



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

The Most Holy Trinity Sunday - Year C, 15 June 2025

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First Reading

Proverbs 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded, before the oldest of his works. From everlasting I was firmly set, from the beginning, before earth came into being. The deep was not, when I was born, there were no springs to gush with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills, I came to birth; before he made the earth, the countryside, or the first grains of the world's dust. When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there, when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep, when he thickened the clouds above, when he fixed fast the springs of the deep, when he assigned the sea its boundaries - and the waters will not invade the shore—when he laid down the foundations of the earth, I was by his side, a master craftsman, delighting him day after day, ever at play in his presence, at play everywhere in his world, delighting to be with the sons of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 8:4-9

R. O Lord our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? **(R.)**

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. **(R.)**

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Gospel: John 16:12–15



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response celebrate the marvels of creation and the marvelous creator who brought them into being. Proverbs states that God created all of these things through Wisdom. While later theology will identify Wisdom with both the Word of God, the second person of the Trinity, and the Holy Spirit, the third person, the reading itself does not suggest this.

Paul credits God with our justification through faith. Justification or salvation is accomplished by God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The love of God is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Paul does not clearly state that the love of God that we receive through the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, but one could certainly understand it in this way. John’s theology resembles very closely that of Paul. In it, Jesus reveals the intimate connection between himself and the Father as well as himself and the Spirit. The Spirit continues the mission of Jesus, neither adding anything to his teaching nor omitting anything from it.

While this is a feast that glorifies the central mystery of our faith, a mystery that is based on the way the three divine persons relate to each other, the readings all address ways that God relates to us. If we concentrate, as the texts for today suggest that we do, on all of the ways that our Triune God has blessed us, we may be more inclined to cry out with the psalmist: ‘O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!’

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025: Registrations Open



WHAT? ACYF is a three-day festival bringing together thousands of young people from across Australia. The Festival will include opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, bishops, musicians, and speakers. Each day, participants can engage in a wide range of activities, including talks, prayer experiences, Mass, workshops, forums, live concerts, games, a justice activity centre and an interactive expo.

WHEN? Sunday 30 November (afternoon) – Tuesday 2 December (late evening). **WHERE?** The Festival will be hosted at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). Located within Melbourne’s vibrant city centre, MCEC is conveniently situated along the banks of the Yarra River, a short walk from two major city train stations, and accessible by tram and bus (with designated drop-off zones). **WHO?** Young people from Year 9 up to 25 years of age are invited along with their leaders. **REGISTRATION** for the Festival are officially open! Significant registration information, including pricing, methods of payment, terms and conditions and group types can be found via the Registration page of the ACYF website: www.acyf.org.au/registration. Group and individual registrations will be open until 30 October 2025, unless capacity is met earlier.

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools is already running for Reconciliation and First Eucharist and is starting on 2nd July for Confirmation. Enrolment forms and more details are on the Parish Website or contact the Parish Office. Please get any interested families to contact the Parish.



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LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 16 June—21 June

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

11.30am Funeral Mass at Hastings for Thomas O'Dea

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 Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Eddie and Marie Merezko, Stephen Charles, Halima, Sala, Agnes, Malia, Janelle Farley, Mary McCluskey, Maureen Bleighly, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Pat Tagliabue, Frank Tagliabue, Michael Pound, John Kelly, Janice Danaher, Vicky Mathis, Edna Walsh, Jane Maria, Kathy Burke, Frank Howard, Mike Mason, Elaine Duyvestyn, James Smythe, Lucy Triffett, Helena Jaskolski, Oscar Dixon-Rotherham, Margaret Sherlock, Kathleen 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 Thomas O'Dea and Theresa O'Dea, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely. The Women's Cooperative, led by **Sr Jane** will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. **You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholic-mission.org.au/mission.** Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/mission

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 21/6 & 22/6/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Sandy Adolphus	Joan White	Michelle Claudio	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Kayla Miller
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Chapman	Kees Meyer	Barbara Farley Dierdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Commentator	Garry McDonell	Ann-Marie Wilkinson	Agnes Smith	Counters Next Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Altar Linen		JUNE –Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	JUNE –Sylvia Falzon		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Maree Champman	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Anne-Marie Lawson
Cleaning	JUNE—Tracey Clark				

St Brendan's School News

Thank you for Welcoming the St Brendan's First Communicants to the Recent Commitment Masses. Thank you to all of the St Brendan's parishioners for keeping the children in their prayers and so warmly welcoming the St Brendan's School First Communicants and their families to the parish Masses on Saturday, May 24th and Saturday, May 31st. Thank you for continuing to build a beautiful faith partnership with the St Brendan's School families. Confirmation candidates and their families look forward to also celebrating their commitment Masses with parishioners at the parish Masses on Saturday, June 28th and Saturday, July 26th.

Save The Date

Friday Evening 29th August 2025

Western Port Parish

Fundraiser Dinne

Details and tickets on sale soon!

PARISH ROSTERS

Rosters are now available at the welcoming tables of our churches. Many thanks to everyone who applied for any type of ministry for the next 12 months! Please remember to send us your current Working With Children Check details.

SAFEGUARDING BULLETIN

Dear Parishioners, from this week you may also read **Western Port Parish Child Safeguarding Committee Bulletin**, for your information about our Safeguarding Committee and about other related news.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION IN MELBOURNE

In this Jubilee Year of grace, Archbishop **Peter A Comensoli** is warmly inviting the Faithful to the **Archdiocesan Corpus Christi Procession** on **Sunday, 22 June 2025**, beginning after the 11am Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral** making the way through the CBD and concluding at **Federation Square**.

Total givings from the week 2/6-8/6/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$681.75

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$1738
Tap Machine \$132.79

Congratulations on the 30th anniversary of St Brendan's School

Thank you also to all the wonderful parishioners who joined the school for their 30th Anniversary Mass and afternoon tea, or who extended their warm wishes and congratulations to the school on this occasion.



We hope you enjoyed celebrating this special milestone for St Brendan's school as much as the children, families and other special guests did. Here's to another 30 or more years together!

A Word From The Presentation Sisters

As the Scripture says, 'There is a time for every purpose under heaven ...'. It is now time for us to say good bye, thank you and to wish the community of Western Port Parish rich blessings as we all make our journey into the future.

Sister Mary Keogh and I are the last of the 13 Sisters who have shared the ministry at Balnarring since 1989. We are grateful for the love and support we have received from the local community. It has been a gift for us to have been part of the Western Port Parish. In recent years we Presentation Sisters have worked to ensure that the ministry commenced in 1989 at Balnarring will continue. Under the governance of Kildare Ministries, the Board of Saltbush Presentation Family Centre is committed to both the care and nurturing of individuals, families and groups who come for a time of rest, relaxation and renewal of their spirits in the houses and our commitment to care for our Mother Earth through the regeneration of the 17 hectares of land. Mary and I are moving to a Presentation house in Caulfield, sad that the time has come to leave this beautiful part of the world and the people who have made it so special for us but grateful for the blessings our time here has been.

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of Laudato Si and rejoice in the gift that Pope Leo XIV is for our Church and our vulnerable world, we pray for God's blessing



on each and every member of Western Port faith community.

Sisters Mary Keogh and Joan Power

Thank You, Presentation Sisters

On behalf of Western port parish, I thank the Presentation Sisters for 36 years of faithful service, especially at St peter's, Shoreham. Your prayerful presence and dedication have blessed our parish. We are truly grateful for your generous witness to Christ's love. May God continue to guide you. *Fr. Shymon*