



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 3 November 2024

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.

My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.

The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

GOSPEL FOCUS

First of all

Jesus is asked which commandment is first and he provides two commandments as his answer. However, he doesn't bundle them together as one overarching commandment - he very distinctly identifies them as first and second. Sometimes we can feel the way to express love for God is through demonstrating our love for other people in charitable or justice-focused actions. However, Jesus makes clear that the first commandment of all is the love of God with all our being - that God is worthy of love in God's own right. Our love of God may inspire us to action for others but the first step is loving God for who God is.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.

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!

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, 4 November—10 November**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 Aldo, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, 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 Michael Paganoni.

May they rest in peace.

Pastoral Care Appeal 2024—Next Weekend

Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously.

You can donate using the envelopes or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 9/11 & 10/11/2024

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Tracey Clark	Sylvia Falzon	Michelle Claudio	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Agnes Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Garry McDonell	Joan White	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Heimann Sissing Hijacinta Svabelj
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Zena Liston	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Judy Deefholts
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	NOVEMBER: Val Fakhry		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Altar Linen		NOVEMBER: Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance— Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Mary Marshall
Cleaning	NOVEMBER: Christine Coleman				

MORNING TEA THIS SUNDAY

There will be morning tea this **Sunday, the 3rd of November** at **Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome!

LITURGY MEETING

This **Thursday, 7 November at 2.00pm** there will be Liturgy meeting at the Parish Centre in Hastings.

RCIA IN OUR PARISH

RCIA stands for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults". Our RCIA team is ready to welcome any participants who would like to inquire about becoming a Catholic. The second session will be on **Thursday 7th November at 7:00pm in the Parish Centre**. Please encourage any of your family or friends to consider the inquiry stage. There is no obligation to commit to continuing if the decision is made to not proceed. Please contact the Parish Office with names and details.



St Mary's News—Help Needed

We would love for any parishioners to please assist us with weeding in our Community Garden. We can be flexible with duration, days and times and work around your availability. No gardening experience required, we would just really appreciate your time and help.

If you can help please contact our Sustainability Leader, **Natalie Dullard** at school, via phone 5979 1959 or via email ndullard@smhastings.catholic.edu.au

All volunteers require a **Working with Children Check**, if you need help with this please let us know and we can assist you.

THANK YOU!



Once again, we would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy. During this year's appeal we have collected overall \$698.50 in cash and credit card donations!

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

NOVEMBER MASSES

All Mass Centers will have **Remembrance Books** up until the end of November, all where you can write down the names of people who have passed away this year as well as those you would want to pray for. For the people listed in the books, Fr Shymon will celebrate a Mass.



Additionally, envelopes for November Masses will be available in our churches' foyers.

ETERNAL REST PRAYER

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

ART OF DISCERNMENT SEMINAR

In this seminar, **Fr Robin Koning SJ** will break open why discernment is such an imperative, as well as its implications for a synodal church. The seminar will also familiarise you with the discernment resources from the *Take the Way of the Gospel Parish Resource Guide*, equipping you to confidently facilitate the same discernment processes in your own communities.

Facilitator: Fr Robin Koning SJ

Audience: Clergy, Religious, Lay Leaders, Take the Way of the Gospel Parish representatives and all interested.

Session 1: Friday 15 November, 2024 Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm

Session 2 (Repeat session): Saturday 16 November, 2024 Time: 10.30am - 2.30pm

Venue: Cardinal Knox Centre - Cathedral Room 383 Albert St, East Melbourne

Enquires: proclaim@cam.org.au

REGISTER: ['Art of Discernment' Seminar Tickets, Cardinal Knox Centre - Cathedral Room, East Melbourne | TryBooking Australia](#)



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Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$727
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes)	\$1,097.50
Loose	\$235.90
Tap Machine Donations	\$127.87

Thank you for your ongoing support!