



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C - 5th October 2025

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FIRST READING

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

A reading from the prophet Habakkuk

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail.

See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led
by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on.

Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table.

The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him.



**Jubilee Year 24 December 2024 –
6 January 2026**

The Holy Father has called the universal Church to this special time of grace, a time to focus on reconciliation and forgiveness, prayer and reflection, sojourn and pilgrimage. A time to focus on hope.

Calling Australia home: preparing for the Jubilee of Migrants: *Australia's a good place to start a family, says Gary Cuenta, who is helping to organise this weekend's local celebrations to mark the Jubilee of Migrants (4–5 October). Originally from the Philippines, Gary's migration journey started with a six-year stint in Singapore before he and his wife decided to move to Australia. 'We said, if it's God's plan for us to go there, then let's go. We can call [Australia] our home.'*

Continue reading: Calling Australia home: preparing for the Jubilee of Migrants in St Patrick's Cathedral | Melbourne Catholic website.

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

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 6th—12th October

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Christine Coleman	Peter Schreiner	Agnes Smith	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Marshall	Kees Meyer	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Genevieve & Kees Meyer
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	Sylvia Falzon	Michael Smith	Counters Next Week	Steven Stewart Ian Marshall
Altar Linen		OCT. Maria Patane		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	OCT. Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Val Baxter	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Fr Shymon
Cleaning	OCT. Louise Street				

MONTH OF ROSARY

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a powerful prayer entrusted to us by Our Lady. This month invites us to meditate more deeply on the mysteries of Christ through Mary's eyes.

On October 1, we celebrate St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower, who teaches us the "little way" of holiness. On October 4th, of course, we celebrate our beloved St. Francis of Assisi. On October 7, we honor Our Lady of the Rosary, reminding us of the strength and peace found in the Rosary. Later in the month, on October 15, we celebrate St. Teresa of Ávila, the great Doctor of the Church and reformer of the Carmelite order.

These feasts remind us to remain rooted in prayer, trusting that God works wonders in both the small and great moments of life. May the Rosary, prayed faithfully, lead us ever closer to Christ.

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.

MISSION MONTH SCHOOL MASSES

Friday 10th at 2.00pm, St. Joseph's School, Crip Point.

Thursday 16th at 11.30am, St. Brendan's School, Somerville.

Thursday 16th at 2.15pm, St. Mary's School, Hastings

"Come to me and learn from me. I am kind and gentle, and I will help you rest". Matthew 11:29

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

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.

Australia is facing a deepening crisis. Over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness. Services are overstretched and many people are left without care, shelter, or hope. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. Services are overwhelmed, and too many people are left without the help they desperately need.

This year's Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. Just as Jesus healed the blind man Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52), we are called to see and respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers living in hardship. See <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/>

Contact Parish Office for further information.

'He just loves life': students see elderly through new eyes

The Mercy accompaniment program has only been running for a year, but it has had a profound effect on the secondary school students and aged care residents taking part. The joint Catholic Health Australia, Meaningful Ageing Australia and Mercy Health Foundation program has run for the first time in western suburbs facility Mercy Place Wyndham, and we had the privilege of attending on the last day—the last day for now, that is.

Continue reading: 'He just loves life': students see elderly through new eyes' in [St Patrick's Cathedral | Melbourne Catholic](#)



We really want to invest in our young people so that we can have good leaders ... and they can lead others closer to Christ.

Total giving from the week 22nd - 28th Sept.

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$ 760.70

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1,351.40

Tap Machine Donations - \$39.26

Western Port Parish is committed to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protect them from harm.