



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A, 8 February 2026

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First Reading

Isaiah 58:7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9

R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**

The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

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

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

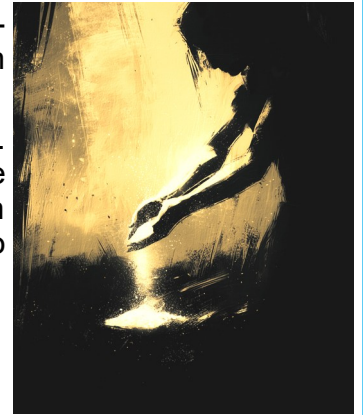
Matthew 5:13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

Scriptural Context

Following blessings

Today's gospel passage is one that is quite commonly quoted and relatively well known. When it is taken in isolation, it's very easy to forget that these words immediately follow the Beatitudes that we heard in last week's gospel. The imperative for justice in the images of salt and light of the world becomes even clearer when we remember that these words follow the blessings on those who are poor; who mourn; who are merciful and fight for justice. Jesus has blessed all these who are least in the world and then charges the disciples to be salt and light for them.



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Time: 7 pm – 8:30 pm AEDT

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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, 9th February –15th February**MONDAY** No Mass**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.00** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**FRIDAY 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 Charles, Christine Coleman, 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 Hendrik Bierman, Mercedes Morilla and Leo Marx. 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.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 14th February & 15th February

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Tracey Clark	Marie Hall	Princes Jellyanne Manocan	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Marshall	Kees Meyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Sylvia Falzon	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen		FEB. - Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Marie Ernestine
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	FEB. - Sylvia Falzon		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Judy Deefholts

SCHOOL MASSES

St Brendan's

Beginning of the 2026 School Year and First Reconciliation Commitment Mass —
Thursday, 12 February at 11.30am at St Brendan's Church, Somerville

St Joseph's

Beginning of the 2026 School Year Mass —
Friday, 13 February at 2.00pm at St Joseph's School, Crib Point

St Mary's

Beginning of the 2026 School Year Mass—
Friday, 13 February at 9.30am at Immaculate Conception Church, Hastings—All are welcome, we hope to see you there!

THANK YOU NOTICES

- We wish to thank everyone who organized and attended the Morning Tea at Hastings last Sunday, especially to those who prepared delicious food! It was truly a wonderful occasion, which helped our Parishioners to connect with each other.
- **Fr Michael** would like to thank everyone who wished him a Happy Birthday last weekend, and those who brought a cake or sent him a card. May God bless you all!

The Rite of Election 2026

**Sunday 22 February 2026, 3.00pm–4.00pm,
St Patrick's Cathedral**

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate this significant annual occasion in the life and mission of the local Church in Melbourne. The Rite of Election of catechumens and the presentation of baptised candidates for full communion is a decisive moment, during which the Church 'elects' them as ready to receive the sacraments of initiation. This marks the beginning of their final preparation to receive the sacraments, usually at Easter. All are welcome to attend and support our catechumens and candidates.

Holy Spirit Pilgrimage (2026)

Join us on our **Holy Spirit Pilgrimage to Greece, Poland, and Turkey from 21 September – 17 October 2026** (Visiting the Island of Patmos, the Seven Churches of Revelation, Following the Footsteps of St Paul, St. John, Gallipoli Tour, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Salt Mine in Wieliczka etc.

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Western Port Parish

Fundraising and Social Dinner

Friday 13th Feb 2026

6.30pm - 10.00pm

Westernport Parish Community Room—Hastings

Tickets \$30.00 per head

(All tickets purchased last year remain valid.)

Donations of food and/or raffle prizes are very welcome, please let us know when you purchase your tickets. They are available after Mass at all Mass centres.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



PROPHETS OF HOPE AND CONSOLATION: HUNDREDS GATHER FOR WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

More than a hundred consecrated women and men gathered at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 1 February to join **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** and the wider community in a Mass to mark this year's World Day for Consecrated Life, with the Archbishop encouraging the gathered religious to see themselves as 'prophets of hope and consolation'.

Continue reading: [Prophets of hope and consolation: hundreds gather for World Day of Consecrated Life](#)

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POPE PRAISES RELIGIOUS FOR COURAGEOUS WITNESS SERVING THE MARGINALISED

In his homily for Candlemas—the feast of the Presentation of the Lord—which also marks the Catholic Church's celebration of World Day for Consecrated Life, **Pope Leo XIV** praised consecrated men and women for going to the world's peripheries and refusing to abandon their people, even amid conflict.



Continue reading: [Pope praises religious for courageous witness serving the marginalised](#)

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Total giving from the week—26th January 2026—1st February 2026

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$952.25
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques)	\$1625.25
Tap Machine Donations	\$157.67

Thank you for your ongoing support!