

Western Port Catholic Parish

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C, 19 January 2025

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First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken,' nor your land 'Abandoned,' but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1-3. 7-10

R. Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. (R.)

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

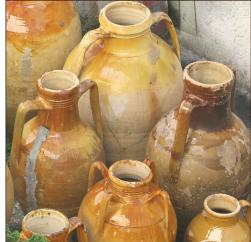
God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

John 2:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons.



Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now,' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings that are offered to us as we begin Ordinary Time carry over some of the themes that we considered during the Christmas season. Then we celebrated the new era that God inaugurated through the birth of Jesus. Now we look deeply into our minds and hearts to see just how open we are to the demands of that new year. Last Sunday we considered the manifestation of the Spirit at the time of the baptism of Jesus. This Sunday we contemplate the various manifestations of that same Spirit in our own lives. Finally, we are brought to realise that this variety of Spirit-filled ministries is intended to be a source of Christian unity and not of fragmentation or division.

One of the major themes gleaned from the readings for today is that of the call to newness. God summons us to something new, gives us a new name, provides us with new experiences, launches us into new ministries, and calls us to sing a new song of praise. Even Jesus experienced a call to newness. Through Mary, God called him out into ministry, a ministry that would bring the fruits of the eschatological age of fulfilment to the whole world. We may be inclined to think of Pentecost as the season of the Spirit, but in reality the newness of God always comes to us through the Spirit regardless of the season of the year. In the world of the new age, the real glory of Jesus will be manifested in the variety of the gifts of the Spirit given to the church.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

perspective

The servants

What must the servants have been thinking? First of all, there was insufficient wine for the feast. They probably knew who was going to wear the blame for that ordering mistake! Then they're told to fill the enormous water jars with water, draw some into a serving vessel and go and present it to the steward of the household – effectively their overseer; their boss! They must have been very nervous about how the steward would respond to what they were taking to him. Yet they, along with Mary and Jesus, were the only witnesses to Jesus' first miracle! Even the steward was unaware of the miracle.

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, 20 January —26 January 2025

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 St Peter's Church, Shoreham
10.00am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Paula, Maureen Bleighly, 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 Helena Jaskolski, Oscar Triffett, 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 Paul Clarke and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Bernie Bishop and Jeynelle Broatch. . May they rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL:

We are in desperate need of your support. Our cupboard is depleted, and we need some more perishable items. If you can help with cans of Soup, Meat & Vegetables, Diced Tomatoes, Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Tuna or Salmon, Vegetables, tinned fruit. Pasta and Sauces, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Jam. Packets of sweet and dry biscuits, two-minute noodles and cup of soup, long life milk. Tea and Coffee and toiletries. Please do not donate sugar or powdered milk. Thank you for your ongoing support.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 25/1 & 26/1/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Sandy Adolphus	8.00am Peter Hall 10.00am	Michelle Claudio	Mass Wel- comer Has- tings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Street	8.00am Kees Meyer 10.00am Joan Power	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Judy & Derick Deefholts
Commenta- tor	Judy Deefholts	8.00am John Patterson 10.00am Ann Lorkin	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	JANUARY: Marg Grant		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Altar Linen		JANUARY: Anne Maree Dyer		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Mainte- nance— Bill & Anne-Marie		Communion to the Sick	Group 2—
Cleaning	JANUARY: Louise Street	Lawson		This Week	n/a

MAKE JUBILEE 2025 RESOLUTIONS

Much like 'New Year resolutions', a good idea, either as a community or individuals, is to commit to some 'jubilee resolutions' for 2025. This could include



- Being intentional about using the official Jubilee 2025 song and prayer.
- Visiting some of the Archdiocese of Melbourne's different pilgrimage sites and shrines, especially our jubilee 'Pilgrim Places'.
- Consider joining one of the Archdiocesan pilgrimages to Rome that will take place throughout 2025.
- Committing to additional prayer and/or fasting for the sake our loved ones, and those in our community, who have drifted away from faith.
- Committing to additional formation activities, especially those focussed upon the Catechism of the Catholic Church or documents of the Second Vatican Council.
- Creatively nurturing the three 'attitudes' that **Pope Francis** encouraged us to have as pilgrims during Jubilee 2025: thanksgiving, intentionally seeking to encounter the Lord, and penance.
- As a community, creating more opportunities for evangelisation and outreach

MAGI PILGRIMAGES

Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025

- 1.Streams of Mercy (May),
- 2. Italy & Poland (May),
- 3. Marian Shrines (June),
- 4. Shrines of our Lady (August),
- 5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October).

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For itineraries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

PRAYERS & REFLECTIONS For Your Sacred Day 2025 COMPILED BY JULIETTE HUGHES AND ANN RENNIE

Compiled by **Juliette Hughes** and **Ann Rennie** for Australian readers, inside you will find a contemporary Christian prayer or reflection for each day of the year – including contributions from Australian Bishops – as well as major Feast days, commemorative days, and Australian holidays. *Prayers & Reflections for Your Sacred Day 2025* is just what you need to accompany you on your journey through 2025.

RRP \$34.95 Sophia \$29.71

More information on the following link: 9781922484918

Leading in Hope: Vital Parishes

Saturday 22 February 2025, 10:30am – 3:15pm Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Parish leadership teams are invited to get ahead of the curve and begin 2025 with a special day of formation and planning. Join us for an inspiring line-up of keynote talks and practical workshops that focus on missionary vision, leadership excellence, and collaboration—key elements of a vital parish, as outlined in the Take the Way of the Gospel Framework for

Parish Renewal.

Register by 16 February: https://www.trybooking.com/CXYJD
Cost: \$30 per person Keynote Speaker: André Regnier

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 10/1/25-16/1/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$1091.65

2nd Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$1147.50 Loose \$447.20

Tap Machine \$127.89

Thank you for your ongoing support!