



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 15 September 2024

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First Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! **(R.)**

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

Second Reading

James 2:14-18

A reading from the letter of St James

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds - now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. **Alleluia!**

Mark 8:27-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead. Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

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.

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

Peter's insight

When Peter answers Jesus' question he demonstrates the disciples' dawning awareness of Jesus' true identity. It is the first occasion that the disciples are called to own what they think about Jesus. However, when Jesus begins to spell out what being the Messiah really means – persecution and death – Peter tries to convince Jesus that he doesn't need to go down that path. Jesus turns on Peter and snaps, "Get behind me, Satan!" It is a reminder of the desert temptation Jesus had to face at the start of his ministry when he wrestled with what sort of messiah he was called to be.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 16 September—22 September

MONDAY No Service

TUESDAY 9.30am Communion Service at Somerville

WEDNESDAY No service

THURSDAY 9.30 Communion Service at Hastings

FRIDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

11.00am Funeral Mass for Mary Holden 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, 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 Mary Holden, Noel Pullen and Geoff Anderson, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

 <p>CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE</p>  <p>UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY</p>	<p><u>Catholic Theological College</u></p> <p><i>Sign up for one or more short, online presentations.</i></p> <p>Engaging Your Faith: October 2024</p> <p><i>Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith.</i></p> <p>Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/</p>
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NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 21/9 & 22/9/2024

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Tracey Clark	John Patterson	Mei Lyons	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Garry McDonell	Marg Grant	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Commentator	Tracey Clark	Anthony Grimes	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	SEPTEMBER— Marg Grant		Sacristan	Marie Ernestine
Altar Linen		SEPTEMBER— Anne Maree Dyer		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Maree Chapman	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 1 - Group 2— Mary Marshall
Cleaning	SEPTEMBER: Tracey Clark	Fred Arena			

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY - 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

15 September 2024



Sunday 15 September 2024 marks **Social Services Sunday** within the **Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne**. 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. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people.

Social Services Sunday

What does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and
to walk humbly with your God
- Micah 6:8



Watch the video

At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

A PRAYER

We thank you, loving God, for this unfenced and fertile world, that is your gift, for all to sow and reap, to work and play, to wonder at and pray. We thank you, loving God, for all our fellow workers in your garden – for those who plan and plant, who prune and harvest, so that all may flower in a glory of shapes and colours. We promise, loving God, we servants at your table, to open your banquet to all your guests, to seat the hungry, lame and poor, to find a seat for those shut out and hold the door open against the crowd. May we follow Jesus, your Son, who walked in our world in wonder, reached out and healed and died to free and save it (us).

Written by Fr Andy Hamilton SJ for the Catholic Social Services National Conference 2024.

MORNING TEA THIS SUNDAY

There will be morning tea this **Sunday, the 15th of September** at **Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass.

All are welcome!

Resurrection Parish Celebrating 50 Years Of Worship & Service

402 Corrigan Road, Keysborough

ON: Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September

AT: All Masses- Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 9am & 11am

BOOK LAUNCH: 50 years of memories (\$25.00 copy)

INTERNATIONAL RESTAURANT following 11am Mass

With multicultural food delights for purchase.

All welcome... special invite to past parishioners

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book: Our next weekend is: **4 - 6 October 2024** at **St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South**.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

WITH JOY AND HOPE, ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI REFLECTS ON POPE'S TOUR

In a letter to the clergy and faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** reflects on his recent trip to Indonesia as part of Pope Francis' current tour of our region. Observing that the Church in Australia is 'taking on a more Asian face of Christ, and a less Anglo-European one', he asks, 'What does a more Asian way in Christ look and feel like? And how do we embrace it with joy and hope?' Continue reading: [With joy and hope, Archbishop Comensoli reflects on Pope's tour](#). **Please note that copies of Archbishop Comensoli's letter are also available at the foyers of our three Mass Centres.**

POPE FRANCIS BRINGS MESSAGE OF LOVE AND UNITY TO PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Pope Francis has brought a message of love, unity and hope to Papua New Guinea, the second stop on his four-nation tour of South-East Asia and Oceania, where he attended a number of events in the capital Port Moresby and visited Argentinian missionaries in the remote town of Vanimo. Flying to the outpost in a Royal Australian Air Force C-130 Hercules plane, the Pope encouraged the 20,000 people who gathered to meet him to match the natural beauty of their environment with the beauty of their love.



Continue reading: [Pope Francis brings message of love and unity to Papua New Guinea](#)

Total givings from the week, 6/9-12/9/24

Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$677.60
2nd Collection – Church Account (<i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i>)	\$947.50
Loose	\$253.50
Tap Machine Donations	\$147.51

Thank you for your ongoing support!