



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY—Year A—23rd/24th May, 2026

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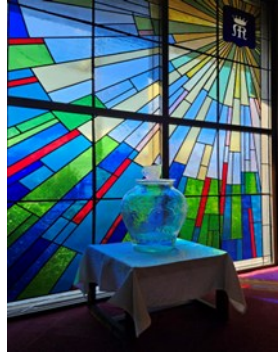
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A JOYFUL 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH.



Today we celebrate Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and the Church was born. Known as the birthday of the Universal Church, Pentecost reminds us that we belong to a Spirit filled community embracing every nation and culture. May the same Spirit who inspired the first disciples renew and strengthen us as one Body in Christ.

Loving God,
On this Pentecost Sunday, we thank you for the gift of the Church and for the grace of belonging to this parish community. As the Holy Spirit gathered the early believers into one family of faith, gather us today in unity, love, and mission.

Help us to recognise the importance of our place in this local Church—its worship, its service, its people—and to use our gifts for the good of all. May our parish be a home where the Gospel is lived, the Spirit is welcomed, and every person is valued. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34. R. v.30

**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CS.

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

CHILDRENS' WORKSHEET.



The Spirit Brings

LOVE

I can show love by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

PEACE

I can be a peacemaker by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit Brings

JOY

I can show joy by _____

_____ because I am filled with the Holy Spirit.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 25th May—31st May

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
SATURDAY:	10.00a.m.—10.30a.m. Reconciliation at Hastings 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 Priscilla Pascual, Marcelina Pascual, Marlon Reghis, Jacqueline Sharpley, Charles, Mary Marshall, Ian Marshall, Bob Fels, David Wirth, Brian Stahl, Michael Smith, , 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, 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 Mary Burton and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Rita Crombie. 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. Thank you for your on-going support!

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK—30th/31st May

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Judy Deefholts	Tim Dyer	Val Coventry	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Brian McAnallen
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Street	Anne Maree Dyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Garry McDonnell	Anne Lorkin	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen		MAY—Maria Patane		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	MAY—Maria Patane		Audio/Visual	
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance	Sharon Judd	Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne-Marie Lawson

COMMITMENT MASSES for First Eucharist.

We welcome our school families today at:

8a.m: St. Peter's, Shoreham

10a.m: Immaculate Conception, Hastings

ROSTERS - July to December 2026.

Thank you to all our volunteers! Please collect your rosters after Mass today. If you have a query, please ring Judy in the Parish Office.

MORNING TEA - after Mass at Hastings today. All welcome.



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Help fund projects across Catholic organisations, including parishes, hospital wings and classrooms, with a CDF Community Fund savings account.

With competitive interest rates, it's a greater reward than money alone.



Scan the QR code to visit our website or call our team on 1800 134 135 for more information.

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.

There will be a representative from the Catholic Development Fund at Masses on Sunday, 7th June at Shoreham and Hastings to speak about the Fund and how it has been supporting schools and communities since 1956.

Total giving from 11th - 17th May

1st Collection – Presbytery - 1174.15

2nd Collection – Church Account
\$1240.80

Tap Machine: \$157.24

Thank you for your ongoing support!

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE.

This weekend is Week 4 of the National Count.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL COMMUNITY OPEN MORNING

Saturday, June, 13th 2026

10a.m. to 12p.m.

We warmly invite families and members of the Hastings community to come along and experience all that St. Mary's Primary School has to offer! Come and explore our vibrant and welcoming learning community, meet our staff and students and enjoy a fun morning together featuring free activities for families.



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026.

A Synod is not a parliament.

The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.

Pope Leo XIV. As the world awaits the Pope's first encyclical on artificial intelligence, expected to be signed on 15 May and released by the Vatican by the end of the month, here is a look at what the Pope has said on AI since his election a year ago.

Pope Leo has already addressed AI in a wide range of contexts, telling teenagers gathered in a sports stadium to use AI 'in such a way that if it disappeared tomorrow, you would still know how to think, warning priests not to use chatbots to write their homilies, calling on the media to preserve 'human voices and faces' and telling legislators from 68 countries that AI is a tool meant to serve humans, not replace them.

Continue reading: melbournecatholic.org.news

CATHOLIC MISSION. *Reach Out. Give Life.*

The Catholic Mission's Propagation of Faith Appeal will take place in the parish on the weekend of **6th/7th June.**

This year the Mission is supporting families in Kam-pira, Malawi where families are still rebuilding after the devastation of Cyclone Ana. Catholic Mission is supporting the construction of a primary school so that children in this community can learn, grown and look to the future with hope.

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