



## Western Port Catholic Parish

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

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 18 August 2024**

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### BAPTISM ENQUIRIES &

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### PARISH SCHOOLS:

**CRIB POINT** St Joseph's  
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5977 7277

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**St Vincent de Paul Help  
Assistance Call Centre**  
(9am-noon M-F) 5976 4974

### First Reading

[Proverbs 9:1-6](#)

### A reading from the first book of Exodus

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'

To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 33:2-3, 10-15](#)

### **R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

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.)**

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **(R.)**

Come, children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **(R.)**

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

[Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord. **Alleluia!**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**



Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant**

Wisdom invites us to her banquet. Since she is the way to God, those who accept her invitation will feast on the things of God. This is not a paltry meal that meets only our basic needs. It is a lavish banquet with delicious food and exhilarating drink. The banquet of wisdom is an apt symbol of the generosity of God, open to all, enriching all. This is in sharp contrast to the kind of feasting that is depicted in the epistle. Fools succumb to the temptations of the evil days in which they live and they feast on selfishness, ignorance and debauchery. Two banquets are set before us. Both of them are tempting. Which one will we choose?

The banquet that Jesus offers is like the banquet of Wisdom. However, it far exceeds even Wisdom's table. At Jesus' banquet, we feast on his body and his blood. If we feed at the table of the Lord, we will have life because of him, and we will be raised up on the last day to live forever. This is truly a bold claim and a hard saying. We are told that the food we eat is his body, and what we drink is his blood. We are told that his body, not merely his teaching, is the true bread that came down from heaven. We are told that only if we eat and drink what he offers will we have eternal life. He makes the claim and extends the invitation. How will we hear it? How will we respond?

**PARISH VOLUNTEERS: WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND ONLINE TRAINING**

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](mailto:westernport@cam.org.au).

**Training** online and signed **Code of Conduct** should be completed at the link 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. [Safeguarding Children Training | Westernport Church](#).

Many thanks to all those who already provided their WWCC details!

**Western Port Parish**

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

**REFLECTION FOR YOUTH**

**gospel focus**

**Real Presence**

*The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist is a central doctrine of the Catholic faith. It is regarded as a revealed truth proved by both scripture and tradition. This week's gospel, indeed the entire 'Bread of Life' discourse (Jn 6:26-72), is an essential passage of scripture that supports the teaching of Christ present in the Eucharist. Along with scripture, the other proof of the doctrine is tradition. Since the first century, only a brief time after the death of Jesus, Christians linked their celebration of Eucharist with the words of Jesus at the last supper - they celebrated Eucharist as a memorial of Jesus.*

**LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 19 August—25 August**

**MONDAY** No Service

**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville

**WEDNESDAY 9.00am** 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

**PRAYERS AND PETITIONS**

*Please pray for those who are sick, especially Joan Nelson, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Melva Patterson, Tommy Judge, Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Pat Tagliabue, Frank Tagliabue, Michael Pound, John Kelly, Janice Danaher, Vicky Mathis, Edna Walsh, Jane Maria, Oliver Munoz, Kathy Burke, Frank Howard, Paul Creed, Geoff Hardingham, Mike Mason, Leo Gilfedder, Elaine Duyvestyn, James Smythe, Lucy Triffett, Helena Jaskolski, Oscar Dixon-Rotherham, Margaret Sherlock and all those who need our prayers. Special intention prayers for Finian and Kathleen. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.*

*Please pray for those who have died recently, especially Austin Parnell and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Eashy Chacko. May they rest in peace.*

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL:**

We are in need of Pasta & Sauces, Cans of Tuna, Salmon, Meat & Vegetables, Tins of Soup, Tinned fruit, tins of vegetables, Spaghetti, Diced Tomatoes. Spreads such as Jam, Peanut Butter, Vegemite, Honey. Packets of Sweet and Dry biscuits, Cereal, Tea and Coffee, Long Life Milk, Rice, Two Minute noodles and Cup of Soup packets, and toilettries. Please **do not** donate Sugar, Powdered Milk, Cheese Spreads or Baked Beans.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

**NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 24/8 & 25/8/2024**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>Shoreham</b>	<b>Hastings</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Garry McDonell	Peter Schreiner	Lioba Robinson	<b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>	Barbara Farley
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Sandy Adolphus	Sylvia Falzon	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	<b>Counters This Week</b>	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
<b>Commentator</b>	Judy Deefholts	Joan White	Tom Leyden	<b>Counters Next Week</b>	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
<b>Mass Prep</b>	Val Baxter	AUGUST— Catherine Russ		<b>Sacristan</b>	Virginia Carey
<b>Altar Linen</b>		AUGUST— Catherine Russ		<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Linda & Steve Weir
<b>Flowers</b>	Maree Chapman	<b>Somerville Maintenance—</b>		<b>Communion to the Sick This Week</b>	Group 1 - Group 2— Mary Marshall
<b>Cleaning</b>	AUGUST: Christine Coleman	Fred Arena			

## ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL NEWS



St Brendan's children celebrating Mary MacKillop's feast day and Our Lady's Assumption

### JOEY'S CAFÉ—ST JOSEPH'S CRIB POINT

Open to public every second Friday, next time on August 30th, 12.30pm



### ST MARY'S NOTICE

St Mary's Nature Based Playgroup

**Every Wednesday**  
**8:45-9:45am**  
**69 Marine Parade Hastings**

All children and their parents are welcome to attend

### RADIO MARIA AUSTRALIA

Hello, we are Radio Maria Australia - a Catholic radio station bringing Christ into your every day! Our station broadcasts 24/7, with interesting and inspiring shows and podcasts, daily masses and Rosary prayers, and a variety of positive music - all to foster faith, hope and love.

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**Apple or Google Play App: Radio Maria Play**

### ARCHBISHOP CALLS FOR EXISTING PROTECTIONS TO REMAIN AS PM ABANDONS RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION BILL

At a recent media conference, **Prime Minister Anthony Albanese** seemed to confirm widespread speculation that the government has abandoned attempts to pass religious discrimination legislation during this term of parliament. **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** said that while it was regrettable that 'such important legislation' was not proceeding, he trusts 'that the Prime Minister will be true to his word that protections for people of faith will not go backwards under his leadership'.

Continue reading: [Archbishop calls for existing protections to remain as PM abandons religious discrimination bill](#)

### EDITH STEIN'S THREE BEINGS

As a philosopher and a convert to Catholicism, 20th-century saint **Edith Stein** lectured and wrote on many topics, while as **Sr Benedicta of the Cross**, she humbly taught primary school religious education. During her life, the Nazi war machine was building, leading to the murder of millions of Jews, including Stein herself on 9 August 1942 at Auschwitz.

Continue reading: [Edith Stein's three beings](#)

## ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people.

**Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at [melbourne-catholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbourne-catholic.org/archbishopscampaign) or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.**

### ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 Location: via ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison: [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au)

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

### Total givings from the week, 9/8-15/8/24

Thanksgiving 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery	\$747.25
2nd Collection – Church Account ( <i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i> )	\$1,435.50
Loose	\$238.75
Tap Machine Donations	\$73.49

Thank you for your ongoing support!