



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C - 21st September 2025

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FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell Our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! (R.)

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? (R.)

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dung heap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth.

For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

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 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use. There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage



Embark on a transformative journey through Italy, visiting the sacred sites of the Church's most beloved saints like **St Catherine of Siena, St Francis of Assisi, St Padre Pio and San Giovanni Rotondo.**

Our Great Saints of Italy Pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to walk in their footsteps and deepen your faith.

Pilgrimage Dates & Chaplains:

Sept 08, 2025 – Led by **Fr Adam Carlow**

Oct 20, 2025 – Led by **Fr Dean Taberdo**

COMMENCING OCTOBER 20, 2025. 12 DAYS

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

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 15th—21st September.**MONDAY** No Mass**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**11.00a.m.** Memorial Service for Nick Duyvestyn at Hastings**WEDNESDAY 9.00** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Communion Service 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,**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 Nick Duyvestyn and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 22nd—28th September

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Sandy Adolphus	Anne-Marie Wilkinson	Jared McCartin	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Agnes Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Joan White	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Gary McDonell	Pauline D'Astoli	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Altar Linen		SEPT. Anne Maree Dyer		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	SEPT. Marg Grant		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Fr Shymon
Cleaning	SEPT. Tracey Clark				

FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE &

PLANT SALE Next Sunday (28th) after Mass at Hastings.

Adult Confirmation.

The Sacrament of Adult Confirmation will be held **on 23 November 2025 at the 11am Solemn Mass.** at St Patrick's Cathedral. If you are interested contact the Parish Office 5979 4374 by 30th

Australian Catholic Youth Festival Sunday, 30th November – Tuesday, 2nd December 2025 Melbourne Convention & Exhibition Centre

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

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 month of 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.



SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY **Anchors of Hope**
Sunday 21 September 2025. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society.

Catholic Social Service Victoria's (CSSV) 40+ member organisations provide critical services to Victoria's most disadvantaged and marginalised. Their 7,510 staff and 15,800 volunteers support at least 300,000 people each year across 150 sites in Victoria, plus more nation-wide.

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) has just held its first Flourishing Learners Conference, where teachers heard from experts in world-leading practice, with the aim of taking those lessons back to their classrooms. Archbishop Peter Comensoli addressed the more than 1200 teachers from Melbourne's Catholic schools who packed Marvel Stadium, drawing parallels with the lives of our newest saints, St Carlo Acutis and St Pier Giorgio, and the aims of MACS.

Continue reading: [Melbourne's Catholic teachers become flourishing learners in stadium classroom](#)

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 8th—14th Sept.

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$702.30

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1362.90

Tap Machine Donations 178.30

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.