



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C, 20 July 2025

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First Reading:

Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. **(R)**

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R)**

He who keeps his pledge come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:24-28

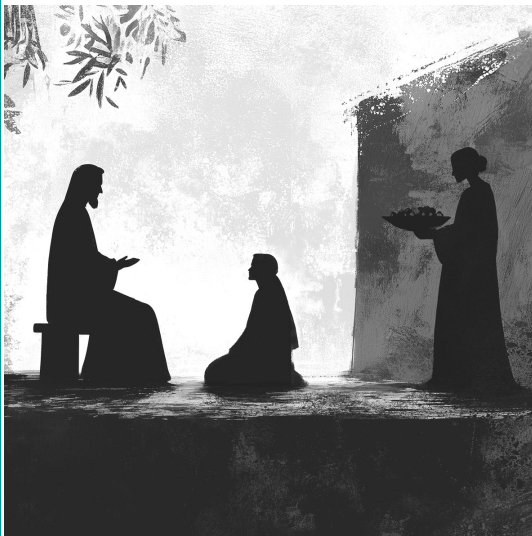
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Luke 10:38-42*****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke***

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

Scriptural context

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It is no accident that this story about Martha and Mary immediately follows the parable of the Good Samaritan. We must remember that Jesus is portrayed as telling that parable as clarification of the law to love God and love neighbour. The Samaritan provides an example of what it means to love one's neighbour whilst in this story, Mary provides an example of what it means to love God. Together, the two stories tell us that compassionate service to one's neighbour is crucial but that God does not require service, simply love.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Is your **Working With Children Check** registered with our Parish Secretary? Please forward your current card details to the Parish Secretary at the office in Hastings or via email to westernport@cam.org.au. **Training** online and signed **Code of Conduct** should be completed at the links below and details posted/emailed to the Parish Secretary.

Face to face training (one session) will be offered during the year after mass at a date to be notified. Training: [Login](#)
Code of conduct: [Safeguarding-Children-Code-of-Conduct-Declaration-2915.pdf](#). Thanks to all those who already provided their WWCC details. and completed their online training.

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

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 21 July—27 July**MONDAY** *No Service***TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY** *No Mass at Shoreham*10.30am Funeral Memorial Service for Dorothy Pauline
Scown in Hastings**THURSDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Hastings**SATURDAY****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 V de P Westernport Conference 2024/25****Community report**

In the 24/25 financial year the local conference visited 474 households and assisted 663 adults and 680 children. The Conference spent \$77,842 in the financial year.

The main expenditure items are as follows:

Coles Supermarket cards \$44,610
 Education (Bursary from local person) \$10,000
 Furniture (through St V de P suppliers) \$5,509
 Vinnies cards (\$25 value) \$3,050
 Purchased food \$6,900
 Donated food \$3,260
 Transport (Fuel cards) \$1,280
 Prescriptions / Medicines \$1,040
 Other \$2,193

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

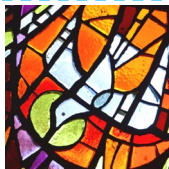
Please pray for those who are sick, especially Kees Meyer, Mary McCluskey, Michael Smith, Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Marie Mereszko, Halima, Sala, Agnes, Malia, Janelle Farley, Mary McCluskey, Maureen Bleighly, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Mary Sloan, 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 Derek Adderley and Dorothy Pauline Scown, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Bill Pope. May they rest in peace.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 26/7 & 27/7/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Garry McDonell	Marie Hall	Michael Smith	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Marshall	Val Fakhry	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Commentator	Tracey Clark	Anthony Grimes	Agnes Smith	Counters Next Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Altar Linen		JULY –Val Fakhry		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	JULY–Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Maree Chapman	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	JULY—Louise Street	Sandy Adolphus & Sharon Judd			

COMMITMENT MASSES FOR THE CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES



St Brendan's School

Saturday, July 26th at 6:00 pm at St Brendan's Church Somerville

St Joseph' School

Sunday, July 27th at 8.00 am at St Peter's Church Shoreham

St Mary's School

Sunday, July 27th at 10.00 am at Immaculate Conception Church Hastings

THANK YOU!

Hastings Seafarers Centre would like to thank everyone who contributed to our cause in all three churches last weekend.

We collected \$617 in total. Thank you so much, we appreciate your help!

A PILGRIMAGE FROM LOSS TO HOPE: THE CAMINO DOMINI IN TRENTHAM



The Camino Domini pilgrimage to **St Mary Magdalen's in Trentham**—an official Pilgrim Place—was a journey 'from loss to hope', a revival of community spirit through Catholic tradition. Diverse pilgrims found solace and connection along the trail, while the small country church has blossomed with renewed purpose.

Continue reading: [A pilgrimage from loss to hope: the Camino Domini in Trentham](#)

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools has started on 2nd July for Confirmation. Enrolment forms and more details are on the Parish Website or contact the Parish Office. Please get any interested families to contact the Parish.

Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre Event

We invite you into **Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre** in East Melbourne, where the spirit and life story of **Saint Mary MacKillop** are deeply woven into all we do. May her legacy of faith, courage, and compassion inspire you as you journey with us.

Bold Hearts, Creative Hands - Reflection Day—Tuesday 26 August

Contact us: (03) 9926 9300 or email admin.mmhc@sosjspirit.org.au

Western Port Parish Fundraiser and Social Dinner

Date: Friday 29th August 2025

Time: 6.30pm - 10.00pm

Place: Western Port Parish Community Room

Cost: \$30.00 per person

BYO: Alcohol and soft drinks (Tea and Coffee will be provided)

We warmly invite you to come along and enjoy a wonderful evening of food, live music and fun! We would gratefully accept your kind donation of Raffle Prizes, if you are able to, and also a casserole or dessert to share on the night, (please let us know when you purchase your ticket). Don't forget to bring some cash and coins on the night for the raffles and games. Tickets will be on sale at all Mass Centres after Mass from the 19th July 2025.

STORIES OF THE CITY



26 JULY

**OPEN HOUSE
MELBOURNE**

**Catholic Theological College will open its doors to the public
as part of the
2025 Open House Melbourne Weekend**

Mr Greg Burgess, the architect of the building,
will be onsite between 10 am – 12 pm.

Date: Saturday, 26 July 2025

Location: Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Time: 9 am – 3 pm

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR)
and Garratt Publishing present

IF AUSTRALASIAN CATHOLICISM BECOMES SYNODAL?

The promise and vision of living faith

Thursday 24 July 2025

7:30 pm AEST

What are the potential benefits for Australasian Catholicism in becoming synodal?

Speakers **Richard Lennan** and **Anne Benjamin** will share their hopes and visions for a revitalised, expansive and inclusive faith where Catholicism is a broad church. They will be joined by **John Warhurst**, who will moderate the event, and **Trish Hindmarsh**, who will be the responder.

EVENT DETAILS

When: Thursday 24 July 2025

Time: 7:30 pm (AEST)*

Where: Via Zoom

Cost: FREE

Registration:

To register, please click here: [If Australasian Catholicism Becomes Synodal?](#)

Total givings from the week 7/7-13/7/25

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$660.55
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$1313.70
Tap Machine	\$108.01

Thank you for your ongoing support!