



## Western Port Catholic Parish

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

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 22 September 2024**

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### BAPTISM ENQUIRIES &

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### PARISH SCHOOLS:

**CRIB POINT** St Joseph's  
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(9am-noon M-F) 5976 4974

### First Reading

Wisdom 2:12. 17-20

#### A reading from the book of Wisdom

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8

#### **R. The Lord upholds my life.**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.

O God, hear my prayer;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

James 3:16 - 4:3

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

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**The word of the Lord.**

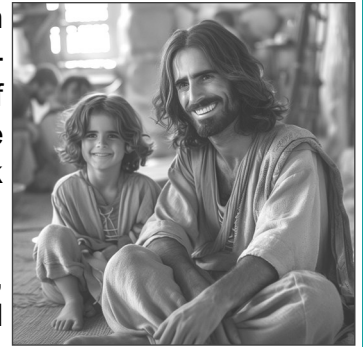
**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

Mark 9:30-37

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

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.



They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged

**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**



**Have you thought?  
Last of all?**

*Jesus tells his disciples that if anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all and servant of all. This is as challenging to us today as it was to the disciples and early Christians. Our world seems to revolve around position, status and power – whoever has the most toys wins! But what Jesus advocated was a leadership based on being of service to others. Being powerful simply means you are in a position to help even more people. By putting yourself last, instead of first, gives respect, dignity and power to others rather than to yourself.*

**LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 23 September—29 September**

**MONDAY** No Service

**TUESDAY** No Service

**WEDNESDAY** No service

**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**

**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, especially Finian and Kathleen.*

*May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength. Please pray for those who have died recently, especially Liza Stirton, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Madeleine Hackett. May they rest in peace.*

 <p><b>CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE</b> UNIVERSITY OF DIVINITY</p>	<p><b><u>Catholic Theological College</u></b></p> <p><i>Sign up for one or more short, online presentations.</i></p> <p><b>Engaging Your Faith: October 2024</b></p> <p><i>Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science &amp; Faith.</i></p> <p>Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: <a href="http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/">ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/</a></p>
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**NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 28/9 & 29/9/2024**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>Shoreham</b>	<b>Hastings</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Marshall	Zena Liston	Linda Weir	<b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>	Agnes Smith
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Maree Chapman	Genevieve Meyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	<b>Counters This Week</b>	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandy Adolphus	Pauline D'Astoli	Tom Leyden	<b>Counters Next Week</b>	Hijacinta Svabelj Heiman Sissing
<b>Mass Prep</b>	Mary Marshall	SEPTEMBER— Marg Grant		<b>Sacristan</b>	Paula Stokes
<b>Altar Linen</b>		SEPTEMBER— Anne Maree Dyer		<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Geoff Robinson
<b>Flowers</b>	Val Baxter	<b>Somerville Maintenance—</b> Sandy Adolphus & Garry McDonell		<b>Communion to the Sick This Week</b>	Group 1 - Group 2— Judy Deefholts
<b>Cleaning</b>	SEPTEMBER: Tracey Clark				

## SYDNEY NAMED AS HOST IN 2028 AS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS CONCLUDES IN QUITO, EQUADOR



As the 53rd International **Eucharistic Congress** came to an end in **Quito**, Ecuador, the Vatican named **Sydney** as the host of the next International Eucharistic Congress to be held in 2028. **Melbourne** was the last city in Australia to host an International Eucharistic Congress, in 1973. Held every four years, the event is expected to draw tens of thousands of pilgrims from all over the world to Sydney.

Continue reading: [Sydney named as host in 2028 as Eucharistic Congress concludes in Quito, Ecuador](#)

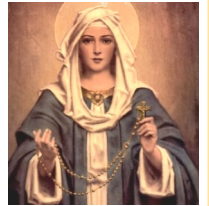
Archbishop Anthony Fisher and Australian delegation celebrate the announcement (Photo: John Nguyen/The Catholic Weekly)

### UPCOMING EVENT: THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ROSARY IN MT ELIZA

**Monday October 7th, 9am-4pm**

St Thomas More Church 311 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza

You are warmly invited to a day of prayer and supplication, to pray for peace in the world and in our hearts. The devotions during the day will include Adoration, Benediction, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Divine Office, Mass and all Mysteries of the Rosary. There will be time for fellowship and light refreshments will be provided.



### 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!

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th IS ST VINCENT DE PAUL FEAST

#### **Prayer to St Vincent de Paul**

St Vincent, patron of all charitable associations and father of those who are in misery, come to our assistance.

Obtain from Our Lord, help for the poor, relief for the infirm, consolation for the afflicted, protection for the abandoned, a spirit of generosity for the rich, grace of conversion for sinners, zeal for priests, peace for the Church, tranquillity and order for all nations, and salvation for them all.

May we be united in the life to come, by your intercession, and experience joy, gladness, and everlasting happiness.

Amen

### POPE'S VISIT TO TIMOR-LESTE 'A GIFT OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE'

Timor-Leste—where 96 per cent of the population are Catholic—was the only country on the **Pope Francis'** recent four-nation tour that has a majority Catholic population. Addressing nearly half that population—600,000 people—at Mass at a park in Tasitolu, he said, 'Let us not be afraid to make ourselves small before God, and before each other, to lose our lives, to give up our time, to revise our schedules, giving up something to help a brother or sister become better and happier.'

Continue reading: [Pope's visit to Timor-Leste 'a gift of faith, hope and love'](#)

**ST. MARY'S**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Your Zone ID Barcode:

**C2000010565**

### **HAPPY SPRING BREAK**

Happy spring break to all the children, teachers and staff of our three schools - St Mary's, St Joseph's and St Brendan's School. May you enjoy your spring holidays!

### **Total givings from the week, 13/9-18/9/24**

Thanksgiving 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery	\$957.75
2nd Collection – Church Account ( <i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i> )	\$823.50
Loose	\$316.90
Tap Machine Donations	\$98.49

Thank you for your ongoing support!