



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 13 October 2024

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First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wis-
dom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared
with her, I held riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold
is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than
health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In
her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be num-
bered.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**

Show forth your works to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged
sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided
from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and
thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and
open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs! **Alleluia!**

Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land - not without persecutions - now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundred-fold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

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.

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, 14 October—20 October

MONDAY No service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

FRIDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

SATURDAY

10.00am-10.30am—Reconciliation at Hastings

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, especially Margaret Howard and Ken Black.

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-tries. 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, 19/10 & 20/10/2024

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Mary Marshall	Damian Ireland	Tom Leyden	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Sr Joan Power	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Judy Deefholts
Commentator	Tracey Clark	Sylvia Falzon		Counters Next Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	OCTOBER: Sylvia Falzon		Sacristan	Sarah Ernestine
Altar Linen		OCTOBER: Ann Lorkin		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Maree Chapman	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	OCTOBER: Louise Street	Fred Arena			



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 every Tuesday**

St Mary's Primary School News

You are invited to our whole school Mission Month Mass. on **Wednesday 16th October, 2.15pm**, at Immaculate Conception Church.

The Mass is being led by our Grade 4/5 class.

Everyone is welcome to join us for this special celebration. We hope to see you there!



St Brendan's School News

Thursday, October 17th. Whole School Mass: Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Those in Need, at St Brendan's Church at 11:30 am.

All are welcome. Parishioners, please feel free to wear 'crazy' socks to mark Catholic Mission Socktober Day. To find out more about the work of Catholic Mission or to donate, please visit: www.socktober.org.au

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Visit an Aged Care Resident

Are you able to visit one of our elderly Parishioners once a week or every fortnight for about an hour or so, for friendship, a chat, or maybe a prayer or going out for a coffee together? Our parishioner, Frances, is now living at Western Port Bay Residential Aged Care in Tyabb, has a 4-wheel walker and can go outside. If you chose to volunteer through MS Plus, you would be covered by insurance, and you could get assistance with all paperwork to get into the aged care home. For more information, please call Raffaella Mazzeo, MS Plus ACVVS Program Coordinator, t: 03 8399 9608.

Parish Counters

If you are willing and able to help with the counting in the Parish Activity Centre in Hastings, Tuesdays at 10.15am or other times as organised with Parish Office before hand, please contact the Parish Office.

2024 WORLD MISSION DAY APPEAL—NEXT SUNDAY



Reach out. Give life.

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need. This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

Saturday 19 October - Youth and Young Adult Leaders Formation and Training Day.

All involved in youth, young adult and campus ministry - or interested in leading one - are invited to join us for a day of formation, growth and inspiration! **DATE & TIME:** Saturday, 19 October 2024 9.00am - 3.00pm (optional: Mass at the Cathedral at 8am)

Note: Morning tea and lunch is provided **Location:** Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, (enter via Lansdowne Street carpark), East Melbourne Vic 3002

Register [here](#).

POPE NAMES MELBOURNE'S BISHOP MYKOLA BYCHOK AS ONE OF 21 NEW CARDINALS

In a historic announcement, **Pope Francis** has nominated Melbourne's **Bishop Mykola Bychok**, Head of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Sts Peter and Paul, as one of 21 new cardinals to be created at a consistory in Rome on 8 December 2024.

Continue reading: [Pope names Melbourne's Bishop Mykola Bychok as one of 21 new cardinals](#)

ALLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT TO SPEAK': THE 1ST WEEK OF SYNOD'S SECOND ASSEMBLY

The Second Assembly of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops began on 2 October and will run until 27 October. Fourteen Australian Catholics are among the participants at the assembly, which brings together 368 bishops, priests, religious and lay people from around the world.

Continue reading: ['Allowing the Holy Spirit to speak': the first week of synod's second assembly](#)

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!

Total givings from the week 4/10-10/10/24

Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$577.60
2nd Collection – Church (<i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i>)	\$1318.20
Loose	\$243.35
Tap Machine Donations	\$157.50