleaning	OCTOBER: Louise Street				

LADIES LUNCH: Friday, 3rd October at Westernport Hotel. Ring Val on 0409 774 919.

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady.

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.

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.

Total givings from the week 15th—21st Sept.

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$739.20

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1181.40

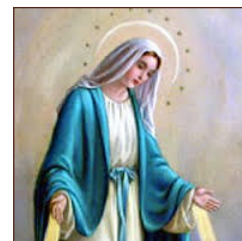
Tap Machine Donations: 39.38

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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY. Tuesday 7th October 2025 2.00 pm – 7.00 pm at St Thomas More Church 311 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza, Victoria, 3930 You are warmly invited to a time of prayer and supplication, to pray for peace in the world and in our hearts.

2.00 pm Adoration
3.00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet
3.20 pm Joyful Mysteries
Break – Silent prayer
4.00 pm Luminous Mysteries
4.30 pm Sorrowful Mysteries
5.00 pm Glorious Mysteries
5.30 pm Holy Mass
6.00 pm Adoration a
7.00 pm Benediction.



There will be Confession available 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm and 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm. Enquiries: Mount Eliza Parish Office T: 03 9787 7777 E: mounteliza@cam.org.au Wednesday and Thursday 10.30 am – 3.30 pm Friday 12 noon – 4.30 pm Or to Sandra on 0487 230 351

LIFEBOAT FOUNDATION.

For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of **unwanted cars** e.g. from deceased states, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds.

You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might **donate an unwanted motor vehicle**, and (b) **identifying someone to assist** in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time.

If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon – frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL.

Excitement and anticipation are growing across the Archdiocese of Melbourne as young people in parishes, schools, migrant communities and movements have begun the journey to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in November.

After 12 years, the festival returns to Melbourne. Between 30 November and 2 December 2025, thousands of young people from around Australia will converge on Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre for three days of prayer, Mass, workshops, talks, live concerts, games, action on justice issues, an interactive expo and opportunities to engage with leaders in the Catholic Church, including bishops.

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