



Westernport Catholic Parish

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

Saints Peter and Paul Sunday, 29 June 2025

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First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

R. The Lord set me free from all my fears

I will bless the Lord at all times his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.



The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

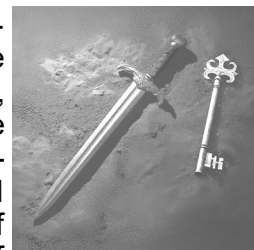
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

PARISH ROSTERS

Rosters are available at the welcoming tables of our churches.
Please pick up your copy if you haven't yet picked it up.

Working With Children Check

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 links 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. Training: [Login](#)

Code of conduct: [Safeguarding-Children-Code-of-Conduct-Declaration-2915.pdf](#). Thanks to all those who already provided their WWCC details. and completed their online training.

Signed **Code of Conduct** should be completed at the link below and details posted/emailed to the Parish Secretary: [Safeguarding-Children-Code-of-Conduct-Declaration-2915.pdf](#)

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CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET



Who do **YOU** say I am?

Write some words which describe Jesus.

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, 30 June—6 July

MONDAY No Service

TUESDAY 9.30am Communion Service at Somerville

WEDNESDAY No Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Communion Service at Hastings

2.30pm Funeral Mass for Edward Mereszko at Hastings

FRIDAY 9.00am Eucharistic Adoration followed by

9.30am Mass at Hastings

SATURDAY

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 Michael Smith, Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Marie Mereszko, 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 Edward Mereszko and Dorese Hart, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Geoffery Crombie. May they rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CUPBOARD

The demand for non-perishable food is significant and the Conference is currently purchasing items to give to those in need in our Community. We are in desperate need of the following food items. Long Life Milk, Pasta and Pasta sauces, tins of Soup, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Tuna, diced Tomatoes, tins of Vegetables and tinned Fruit . Spreads such as Peanut Butter, Jam, Vegemite, Sweet and Dry biscuits and Two-minute noodles and Cup of soups .

Any type of toiletries would be most welcome .

Bishop's Tony Ireland's Report Available at Parish Office

Bishop Tony Ireland's pastoral visit Report to our Parish is available for your reference at the Parish Office.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 5/7 & 6/7/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Christine Coleman	Peter Schreiner	Agnes Smith	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Michael Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Ann Lorkin	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	Pauline D'Astoli	Jared McCartin	Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing Brian McAnallen
Altar Linen		JULY –Val Fakhry		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	JULY–Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Louise Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	JULY—Louise Street				

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN WESTERN PORT PARISH

Many thanks to the parish volunteers and parishioners who supported and prayed for the children who received the Sacraments of First Eucharist last weekend at St



Our joyous First Holy Communicants with the school teachers, principals, pastoral worker and Fr Shymon

Brendan's Somerville, St Peter's Shoreham and Immaculate Conception Church Hastings. Our gratitude also goes to teachers, school principals, and our pastoral worker. Our First Communion candidates are truly grateful for your prayers and support of the Western Port Parish community during their preparation. Thank you for your warm welcome and continued encouragement, it is very much appreciated.

NEW SETS OF THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

Please note, Parish weekly Thanksgiving envelopes are available at the foyers of our three churches from this weekend on.

Save The Date

Friday Evening 29th August 2025
Western Port Parish Fundraiser Dinner
Details and tickets on sale soon!

Peter's Pence

Next weekend there will be leaving collection —**Peter's Pence**, which is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. More information about this cause on website: [Donate - Peter's Pence](#)

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL THANK YOU!

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like **Sr Jane** and **Kayula**. To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.



Upcoming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Masses

Sunday 6 July 2025, 11.00am
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place,
East Melbourne

NAIDOC Week Mass

Sunday 13 July 2025, 11.00am
St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

WELCOME, CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

We welcome the candidates of **St Brendan's, St Joseph's** and **St Mary's school** and non-Catholic schools who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation for their Commitment Masses this weekend.

We also welcome their parents/guardians.

JUBILEE YEAR MORNING TEA



There will be Jubilee Year Morning Tea next **Sunday the 6th of April at Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome!

LADIES' LUNCHEON

On Friday the 4th of July at Westernport Hotel at 12 noon. Please call **Val 0409 774 919** if you would like to attend.

POPE APPOINTS BISHOP ANTHONY IRELAND AS NEW ARCHBISHOP OF HOBART

On the evening of Friday 20 June, the Faithful in Melbourne received the news that **Pope Leo XIV** has appointed **Bishop Tony Ireland** as the new Archbishop of Hobart. Currently an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, the Archbishop-elect welcomed the appointment 'with a heart full of quiet joy', saying he was 'humbled and grateful for the trust placed in me to shepherd a diocese'. Continue reading: [Pope appoints Bishop Anthony Ireland as new Archbishop of Hobart](#)

Day Retreat at The Cliffs, Shoreham

Clare and **Artie** invite you to join a special retreat to be facilitated by **Fr Chris McPhee** msc as the Cliffs between 9th and 16th July. 'Indwelling Love; a journey into God's heart' will include sessions; Desire for God, Making Space for God, and It's All God's Work. The retreat will include coffee and a gathering between 9.30 and 11.00 at The Cliffs with input for you to take home and reflect on each day. A daily meeting with the retreat director will also be provided by zoom. The cost of the retreat is \$150. If you are interested please email clareshinner@gmail.com - limited places available. Further information about Fr Chris and this retreat can be found in the 'news' section of our website.

Total givings from the week 16/6-21/6/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$1143.80
2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$1310.05
Tap Machine \$63.87