



Western Port Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

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sistance Call Centre** (9am-
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First Reading:

Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. (R)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R)

Second Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 12:35-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples:

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET

ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

When do we need to say "I'm sorry" to others and to God?



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, 11 August —17 August**MONDAY** *No Service***TUESDAY 9.30am** Communion Service at Somerville**WEDNESDAY** No Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.30am** The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Mass at Hastings**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**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!

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Brian Stahl, Kees Meyer, Michael Smith, Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Marie Mereszko, Halima, Sala, Agnes, Malia, Janelle Farley, 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 Veronica Wesols, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Thomas Dart Stone. May they rest in peace.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 16/8 & 17/8/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Maree Chapman	Peter Hall	Deirdre Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Michael Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Kees Meyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Heimann Sissing Brian McAnallen
Commentator	Tracey Clark	Pauline D'Astoli	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Altar Linen		AUG.—Genevieve Meyer		Sacristan	Marie Ernestine
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	AUG.—Catherine Russ		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance— Fred Arena		Communion to the Sick This Week	Mary Marshall
Cleaning	AUG. — Christine Coleman				

Western Port Parish Fundraiser and Social Dinner

Date: Friday 29th August 2025

Time: 6.30pm - 10.00pm

Place: Western Port Parish Community Room

Cost: \$30.00 per person
BYO: Alcohol and soft drinks (Tea and Coffee will be provided)

We warmly invite you to come along and enjoy a wonderful evening of food, live music and fun! We would gratefully accept your kind donation of Raffle Prizes, if you are able to, and also a casserole or dessert to share on the night, (please let us know when you purchase your ticket). Don't forget to bring some cash and coins on the night for the raffles and games. Tickets are on sale at all Mass Centres after Mass.

THANK YOU !

We'd like to thank everyone who organized and participated in Morning Tea last Sunday at Hastings Church. The event was beautiful and heartwarming. May God bless you all!

Joey's Cafe- Friday 15th August

You are invited to attend our school cafe run by Chef Rick and our grade 6 students. Come and see our learning in action!

Contact us at 5983 9374 to book a spot.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Bishop Anthony (Tony) Ireland has been appointed by **Pope Leo XIV** as the next Archbishop of Hobart. Bishop Ireland, who has been confirming children from Western Port Parish for the past few years, will be installed as the new Archbishop of Hobart on Tuesday 12 August 2025. Congratulations to Bishop Tony on behalf of Western Port Parish!

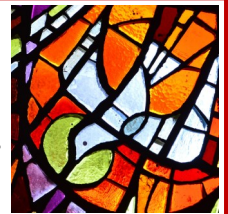


NVAW Week - 10 August National Vocations Awareness Week

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

CONFIRMATION THIS WEEKEND

We welcome families, friends and sponsors of the Confirmations candidates to Masses at St Brendan's Church and Immaculate Conception Church this weekend. We also welcome school Principals, teachers and Pastoral Worker. Our Parish Priest **Fr Shymon** is going to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.



Congratulations to all the children who are receiving this Sacrament and who are coming from either one of our three Catholic schools or a non-Catholic school.

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

All Souls Day Memorial Service

November 1st, 2025, in St Brendan's Memorial Garden

For the weekend of All Souls Day in November this year we would like to hold a short Memorial Service in the St Brendan's Memorial Garden at 5.30 pm before the evening mass.

We would like to invite applications for memorial plaques throughout the months of August and September so that we may have time to order them and affix them prior to the service. Application forms are available at the Parish Office and at St Brendan's Church. The cost for a plaque is \$200.00, (being \$60.00 for the plaque and a one-time maintenance fee of \$140.00 for the upkeep and future requirements of the garden). There is also the opportunity to reserve an adjoining space for a future family memorial for an additional cost of \$30.00, (which is deducted from the cost of that future plaque).

If you have any queries, please see Tracey Clark or leave your details with the Parish Office.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. I encourage you to think about what a vibrant faith community means for you and your family, and to consider making a personal and recurring monthly gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese. From next week, you will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the church and a banner on our website.

More information about this campaign is coming; in the meantime, I encourage you to prayerfully begin discerning your gift.

YOU'RE A PILGRIM, NOT A TOURIST: PILGRIMS REFLECT ON THE WEEK THAT WAS

Melburnians were among the more than one million to gather for a final Mass celebrated by Pope Leo XIV in Rome's Tor Vergara neighbourhood to conclude the Jubilee of Youth. The week-long pilgrimage has been a transformative experience as our pilgrims share.

Continue reading: [You're a pilgrim, not a tourist: pilgrims reflect on the week that was](#)

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

Please note that opening hours of our Parish office are temporarily changing to 9.30am—**1.30pm** Tuesdays and 9.30am—3.00pm Wednesdays to Fridays, with Judy Deeholts who will be filling in for Hijacinta Svabelj during her longer leave.

Total givings from the week 28/7-3/8/25

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$560.55
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$1259.95
Tap Machine Donations	\$157.06
Thank you for your ongoing support!	