



Western Port Catholic Parish

Newsletter

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

Passion Sunday - Year A, 29 March 2026.

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BAPTISM ENQUIRIES & COMMUNION TO THE SICK:

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PARISH SCHOOLS:

CRIB POINT: St Joseph's
Primary School 5983 9374

HASTINGS: St Mary's
Primary School 5979 1959

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Primary School 5977 7277

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Assistance Call Centre**
(9am-noon M-F) 5976 4974

LITURGIES DURING HOLY WEEK : 30/3 - 5/4/2026.

MONDAY—No service.

TUESDAY- 9.30am Communion Service at Somerville,
followed by Stations of the Cross

10.00am Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral

WEDNESDAY - 9.00am Mass at Shoreham

HOLY THURSDAY -2 April

7.00pm Mass of the Last Supper at HASTINGS
(washing of the feet and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament)

**The Church will be open for private prayer until 10.30pm*

GOOD FRIDAY – 3 April

10.30am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross at Uniting Church HASTINGS.
(Corner of Hodgins Rd & Marine Parade)

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion – HASTINGS

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion – SHOREHAM

HOLY SATURDAY - 4 April

Vigil Masses begin with the Service of the Light (outside)

6.00pm at St Brendan's, SOMERVILLE

7.30pm Immaculate Conception Church, HASTINGS

EASTER SUNDAY - 5 April

8.00am Easter Mass at St Peter's - SHOREHAM

10.00am Easter Mass at St Peter's - SHOREHAM

10.00am Easter Mass at Immaculate Conception Church - HASTINGS

PALM SUNDAY READINGS - are in the
booklets. Please return booklets after
Mass.

PALMS. Please keep the blessed palms at
home and bring them back before Ash
Wednesday next year.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place **on Good Friday, April 3rd**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, school, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the Covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors.

Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and keep them in your prayers.

The envelopes for support of the church in the Holy Land will be available in Hastings & Shoreham.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES IN THE HOLY WEEK,

HASTINGS (7.00pm Holy Thursday)

Lector: Judy Deefholts | **Eucharistic Minister:** Maggie Parsons, Lioba Robinson | **Audio/Visual:** Geoff Robinson.
Mass Welcomer: Barbara Farley.

HASTINGS (3.00pm Good Friday)

Lector: Lioba Robinson, Deirdre Fennessy, | **Audio/Visual:** Geoff Robinson. **Eucharistic Ministers:** Isobel Wilson.

SHOREHAM (3.00pm Good Friday)

Lector: John Patterson, Pauline D'Astoli, Peter Schreiner, |
Eucharistic Minister: , Ann Lorkin |
Commentator: Sylvia Falzon

SOMERVILLE (6.00pm Easter Vigil)

Lector: Sandy Adolphus, Tracey Clark, Judy Deefholts, Christine Coleman. **Eucharistic Ministers:** Val Baxter, Garry McDonell **Commentator:** Tracey Clarke
Mass Welcomer: Christine Coleman
Mass Prep: Val Baxter

HASTINGS (7.30pm Easter Vigil)

Lector: Deirdre Fennessy, Ted Fennessy, Lioba Robinson, Virginia Carey | **Eucharistic Ministers:** Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy | **Audio/Visual:** Geoff Robinson

SHOREHAM (8.00am Easter Sunday)

Lector: Marie Hall | **Eucharistic Minister:** Sylvia Falzon |
Commentator: Peter Schreiner

SHOREHAM (10.00am Easter Sunday)

Lector: Tim Dyer | **Eucharistic Minister:** Anne Marie Dyer |
Commentator: Ann Lorkin

HASTINGS (10.00am Easter Sunday)

Lector: Agnes Smith | **Eucharistic Minister:** Barbara Farley, Deirdre Fennessy | **Mass Welcomer:** Maggie Parsons | **Commentator:** Michael Smith | **Audio/Visual:** Jesele Baxter | **Sacristan:** Paula Stokes | **Counters This Week:** Stephen Stewart, Ian Marshall | **Counters Next Week:** Heimann Sissing, Brian McAnallen

PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL

As Project Compassion 2026 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heart-felt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season. This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity. *But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion **or by calling:** 1800 024 413



PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Charles, Mary Marshall, Ian Marshall, Bob Fels, David Wirth, Brian Stahl, Michael Smith, Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Marie Mereszko, Halima, Maureen Bleighly, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Frank Tagliabue, Michael Pound, Janice Danaher, Edna Walsh, 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Gerard Meyer. May they rest in peace.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools will be commencing in May. For Enrolment forms and more details please contact the Parish Office on 5979 4374.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Last week St Mary's celebrated Catholic Education Week, recognising the wonderful things that take place in Catholic schools every day. This year's theme was, "*Christ beside me: Walking in the footsteps of Saint Patrick.*"

At St Mary's, students took part in a number of special activities. One highlight was our "Finding Jesus in Others" kindness activity, where students noticed and acknowledged acts of kindness in the playground.

On Thursday, we held a Social Justice Fund-raiser. Students were invited to wear a touch of green and bring a gold coin donation for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

SPECIAL COLLECTION.

There will be one collection on **Holy Thursday** for the poor. Please bring your Project Compassion boxes which will be taken up to the altar with the gifts on this day.

Total giving from 21st & 22nd March.

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$728.40

2nd Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$1,422.90

Tap Machine 88.37

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.

