



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica—8th/9th November, 2025

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First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross.

He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **(R.)**
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **(R.)**
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of **Jacob** is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17

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

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Chronicles 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,
that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

Gospel

John 2:13-22

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The basilica of St John Lateran is the cathedral of Rome, the mother church of all Roman Catholic churches.

The temple was the place on earth where God dwelt amid the people. It was God's presence, not the worship performed there, that made it a sacred site. There is something incarnational about this presence of God. It is manifested in the concrete, in something with shape and character. Still, as important as the temple may be, it is only a building. Paul insists that we are the temple of God; we are the manifestation of God in the world today. The Spirit of God dwells in us, making the believing community the living temple of God.

Today's readings offer us two pictures of the temple of God, two characterisations of the community of believers. In one, the temple has become a marketplace, and the community is preoccupied with the business of the world. In Ezekiel, we see water from the temple transforming everything in its path. As water flowed from the temple in Ezekiel's vision, so grace flows from the temple that is the people of God. Which image more closely characterises the community of which we are a part? Are we able to transform the wilderness of our world into a place that is teeming with life? Is the community truly the presence of God in the world today? Or is the temple simply a place where ritual is performed but the concerns of God take second place to the affairs of the world?

Jubilee Year 24 December 2024 - 6 January 2026

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and farsighted vision."

This quote from Pope Francis emphasises the importance of hope and renewal during the Jubilee Year.



ACYF: 30th Nov–2nd Dec. 2025

Registrations for the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival have officially sold out, with more than 6,000 people from across Australia set to attend.

'After many months of planning, it is with great joy that we have reached registration capacity,' the Archbishop said. 'We are thrilled to welcome pilgrims from all over Australia to Melbourne for the festival.'



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 10th—16th November**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****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 Russell Petrie, Bob Fels, Pat Pope, David Wirth, 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, Clarito Marquez 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, May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 10th—16th November

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Sandy Adolphus	Sylvia Falzon	Princes Jellyanne Manocan	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Agnes Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Marshall	Joan White	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Ian Marshall Brian McAnallen
Commentator	Garry McDonell	Anne-Maree Wilkinson	Michael Smith	Counters Next Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Altar Linen		NOV. Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	NOV. Sue Ireland		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Val Baxter	Somerville Maintenance—	Sandy Adolphus Sharon Judd	Communion to the Sick This Week	Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	NOV. Christine Coleman				



THANK YOU! To the Sacristans and Volunteers for the All Souls Day services in the Memorial Gardens in the parish. Also for conducting rosaries during the month of October and helping to organise the conclusion of the month of the Rosary.

The November Memorial Book is placed in the foyer. You are welcome to write the names of your dear departed loved ones so they may be remembered during Mass throughout the month.

November Mass Envelopes are available for those who wish to offer special Masses for the souls of the faithful departed.

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10:28-30

Prayer Service of Lament

The Archbishop Peter warmly invites all those who have been affected and impacted by abuse and violence across the Archdiocese to join in a **Prayer Service of Lament on Wednesday 12 November 2025**, in the grounds of St Patrick's Cathedral. Daily Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 1.00pm for those who wish to remain in prayer before the Lord.

WELCOME BACK! Hijacinta - you have been missed at the Parish Office. Thank you to Theresa Collard and Judy Deefholts for 'holding the fort!'

Recent popes have disagreed on how to refer to the Mother of Jesus.

The Vatican has clarified the Virgin Mary's role in the Catholic Church, stating that she did not help Jesus to save the world from damnation.

A new decree from the Holy See's top doctrinal office, approved by [Pope Leo XIV](#), instructs the world's 1.4 billion Catholics not to call Mary the "co-redeemer".

The instruction affirms that Jesus alone saved the world, settling a theological debate that has long perplexed senior Church figures and caused rare disagreements among recent popes. It would not be appropriate to use the title 'co-redemptrix'," said the text.

"This title ... (can) create confusion and an imbalance in the harmony of the truths of the Christian faith."

POPE'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTIONS.

Pope Leo XIV has asked Catholics to join him in praying for those who struggle with suicidal thoughts, and for all people 'who live in darkness and despair.' The Pope's video sharing his prayer intention for November was distributed on 4 November by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

SONGS OF HOPE AND REMEMBRANCE.

Fiona Dyball has vivid memories of singing 'Hail Queen of Heaven' with her family at Mass and at her grandmother's graveside. 'Whenever I sing that hymn I am mysteriously and wonderfully connected to those times and people in a way I can't fully explain,' she says. As we embark on the Church's Month of Remembrance' Fiona explores some of the ways music helps us to remember, grieve and give thanks for those who have gone before us but who remain with us in our hearts.

Continue Reading: Songs of Hope and Remembrance from the Melbourne Catholic website.

BLESSING OF YOUR PETS & CHRISTMAS FAIR

ST MACARTAN'S CHURCH

8-10 Drake St. Mornington

SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2025 - 11AM TO 2PM

Fun for all the family, especially the fur family:

Pony rides / Food / Drink / Pet parade & prizes

Pet presents to buy / Piety store / Christmas carol singers

Plus, a Vet will be on site for free advice.

(Some free Church carparking, behind Church via Esplanade off Cook St)

Total giving from the week 27th Oct.—2nd Nov.

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$831.35

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1,376.30

Tap Machine Donations - \$192.75

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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