



## Western Port Catholic Parish

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

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 1 September 2024**

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### PARISH SCHOOLS:

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### First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

#### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

**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. (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

James 1:17-18. 21-22. 27

#### A reading from the letter of St James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,  
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.

**Alleluia!**

**Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23**

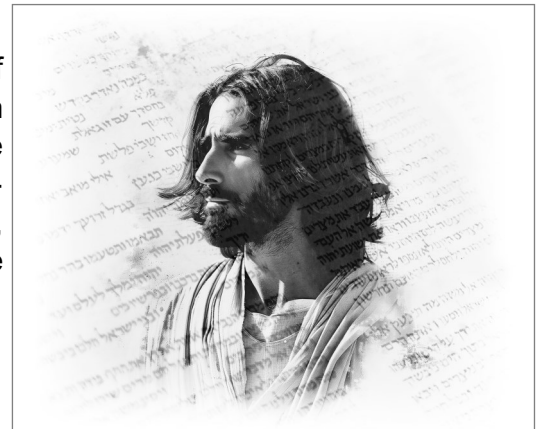
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these things come from within and make a man unclean.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant**

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite.

Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment.

When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.

**REFLECTION FOR YOUTH**

**gospel focus**

**The things within**

*We live in a culture that is very quick to lay blame on external factors; some people are very reluctant to accept responsibility for their own actions and look for opportunities to distance themselves from feelings of guilt or even regret. Jesus makes it very clear that evil intentions – the things that make a person 'unclean' – actually come from within. He presents a confronting list of the things that come from within and we may be able to add others relevant to our own time. In our culture of no personal responsibility, Jesus challenges us to rethink just where the buck does stop.*

**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, 2 September—8 September**

**MONDAY** No Service

**TUESDAY** No Service

**WEDNESDAY** No Service

**THURSDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Hastings

**1st FRIDAY 9.00am** Eucharistic Adoration at Hastings

**9.30am** Mass 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

**PRAYERS AND PETITIONS**

*Please pray for those who are sick, especially 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, 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 Joan Nelson, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

*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, 7/9 & 8/9/2024**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>Shoreham</b>	<b>Hastings</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Sandy Adolphus	Catherine Clancy	Ted Fennessy	<b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>	Maggie Parsons
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Louise Street	Joan White	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	<b>Counters This Week</b>	Helga Crinis Judy Deefholts
<b>Commentator</b>	Louise Hennessy	Zena Liston	Val Coventry	<b>Counters Next Week</b>	Genevieve & Kees Meyer
<b>Mass Prep</b>	Mary Marshall	SEPTEMBER— Marg Grant		<b>Sacristan</b>	Sarah Ernestine
<b>Altar Linen</b>		SEPTEMBER— Anne Maree Dyer		<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Geoff Robinson
<b>Flowers</b>	Sandy Adolphus	<b>Somerville Maintenance—</b>		<b>Communion to the Sick This Week</b>	Group 1 - Group 2— Mary Marshall
<b>Cleaning</b>	SEPTEMBER: Tracey Clark	Matthew & Louise Street			



## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

God Our Father,

You govern and protect your people and shepherd them with a father's love. Place a father in a family as a sign of your love, care, and constant protection.

May fathers everywhere be faithful to the example shown in the Scriptures: Steadfast in love, forgiving transgressions, sustaining the family, caring for those in need. Give your wisdom to fathers that they may encourage and guide their children. Keep them healthy so they may support a family.

Guide every father with the Spirit of your love, that they may grow in holiness and draw their family ever closer to you. AMEN.

### LADIES LUNCHEON

On Friday 6th September at Deoro By The Bay at 12 noon. Please call **Val 0409 774 919** if you would like to attend.

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

Open to public every second Friday, next time on September 13th, 12.30pm



Padua College Principal, Kelly McGurn cordially invites you

to join us to celebrate the

**10 Year Anniversary of our Tyabb Campus**

Friday 13 September 2024

Mass commencing at 11.30am, celebrated in the Tyabb Campus Gym Followed by refreshments in the Tyabb Campus Library

Please RSVP to Carolyn Cockerham at [pa@padua.vic.edu.au](mailto:pa@padua.vic.edu.au) or 5976 0106 by Wednesday 4 September 2024

Address: 1585 Frankston - Flinders Road, Tyabb VIC 3913

### ARCHDIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE—EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW

The Archdiocese of Melbourne will run two pilgrimages to Rome next year as we celebrate Jubilee Year 2025. The first pilgrimage will be held in May and June 2025, coinciding with the Jubilee for Families, Grandparents and the Elderly. The second pilgrimage will be for young adults (18-35 years), journeying to the Jubilee of Youth in July and August 2025. The grace and hope-filled pilgrimages will journey through the towns and cities of Italy, homes of great saints like **St Francis** and **St Clare** (and soon to be canonised saints **Carlo Acutis** and **Pier Giorgio Frassati**), before walking through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica. Be the first to receive the latest updates, including booking information and itineraries, by submitting an expression of interest: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ST83H75>

### "SEEING OUR LIVES AS A GIFT": THE PATH TO TRUTH AND PEACE IN A WORLD OF CONFLICT

In his speech for the launch of the Australian bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2024–25, Associate **Professor Joel Hodge** suggests that in a world of division and conflict, seeing our lives as a gift—rather than as our own individual project—might help us find a path towards peace and truth. Continue reading: ['Seeing our lives as a gift': the path to truth and peace in a world of conflict](#)

### 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. [Safe-guarding Children Training | Westernport Church](#). Many thanks to all those who already provided their WWCC details!

### Temporary Change in Communion Procedure

Please note that the distribution of both species together at Communion during Mass will be paused until October. This is to avoid any confusion for the visiting priest while I am away. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. *Fr. Shymon*

### Total givings from the week, 22/8-28/8/24

Thanksgiving 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery	\$835.45
2nd Collection – Church Account ( <i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i> )	\$1962.40
Loose	\$282.90
Tap Machine Donations	\$149.43

Thank you for your ongoing support!