



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – 10th/11th October, 2026

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First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation.

See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

As incredible as it may seem, some people turn down the invitation to the eschatological banquet. This is the case, both in the parable and in our world today. This invitation seems much less interesting than a sports event, the latest movie, or some social affair. So much of our time and energy is spent either climbing the economic ladder or just trying to keep our heads above water. Even if we are interested in the banquet, we do not seem able to afford the time and energy that it might require. And so we send our regrets: I cannot come. What a shame! We seem to have forgotten that everything is tending toward the end; all of our plans, interests and distractions will cease. Only the banquet will remain. All God asks of us is that we receive the blessings that have been prepared for us. We need not work for them. In fact, we cannot work for them on our own. All we can do is enjoy them. Enjoyment of the eschatological time of fulfilment is open to all, but guaranteed to none.

One theme seems to connect all of the readings for this Sunday, our total dependence on God. God spreads the banquet table and invites the guests; God punishes those who are indifferent to or antagonistic toward the eschatological banquet; God supplies whatever we need in whatever circumstances we find ourselves. We do not have to bargain with God, or make reservations. All we have to do is accept what God has to offer.



BANQUET

How many words can you make from
the letters in the word BANQUET?

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Just as we invite our friends to be at our party, Jesus wants us
to know that we are all invited to eternal life with him in heaven.
Draw a picture of yourself doing something that shows Jesus
that you accept his invitation.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK: 12/10 - 18/10**MONDAY:** No Service**TUESDAY:****9.30am** Mass at Somerville**FRIDAY:****9.30am** Mass at Hastings**SATURDAY:****6.00pm** Mass at Somerville**SUNDAY :****8.00am** Mass at Shoreham**10.00am** Mass at Hastings**PRAYERS AND PETITIONS**

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Mary Mitcham, Jemima Middleton (McKillop), Kylie Wilman, Ann Wilson, Priscilla Pascual, Marcelina Pascual, Jacqueline Sharpley, Charles, Mary Marshall, Ian Marshall, Bob Fels, David Wirth, Michael Smith, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Halima, Maureen Bleighly, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Frank Tagliabue, Janice Danaher, Jane, Maria, 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. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

Please pray for those who have died recently, especially Solveiga Wegner and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL:

Once again our cupboards need refilling and we need some more non-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, Cup-a-soup, Long life milk, Tea, Coffee and toiletries. Please do not donate sugar or powdered milk. Thank you for your support!

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK—17th/18th October

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Tracey Clark	Catherine Clancy	Brian McAnallen	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Brian McAnallen
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Joan White	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Gary McDonell	Anthony Grimes	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen	OCT: Mary Marshall	OCT: Catherine Russ		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman			Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Maree Chapman			Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne-Marie Lawson

COMPULSORY VOLUNTEER TRAINING.

The Archdiocese requires all parish volunteers to participate in safety training (Child Safeguarding) every three years – either on line or in person. The Archdiocese will be providing training at our Parish Centre on **Saturday, 31st October, 2026 from 10a.m. to 12 noon.**

All volunteers who have not done training in the last three years will be required to attend (unless they update their training online before 24th October, 2026 and notify the Parish Office in writing with a copy of their Training Certificate).

The Parish Office will be sending an email to volunteers next week regarding this matter. If you have any queries, please ring the office.



OCTOBER

MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



**Please come join us in prayer at:
Immaculate Conception Church Hastings:
25 minutes before Mass on Sundays.
Also at St Brendan's Church Somerville:
on Tuesdays.**

POPE LEO'S October Prayer Intention is for **'mental health ministry.'**

He has dedicated his October prayer intention to mental health ministry, calling on the Church to listen without judging and accompany those who suffer without excluding them.

He prays that the Church may become *'a safe space where everyone has a place—a community that accompanies and never excludes, that listens without judging and draws near without fear'.*

Continue reading: melbournecatholic.org.au

Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.



Synodality and the margins

A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disabled, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

Synodality requires humility

Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility—from leaders and from communities—so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028.

The journey towards the 54th International Eucharistic Congress ("**Eucharist28**") has taken a significant step as the event's dates were officially announced. Eucharist28 will run from 24 September to 1 October 2028.



Eucharist28 will offer a rich spiritual and cultural program designed to inspire, uplift, and unite, organisers have said. Pilgrims will have the opportunity to enter into moving Eucharistic celebrations and moments of communal prayer, inspiring catechesis and keynote sessions, and exhibitions and opportunities for encounter.

It has been one hundred years since the last International Eucharistic Congress has been hosted in Sydney.

Western Port Parish is committed to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protect them from harm.

Total giving: 3rd/4th October

1st Collection – Presbytery: (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques): \$508.45
2nd Collection – Church: (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques): \$1278.70
Tap Machine : \$58.99