



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C, 31st August 2025

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First Reading

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business,
and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.
The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly,
and then you will find favour with the Lord;
for great though the power of the Lord is,
he accepts the homage of the humble.
There is no cure for the proud man's malady,
since an evil growth has taken root in him.
The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

® **God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you;
learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1. 7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

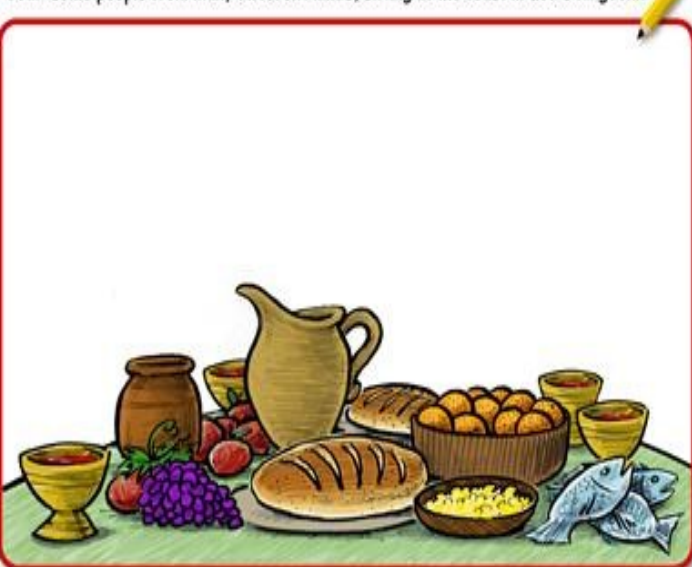
The goodness of God is seen in the extravagant generosity with which God gives gifts. This is described in the psalm in the boundlessness and universal scope of God's generosity. Like the rain that falls on the entire landscape, the blessings of God are showered on all. These blessings are true gifts. They have not been earned, nor can they be repaid. God's openness is also seen in the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews and in the gospel. All are invited to approach the heavenly city; the heavenly banquet will be open to the poor and to those who have no way of repaying.

Only the humble can receive the gifts of God. Only those who can admit their neediness are open enough to realise that God's blessings are gifts freely given, not compensation for a job well done. Without a humble spirit we are unable to receive gifts as gifts. This is either because we are too proud or we do not know how to receive with the open hearts of children, who never think that they must return in kind. This is the kind of humility recommended by Sirach. This is the kind of humility possessed by the disadvantaged pictured in the gospel.

As we have received from the bounty of God, so we are called to give to others. Only those who have received with a humble spirit can give with the generosity of God, for they know that they do not deserve God's goodness and they do not require anything in return

CHILDRENS' WORK SHEET

Draw some people from many different lands, sitting at the feast in God's kingdom.

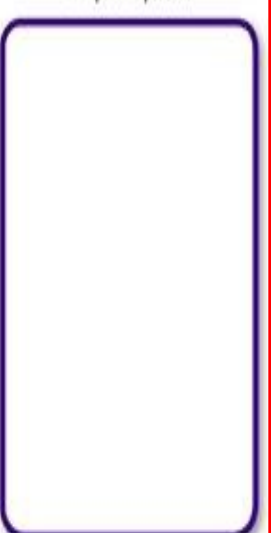


Draw someone who considers themselves more important than others.



People will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.

Draw someone who is not considered an important person.



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 1st—7th September.**MONDAY** No Mass**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.00** No Mass at Shoreham**11.a.m.**Funeral Mass for John Gogerly at Somerville**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**11.30a.m.** Fathers' Day Mass at St. Brendan's Somerville**FRIDAY 8.45a.m—9.15a.m.** Adoration at Hastings**9.15am** Father's Day Mass at Hastings**2p.m.** Fathers' Day Mass at St. Joseph's Crib Point.**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 Pat Pope, David Wirth, 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 Carl Davis and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Mary Meyer. and Colin Tuck May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK, 1st to 7th September

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Tracey Clark	Tim Dyer	Jared McCartin	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Marshall	Ann Lorkin	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Commentator	Garry McDonell	John Patterson	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Ian Marshall Steven Stewart
Altar Linen		SEPT. Anne Maree Dyer		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	SEPT. Marg Grant		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyyanne Manocan
Flowers	Val Baxter	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne Marie Lawson
Cleaning	SEPT. Tracey Clark				

MORNING TEA AT HASTINGS.

There will be a Morning Tea after Mass next Sunday, 7th September.

All welcome.

National Child Protection Week 7-13 September, 2025

The Catholic Church in Australia will observe Safeguarding Sunday on the 14 September, coinciding with the conclusion of National Child Protection Week. This day is dedicated to recognising the deep and lasting impact of sexual abuse experienced by children, young people and adults at risk, including abuse that occurred within Catholic settings by clergy, religious figures, and laypeople. It is a time to renew the Church's commitment to building and sustaining environments where safety and respect are paramount. The day also calls on the faithful to offer prayers for all those who have been affected by abuse, both personally and through their connection to others who have suffered.

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis. How does the canonisation process work?

As we look forward to the canonisations of Blesseds Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati on 7 September, we take a look at the history of sainthood and explain what has to happen for someone to be declared a saint in the Catholic Church. For more information:

[Making saints: how does the canonisation process... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY—

31st August - focusing on issues of homelessness and mental health.

This day is an important observance in the Australian Catholic Church dedicated to reflecting on fairness, promoting equality and taking action to support those in need. The bishops encourage the Catholic community to offer loving friendship and practical assistance to those on the margins of society reflecting the teachings of Jesus. For more information:

socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2025/08/06/signs-of-hope-on-the-edge-social-justice-statement-2025-2026/

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The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign

This is a final reminder to complete your pledges to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign and play your part in supporting the vital ministries that serve all in our faith community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The campaign calls on all the faithful to support our seminary, our retired

priests, and important care and evangelisation ministries of the Archdiocese. More details about the campaign and how to make a gift are in the brochures in the pews and foyer today. I know that times are challenging but encourage you to consider giving generously to the extent you are able.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Sunday, 30th November – Tuesday, 2nd December 2025
□ **Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre (MCEC)**

It's full steam ahead to this year's Australian Catholic Youth Festival, with the event now less than 100 days out.

Thousands of young people are expected to descend on Melbourne for the three-day festival, which will have more than 100 workshops on offer.

As the event draws near, organisers are putting out a call for volunteers to join the festival. Volunteers will play a vital role in creating a welcoming and enriching experience for attendees. Roles include welcoming pilgrims, supporting liturgies, assisting with logistics and venue setup, and more.

Log in to [CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE MELBOURNE](#) to register your interest

Total givings from the week 18th—24th

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$581.15

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1,538.50

Tap Machine Donations \$98.26

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.