



## Western Port Catholic Parish

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

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 29 September 2024**

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### BAPTISM ENQUIRIES &

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### PARISH SCHOOLS:

**CRIB POINT** St Joseph's  
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mary School 5979 1959

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### First Reading

Numbers 11:25-29

#### A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14

#### **R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. **(R.)**

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

James 5:1-6

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

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them - listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

**The word of the Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. **Alleluia!**

Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

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

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward. 'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'



**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

**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**

**Living the gospel**

**Cut it out!**

*The thought of cutting off a hand or foot or tearing out an eye all seem a bit extreme if taken literally. Whilst Jesus didn't mean for us to do a bit of self-surgery, if we find ourselves caught in behavior that is self-destructive or hurtful to others, the only solution is quite literally to 'cut it out'. We know within ourselves when our actions are life-giving or life-harming. Surprisingly we often persist with harmful behavior even when we know it's harmful. Jesus' solution is simple: cut out the negative behavior and get back on track. That's the principle behind Reconciliation.*

**LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 30 September—6 October**

**MONDAY 11.00am** Memorial Prayer Service for Grahame Scown at Hastings

**TUESDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Somerville

**WEDNESDAY** No service

**THURSDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Hastings

**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, 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 Grahame Scown, 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 toilet-ries. 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, 5/10 & 6/10/2024**

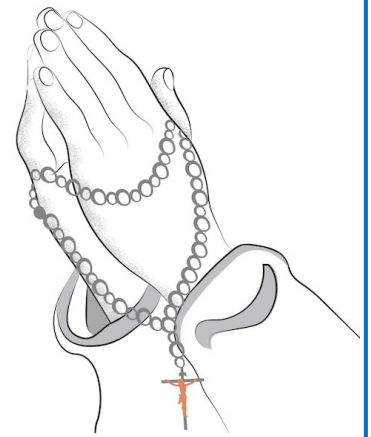
<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>Shoreham</b>	<b>Hastings</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Judy Deefholts	Anne-Marie Wilkinson	Cindy Hanson	<b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>	Barbara Farley
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Val Baxter	Ann Lorkin	Barbara Farley Dierdre Fennessy	<b>Counters This Week</b>	Hijacinta Svabelj Heimann Sissing
<b>Commentator</b>	Louise Hennessy	John Patterson	Val Coventry	<b>Counters Next Week</b>	Helga Crinis Judy Deefholts
<b>Mass Prep</b>	Val Baxter	OCTOBER: Sylvia Falzon		<b>Sacristan</b>	Virginia Carey
<b>Altar Linen</b>		OCTOBER: Ann Lorkin		<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Linda & Steve Weir
<b>Flowers</b>	Sandy Adolphus	<b>Somerville Maintenance—</b>		<b>Communion to the Sick This Week</b>	Group 1 - Group 2— Anne-Marie Lawson
<b>Cleaning</b>	OCTOBER: Louise Street	Matthew & Louise Street			

## OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this is a reminder of the promises for those who pray this contemplative prayer with Our Lady. By praying the Rosary, we gaze upon the life, ministry, passion, and resurrection of Jesus as Mary did.

From the 1st of October, we invite you to join us in prayer at

- **Immaculate Conception Church Hastings 20 minutes before the 10.00am Mass every Sunday**
- **St Brendan's Church Somerville 20 minutes before the 9.30am Mass (or Communion Service) every Tuesday**



### ATTENTION –DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

On Sunday, October 6th move your clock forward one hour at 2.00am to 3.00am

### LADIES LUNCHEON

On Friday October 4th at Deoro By The Bay at 12 noon. Please call Val 0409 774 919 if you would like to attend.

### Spiritual Retreats at Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne

The Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre will begin a series of reflection nights and retreats commencing with a Reflection Day focussing on the theme of the Year of Jubilee 2025 : **Hearing the Audacious Call to be Pilgrims of Hope** facilitated by Mark Walsh.

**Day:** Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2024

**Time:** 9.30am to 3.15pm.

**Venue:** Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, 362 Albert street, East Melbourne

**Price:** \$120 (Morning tea provided, BYO Lunch)

### Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Enquiries - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or

[lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

### MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support for the unborn. Join the March for the Babies on **Saturday, 12th October, 2024** at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink.

Catch the train to Parliament Station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens

### UPCOMING EVENT: THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF ROSARY AT MOUNT 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.

*More information about the timetable on leaflets in the foyers*

**If you can help with transportation for this Day of Prayer or if you are in need of transportation, please don't hesitate to contact the Parish Office**



### 'LIFE TO THE FULL': CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF THE PRESENTATION SISTERS OF VICTORIA

To mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the **Presentation Sisters of Victoria**, more than 250 people came together on September the 15<sup>th</sup> for a special Mass at St Mary's Catholic Church in St Kilda East. Congregation leader **Sr Helen Carboon** PBVM welcomed those gathered for the celebration, noting that the first Presentation Sisters came to Australia 'filled with hope and with promise' —promise that 'has become blessing for all those whose lives have been touched and shaped by those first sisters and all who have followed in their footsteps, living the Presentation mission of "life to the full for all"'.  
Congratulations on this special anniversary and dedicated work to Presentation Sisters in our community, Sr Joan and Sr Mary!

Continue reading: ['Life to the full': celebrating 150 years of the Presentation Sisters of Victoria](#)

### Total givings from the week 19/9-25/9/24

Thanksgiving 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery	\$698.10
2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes)	\$787.80
Loose	\$223.95
Tap Machine Donations	\$98.38

Thank you for your ongoing support!