



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 6 October 2024

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First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
by the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1 John 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. **Alleluia!**

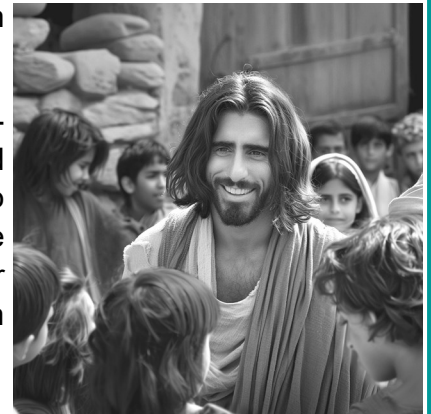
Mark 10:2-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them. 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECTION by Fiona Dyball

The readings for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time challenge us to recognise where our hearts have been hardened and how following the countercultural example of Jesus is what leads to real transformation. When positions are tightly held and entrenched, light cannot break through to illuminate a different path forward. A hardened heart and a closed mind are not open to listening, dialogue and gradual, healthy development in understandings. The Synod calls us all to be open to the dynamic movement of the Spirit, realised in daily, practical and life-giving ways. Relationships of mutuality and dignity are foundational, not optional, in God's Kingdom.

Each of us is invited to open our hearts to love and life that renews, often in and through unexpected insights and people. Being open and listening with the ear of our heart is central to this ongoing process of conversion to truth. In the biblical text, the heart is seen as the centre of understanding, determining behaviour. Both women and men are called to be part of this process of heart-centred discernment and to share in the rich blessings, as the psalmist sings, all the days of their lives. As we continue our synodal journey, we pray for hearts open to the new life that the Spirit generously offers in every time and place to those who walk in God's ways.

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

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Discipleship

This section of Mark's Gospel explores what it means to be a disciple. While this particular passage may seem to be a bit out of place, Jesus seems to be stressing to the disciples that there are some bottom lines – some non-negotiables – when it comes to being a disciple. Unlike the Pharisees who are preoccupied with the letter of the Law, Jesus encourages his disciples to get beyond that and understand the spirit of the Law – God's dream for humankind. The shift in the passage to the focus on children seems a little disconnected but the whole passage is about living in the kingdom with the right attitude.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 7 October—13 October

MONDAY No service

TUESDAY 9.30am Communion Service at Somerville

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, 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they rest in peace.

2024 WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL – IN TWO WEEKS

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar. You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/mongolia



NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 12/10 & 13/10/2024

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Garry McDonell	Peter Hall	Jared McCartin	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Val Coventry
Eucharistic Ministers	Anne-Marie Lawson	Anne Marie Dyer	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Helga Crinis Judy Deefholts
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Sr Joan Power		Counters Next Week	Kess & Genevieve Meyer
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	OCTOBER: Sylvia Falzon		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Altar Linen		OCTOBER: Ann Lorkin		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Mary Marshall
Cleaning	OCTOBER: Louise Street	Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson			

MORNING TEA THIS SUNDAY

There will be morning tea this **Sunday, the 6th of October** at **Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome!

VANDALISM INCIDENTS AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Following the attack about a month ago on the Statue of Mary at Immaculate Conception Church, two new incidents occurred, on 27th September and on 30th September just before the Memorial Prayer Service. Luckily, no one was hurt, but overall material damage is quite extensive, with several broken windows, broken sink in the male toilet and emergency exit glass doors and there was a break-in into Parish Activity Centre too. Police caught the perpetrators after the second incident. They were minors, so they were released shortly after.

We'd like to thank everyone who participated in responding to these incidents and cleaning up the mess. Also, we are working on keeping all our Parishioners, visitors and property safe, with the help of tradesmen that are working on site, our insurance company and local police. Please stay watchful and prayerful!

OCTOBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

During October, we invite you to join us in prayer of Rosary 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**

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

Saltbush Balnarring Beach Open Day

We're very happy to invite you to our upcoming **Open Day on Saturday 19th October from 10-2pm**. We would love for you to come and participate in the planned activities... there will be things to do for kids and adults alike, and we'd love to show you what Saltbush is all about and how we've been improving our beautiful surrounds. More information can be found on our [Open Day info page](#)

SYNOD ASSEMBLY GETS UNDERWAY IN ROME

The Second Assembly of Synod began on Wednesday 2 October in **Rome** with participants examining the Foundations section of the *Instrumentum Laboris* (the document is available on the Australian Synod website: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>). Participants also expect to be provided reports from the 10 Study Groups, the SECAM Study Group, the Canon Law Commission and the meeting of the 'Parish Priests for the Synod'.

For more information about the beginning of the assembly, go to ACBC media release: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/synod-assembly-gets-underway-in-rome/>

The two-day retreat being undertaken by Synod participants concluded with a Penitential Vigil on the Tuesday evening. The service was broadcasted by Vatican Media: <https://www.youtube.com/c/VaticanNews>

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday 20 October 2024, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne. Couples and their families are invited to join the annual Archdiocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. **Please register by Sunday 13 October:** <https://trybooking.com/CVMFGF> or any queries please contact us on 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

ARCHBISHOP'S LETTER AND A PRAYER FOR PEACE

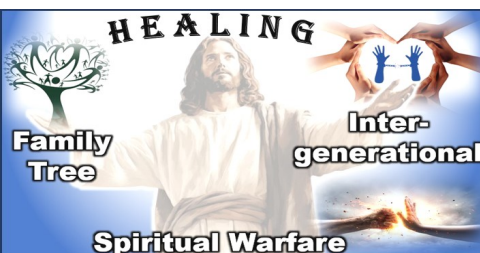
Archbishop **Peter A Comensoli** issued a Letter to Clergy and Laity of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, stating: "I join with Pope Francis and my brother Bishops in calling for a day of prayer, fasting and reconciliation for Peace this coming Monday, 7 October, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. I encourage you to take this call in your family and localities."

To find out more, you can find both the Archbishop's Letter and the Prayer for peace, written by Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, in the foyers of our three churches.

Total givings from the week 26/9-3/10/24

Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$708.85
2nd Collection – Church (<i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i>)	\$1312.50
Loose	\$209.30
Tap Machine Donations	\$114.64

Thank you for your ongoing support!



Healing Mass will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month @ 7pm.

'Heal me, LORD, that I may be healed; save me, that I may be saved, for you are my praise.' Jeremiah 17:14

COME AND JOIN US
at St Francis Xavier Parish,
60 Davey St, Frankston Vic.

*'Healing Mass' on Friday,
11th October 2024 at 7pm.*

Includes:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration/Benediction, Washing of Hands, Lighting of Candles, Anointing with Holy Oil, Prayers of Healing of the Sick, Family Tree, Intergenerational and Spiritual Warfare.