



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C - 19th October 2025

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FIRST READING

Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 120 R. V. 2

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and forever.
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4.2

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Hebrews 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.



Jubilee Year 24 December 2024 - 6 January 2026

This Jubilee celebration is a renewal and a call for all religious men and women to be agents of peace.

Pope Leo XIV (In an audience for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life)

ACYF: Sunday 30 November 2025 - Tuesday 2 December 2025

A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love is the Church that the world needs today.'

Pope Leo XIV (in his first apostolic exhortation, 'Dilexi te' ('I Have Loved You'))



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 6th—12th October.

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

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

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, Clarito Marquez 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 Estelle Furtado and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Pat de Groot. May they rest in peace.

THE BETHANY WAY INTRODUCTORY RETREAT' At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus Saturday 8 November 2025, 12noon-4pm Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne All are invited to this free retreat at opening a new key passages of Scripture relating to Jesus' relationship with the family at Bethany. Discover Bethany, and your relationship with Jesus Christ, with reflective talks and plenty of time for personal prayer. The retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way, a new immersive formation offering in 2026. *Learn more and register:* <https://melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway>

'Gratitude and joy' mark celebrations for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life

Discernment is a lifelong exercise, shared Meg Kahler, a Good Samaritan Sister of almost 30 years. Meg was part of the 120-strong crowd of consecrated men and women from around Melbourne who recently gathered for a Mass and luncheon to mark the Jubilee of Consecrated Life (9-12 October). Similar celebrations were also held in Rome.

Continue reading: 'Gratitude and joy' mark celebrations for the Jubilee of Consecrated Life on Melbourne catholic website.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 20th to 26th October

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Tracey Clark	John Patterson	Michael Smith	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Kayla Miller
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Chapman	Val Fakhry	Barbara Farley and Deidre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Genevieve & Kees Meyer
Commentator	Gary McDonell	Clare Shearmon	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Altar Linen		October- Maria and Anne		Sacristan	Marie Ernestine
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	Ocober Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance— Sandy Adolphus & Sharon Judd		Communion to the Sick This Week	Mary Marshall
Cleaning	October Louise Street				

Parish Leadership Team – Key Decisions

(15-10-25)

1. **Feast of the Parish – Family Masses**

Family Masses will be held across all Mass Centers on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th December 2025 to celebrate the Feast of the Parish. Parish schools will be invited, with children encouraged to participate. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share after Mass.

2. **End of Jubilee & Christmas Eve Masses**

The Jubilee Year will conclude during the Christmas Masses. *Two Christmas Eve Family Masses* are scheduled:

- 5 PM at Hastings
- 6 PM at Somerville

Children from each school is to be invited and arranged their participation, and parishioners are again invited to bring a plate to share.

Other Christmas Masses are : Christmas Eve mass at 8.00pm at Shoreham. Christmas day masses at 10.00 am Shoreham and Hastings.

3. **Reviving the Parish Leadership Team**

The PLT will be reactivated. Members will speak at upcoming Masses to promote involvement and share the team's vision.

There will be a Leaving Collection next week, 25th and 26th October, for Mission Sunday.



United in hope, in mission and in Christ this World Mission Month: This October, Catholic Mission and the broader Catholic community will come together to celebrate World Mission Month, guided by the theme 'Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples'. Two such missionaries of hope are Sr Jane Kaputa and Bishop Edwin Mulandu of the Diocese of Mpika, Zambia, who have dedicated their lives to serving a community deeply affected by prolonged drought, crop failures and ongoing economic challenges.

Continue reading: United in hope, in mission and in Christ this World Mission Month

A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.

Liturgy Meeting : Date : 23-10-2025

Time: 2.00pm

Place: Parish office

UPCOMING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

*** Conclusion of month of Rosary : 31-10-25, Hastings.**

9.00am Adoration and Holy Rosary, followed by Holy Mass.

*** All Saints day Mass: 01-11-25 (Saturday), at 9.30am Hastings.**

*** All Souls day masses on weekend : 1–2 November 2025 >**

Prayers will be offered at the memorial garden of each Mass center. > The November Memorial Book will be available in the foyer next week for you to write and remember the names of your dear departed loved ones during Mass.

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.**

Total giving from the week 6th to 12th October 2025

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$ 649.20

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1,608.20

Tap Machine Donations - \$238.50

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.