



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C, 16 February 2025

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First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the waste lands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 1:1-4

R. Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**

Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.
(R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunat of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Luke 6:17. 20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor; yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward

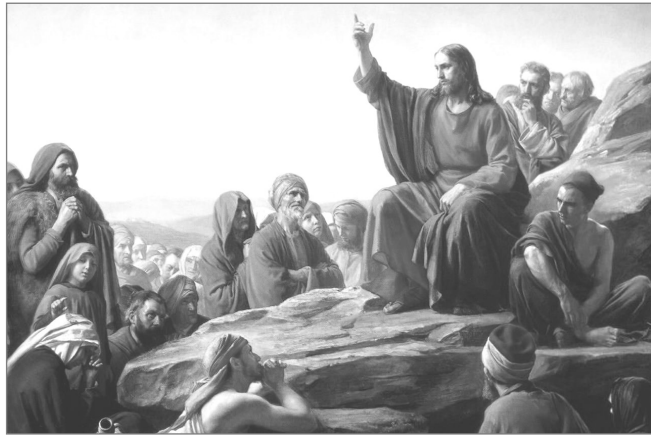
will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Paul teaches us that, united to Christ through faith and in baptism, we are united in his death and resurrection. With Christ we die to sin; with him we rise to a new life. We cannot wait to see proof of our transformation before we change our actions. The proof is in the lives we live in faith. To deny that we have died and been raised is to deny the resurrection of Christ. Paul insists that they cannot be separated. The challenge is to live in and out of this faith.

Both Jeremiah and Jesus introduce us to such a way of living. It is a way of paradox, a way that moves us beyond the self-centred standards of the world. The poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those who are persecuted are really the ones who are blessed. The victims of our social and economic systems, those who have been ravaged by war or have been made vulnerable by life itself are the ones who, if they place their trust in God, will be blessed in the end. They may appear to be the outcasts of this world, but, if they are filled with faith, they will inherit heaven. The wealth of this world and its pleasures are not the blessings that we might think they are. They can blind us to the real values of life and prevent us from dying to the world and living resurrected lives in Christ.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Message for all

Throughout the Gospel of Luke, the author is keen to demonstrate that the message of Jesus is for all people – not just the Jews, but for the Gentiles and Pagans as well. We can see this message revealed in the gathering of people who listened to Jesus' sermon on the plain. We're told there were people from all parts of Judea (all Jews) as well as people from the pagan lands of Tyre and Sidon. The first audiences of this gospel would immediately have recognised the significance of people from Tyre and Sidon standing alongside Jews from Judea.

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, 17 February —23 February 2025

MONDAY No Service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville
11.00am Funeral Mass for Hendrik Bierman in Hastings

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

Weekend Masses with Bishop Tony Ireland:

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 Janelle Farley, Mary McCluskey, 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, 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 Hendrik Bierman and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. 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, 22/2 & 23/2/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Garry McDonell	Sr Joan Power	Val Coventry	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Chapman	Val Fakhry	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Clare Shearman	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Hijacinta Svabelj Heimann Sissing
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	FEBRUARY: Sylvia Falzon		Sacristan	Marie Ernestine
Altar Linen		FEBRUARY: Ann Lorkin		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Fr Shymon
Cleaning	FEBRUARY: Christine Coleman	Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson			

**PASTORAL VISIT OF AUXILIARY BISHOP TONY IRELAND TO WESTERN PORT PARISH
& PARISH FORUM (21st-23rd February)**



We are pleased to welcome Bishop Tony Ireland for his pastoral visit to our parish from Friday, 21st February, to Sunday, 23rd February.

His visit begins with Mass at St. Mary's Church on Friday morning, followed by meetings with our school and student leadership team, parish staff, and ministry groups.

Parish Forum – Saturday, 22nd February

All parishioners are invited to the Parish Forum on Saturday from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church, Hastings. During this time, the Bishop will meet parishioners from each Mass centre, providing an opportunity to engage with the faithful and listen to their concerns. This is a wonderful occasion to meet the Bishop, share insights, and discuss the life of our parish. The forum will conclude with a BBQ lunch.

We encourage all parishioners to attend the Parish Forum and join us in welcoming the Bishop throughout his visit. Let's come together as a parish family to share in this special occasion!

Fr. Shymon

Join us as we celebrate our

BEGINNING OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Wednesday 19th February, 2.15pm

**Immaculate Conception Church
Hastings**

All family and friends are welcome to attend this special event.

If you have any questions please contact the school office or email Miss Dullard ndullard@sjcribpoint.catholic.edu.au



Lenten Reflection Group

You are invited to gather for a time of **quiet Reflection and Prayer** on the Lenten Sunday Scriptures.

A Reflection booklet **Many Paths lead to Easter** by Fr. Andy Hamilton sj will be used and available.

When: THURSDAYS of Lent :

March 6, 13, 20, 27,

April 3 and 10.

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00 pm

Where: St. Peter's Church Shoreham

If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the Reflection booklet contact Sister Joan Power on 0491 011 127 and she will arrange a copy for you.

ALL WELCOME

Bl. Carlo Acutis Parish Mission—St Thomas More Parish (February 17th - 23rd 2025)

First Class relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis (to be canonised a Saint on April 27th 2025)



International Exhibition of Miracles of the Holy Eucharist, devised by Carlo; Guest Speakers include: Anna Krohn, Rev Dr Trevor Tibbertsma and John Canavan

For more information and detailed schedule, please see the flyer in the foyers of our three churches

311 Canadian Bay Road, Mount Eliza. Mounteliza@cam.org.au, 0397877777

WATERS OF LOURDES REACH ST PATRICK'S AT ANNUAL LOURDES DAY MASS

Last Saturday, hundreds of faithful from gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Lourdes Day Mass—a cherished annual opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm.

Continue reading: ['Flowing peace': waters of Lourdes reach St Patrick's at annual Lourdes Day Mass](#)

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

'Pilgrims of Hope' is the Jubilee 2025 motto. **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** says it is an opportunity for the faithful to make a metaphorical pilgrimage, with Jesus both the path to be travelled and the destination. Younger Catholics can find out more about [the Archdiocese of Melbourne's 2025 Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage](#)—an opportunity to make the journey of a lifetime.

STAMPS AVAILABLE

For those Parishioners who collect stamps, there are stamps available at the Parish Office. If you're interested, please contact the Parish Office.

Total givings from the week 3/2/25-9/2/25

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$700.60
2 nd Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$1210.50
Tap Machine	\$176.72

Thank you for your ongoing support!