



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

The Holy Body and Blood of Christ Sunday, 22 June 2025

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First Reading

Genesis 14:18-20

A reading from the book of Genesis

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High.

He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4

R. You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

The Lord's revelation to my Master:

'Sit on my right:

I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R.)

The Lord will send from Zion

your sceptre of power:

rule in the midst of all your foes. (R.)

A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. (R.)

The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.

'You are a priest for ever,

a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R.)



Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

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

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 9:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Feast combines the previous feasts of Corpus Christi and the Precious Blood of Christ. It reminds us that the body and blood of Christ were offered as a sacrifice for us, and every time we re-enact this sacrifice, we renew his sacrifice. The Body and Blood of Jesus is the interim meal for the Christian community. We are to feed on it until the Lord returns. We see again the already-but-not-yet character of Christian eschatology, for the Lord has already returned. That means that the Eucharist meal is a re-enactment of Christ's death, an anticipatory celebration of his coming, and a thanksgiving banquet with him present.

The multiplication of the loaves and the fishes prefigures the eschatological banquet of fulfilment. Its miraculous bounty assures us of the abundance of that future banquet.

Its miracle of multiplication prefigures the miracle of Jesus as he changed the bread and wine into his own body and blood. Jesus handed himself over as food and drink on the very night that he was handed over by others. The banquet that he prepared was a celebration of the new covenant; it was an eschatological banquet of thanksgiving. This feast invites us to enter through either the past, the present or the future, for each one will lead us to the mystery that we celebrate: the mystery of the sacrifice of Christ; the mystery of the sacred bread and wine of the future; the mystery of the eschatological banquet of the present.

Jesus fed 5,000 people with only five loaves of bread and two fish. Draw some of the people whom Jesus fed.



CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET

Jesus feeds us when we are hungry.
Write in each loaf something that we,
our friends, families or our world are
hungry for.



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 23 June—29 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—Solemnity of the Most
Sacred Heart of Jesus

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, 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 Stephen Charles and Benedict Ainsworth, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time especially Alan James Crombie Jnr and Louis George Howard. May they rest in peace.

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

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 28/6 & 29/6/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Maree Chapman	Anne-Marie Wilkinson	Jesela Baxter	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Brian McAnallen
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Street	Joan White	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Commentator	Tracey Clark	Peter Schreiner	Michael Smith	Counters Next Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Altar Linen		JUNE —Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Sarah Ernestine
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	JUNE —Sylvia Falzon		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Val Baxter	Somerville Maintenance— Sandy Adolphus & Sharon Judd		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Mary Marshall
Cleaning	JUNE—Tracey Clark				

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL

Last week, you were 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.

You can still support this work by using the appeal envelope, available at our churches, or going online at catholic-mission.org.au/mission.

Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal—Thank You!

The Westernport Saint Vincent de Paul Conference thanks the parishioners for their generous support last weekend for our annual **Winter Appeal**. We raised \$2373 which will all be used in supporting those in need in our local area.

Save The Date

Friday Evening 29th August 2025

Western Port Parish

Fundraiser Dinner

Details and tickets on sale soon!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools 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.

**Help Christians in
the Holy Land**



Aid to the Church in Need is providing urgent support to the Church in Israel and Gaza in the ongoing conflict. Without your help, many desperate Christian families will be forced to leave. To make an emergency donation visit www.aidtochurch.org/holyland or scan the QR code.

NEW SETS OF THANKSGIVING

ENVELOPES

Please note, weekly Thanksgiving envelopes are going to be available at all three churches next weekend.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus,

Bestow your blessings upon the children who are approaching to partake in the Holy Communion for the first time.

May this occasion serve as a foundational step towards a profound and enduring appreciation for the Eucharist.

Instill within them a profound yearning for this sacred food, so that they may seek solace, direction, and insight from You as they mature into committed disciples.



We express our gratitude for their innate purity and virtuousness. May their hands, outstretched in eager anticipation of your Body and Blood, motivate each of us to hold this sacred sacrament in high esteem. Amen

Congratulation to all the First Holy Communicants from all three schools and non-Catholic schools on their sacrament of First Holy Communion!

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. **WHEN?** Sunday 30 November (afternoon) – Tuesday 2 December (late evening). **WHERE?** The Festival will be hosted at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC). **WHO?** Young people from Year 9 up to 25 years of age are invited along with their leaders. **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.

Here you can find Fundraising Guide for Young People: ACYF-National-Fundraising.pdf

Parish Leadership Team Meeting

There will be Parish Leadership Team Meeting this **Wednesday, 25 June at 5.00pm**

Encounter—St Benedict's, Burwood :

Friday 27 June 2025, 6.30pm–9.30pm

Tailor-made for secondary school students, these evenings are an opportunity to encounter Jesus with prayer, fellowship, food, testimonies and a whole lot of fun. The evening will include adoration and Reconciliation. Dinner is provided. Registrations close Thursday 26 June. *Please note: Parents/guardians will be required to 'sign in' and 'sign out' their children.* Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au

Total givings from the week 9/6-15/6/25

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$845.65
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$1289.25
Tap Machine	\$107.82