



## Western Port Catholic Parish

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

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C - 26th October 2025**

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#### First Reading

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

#### The word of the Lord

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:2-3. 17-19. 23. R.v.7

**(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is very easy for religious people to fall into a kind of self-righteousness. Their very enthusiasm and generosity can plant the seeds of religious arrogance. They know what commitment demands of them; they experience relative success in their endeavours to be faithful; they distance themselves from what they think might threaten their resolve; and then they pass judgment on those who do not share their values or experience their success. This kind of arrogance is often imperceptible, because there is enough truth in every step along the way that it is difficult to recognise when one is veering off the track.

Jesus extols the humility of the one who admits being a sinner, and can accept the implications of that admission. This is the kind of prayer that is described in the reading from Sirach and the psalm response. It is those who can admit that they are needy who turn to God in that need. It is those who trust that God will be their strength in the face of their weaknesses who are strengthened.

Paul's own prayer demonstrates the attitudes that should be ours as we pray. Like the Pharisee, he acknowledges his success. He has competed well; he has finished the course; he has kept the faith. However, unlike the Pharisee, he acknowledges that God is the source of any good he has been able to accomplish. The Lord stood by him and gave him strength. If there is any glory, it belongs to God. Paul's confident prayer springs from a humble heart.

### Jubilee Year 24 December 2024 - 6 January 2026

*Today ... the world needs messages of hope. You are this message, and you must continue to give hope to everyone. 'Let us walk together with our faith in Jesus Christ. And our shouts must also be for peace in the world ... the peace of Jesus Christ, the light of the world that we are all seeking.'*

Pope Leo XIV



### ACYF: Sunday 30 November 2025 - Tuesday 2 December 2025

*Jesus tells us you are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world,' 'And today, your voices, your enthusiasm, your cheers, which are all for Jesus Christ, will be heard until the ends of the earth.'*

Pope Leo XIV

### 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 9.00am** adoration and Holy rosary followed by Mass at Hastings

### SATURDAY

**9.30 am** All saints day mass at Hastings

**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>

**An Introduction to AI and Transhumanism ... for Christians** with Rev Dr Chris Mulherin Monday 27 October 2025

7.00pm—8.30pm. 'Young people today can expect to live forever, but AI will run the world.' At least that is the view of some techno-enthusiasts. This session will consider artificial intelligence and transhumanism, and it will reflect on how Christians might think about future developments.

*Read more from the Melbourne catholic website.*

### **ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 1st & 2nd November**

| <b>MINISTRY</b>              | <b>Somerville</b>          | <b>Shoreham</b>                                            | <b>Hastings</b>                | <b>Hastings</b>                        | <b>Hastings</b>          |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Lector</b>                | Garry McDonell             | Peter Hall                                                 | Ted Fennessy                   | <b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>          | Brian McAnallen          |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Louise Street              | Anne Lorkin                                                | Lioba Robinson & Isobel Wilson | <b>Counters This Week Tues 28/10</b>   | Genevieve & Kees Meyer   |
| <b>Commentator</b>           | Tracey Clark               | Sylvia Falzon                                              | Val Coventry                   | <b>Counters Next Week Wed 5/11</b>     | Judy & Derrick Deefholts |
| <b>Altar Linen</b>           |                            | November - Anne Lorkin                                     |                                | <b>Sacristan</b>                       | Virginia Carey           |
| <b>Mass Prep</b>             | Christine Coleman          | November Sue Ireland                                       |                                | <b>Audio/Visual</b>                    | Geoff Robinson           |
| <b>Flowers</b>               | Paula Street               | <b>Somerville Maintenance—</b><br>Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson |                                | <b>Communion to the Sick This Week</b> | Mary Marshall            |
| <b>Cleaning</b>              | November Christine Coleman |                                                            |                                |                                        |                          |



*"The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers." - Pope Saint Pius X*

### Invitation: Conclusion of the Month of the Rosary

All parishioners are warmly invited to join us in celebrating the Conclusion of the Month of the Rosary on **Friday, 31st October** at Immaculate Conception Church, Hastings.

The celebration will begin at 9:00 AM with Adoration and the Holy Rosary, followed by Holy Mass.

Let us come together in prayer and thanksgiving to honor Our Lady and seek her intercession for our community.

*"You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary." — Blessed Virgin Mary to Blessed Alan de la Roche*

**Ladies Lunch :** Date : Friday 7th November 2025 Time: 12.00pm Place: Western Port hotel

Contact Val Baxter : 0409774919

There will be a Leaving Collection for the Mission Sunday today.



### All Saints Day Mass Invitation

Join us for All Saints Day Mass on Saturday, 1st November 2025 at 9:30 AM at Hastings Church.

Let us honour the saints—known and unknown—and be inspired by their faith and devotion.

*"The saints were not superhuman. They were people who loved God in their hearts, and who shared this joy with others." — Pope Francis*

### All Souls Day Masses & Prayers at Memorial garden 1–2 November 2025

Prayers will be offered at the Memorial Garden of each Mass center as we remember and honor our beloved departed on this weekend masses.

**5.30pm Sat.:** Prayers at Somerville memorial garden followed by Holy mass.

**8.00am Sun.:** Prayers at Shoreham memorial wall followed by Holy mass.

**10.00am Sun.:** Holy Mass followed by Prayers at Hastings memorial garden.

Let us come together in prayer, remembrance, and hope, trusting in God's mercy and love.

# The November Memorial Book is placed in the foyer. You are welcome to write the names of your dear departed loved ones so they may be remembered during Mass throughout the month.

\* November Mass Envelopes are available for those who wish to offer special Masses for the souls of the faithful departed.

*"It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins."*  
— 2 Maccabees 12:46

### Applications open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry has announced that applications are now open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship for 2026/2027. The fellowship, which is offered over a two-year period, is a key initiative reflecting the Australian bishops' ongoing commitment to formation of women for missionary leadership.

*Continue reading: Applications open for the Australian Young Catholic Women's Fellowship*

### Total giving from the week 13th to 19th October 2025

1<sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$ 607.85

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$ 1,167.79

Tap Machine Donations - \$155.87

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.