



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday - Year C, 19/20 April 2025

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MASS OF EASTER VIGIL

EPISTLE

Rom 6:3-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. If in union with Christ we have imitated his death, we shall also imitate him in his resurrection. We must realise that our former selves have been crucified with him to destroy this sinful body and to free us from the slavery of sin. When a man dies, of course, he has finished with sin. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1-2.16-17.22-23

(R.) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb, but on entering discovered that the body of the Lord Jesus was not there. As they stood there not knowing what to think, two men in brilliant clothes suddenly appeared at their side. Terrified, the women lowered their eyes. But the two men said to them, 'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive? He is not here; he is risen. Remember what he told you when he was still in Galilee: that the Son of Man had to be handed over into the power of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day?' And they remembered his words. When the women returned from the tomb they told all this to the Eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary of Magdala, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James. The other women with them also told the apostles, but this story of theirs seemed pure nonsense, and they did not believe them. Peter, however, went running to the tomb. He bent down and saw the binding cloths, but nothing else; he then went back home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

MASS OF EASTER SUNDAY

First Reading

Acts 10:34.37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.' Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(Please see the first page)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter to St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The word of the Lord.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise. The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled. Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way. The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose! The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting. Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee. That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation

Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

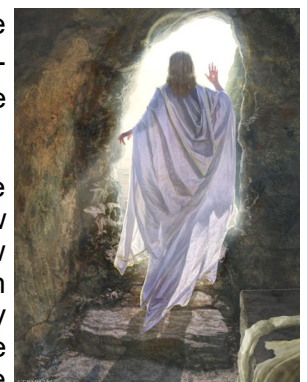
John 20:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 21 April—27 April**MONDAY** No Service**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.00am** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**11.00am** Funeral Service for John Holden in 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**PRAYERS AND PETITIONS**

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Bob Smith, Rebecca, Eddie and Marcie Merezko, Stephen Charles, Halima, Sala, Agnes, Malia, Janelle Farley, Mary McCluskey, Maureen Bleighly, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Tommy Judge, 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 John Holden, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. 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. Please do not donate sugar or powdered milk. Thank you for your ongoing support.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 26/4 & 27/4/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Mary Marshall	Sylvia Falzon	Deirdre Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Joan White	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien, Heimann Sissing, Ian Marshall
Commentator	Tracey Clark		Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing. Hijacinta Svabelj
Altar Linen		APRIL— Catherine Russ		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	APRIL— Catherine Russ		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance— Fred Arena		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Anne-Marie Lawson
Cleaning	APRIL—Louise Street				



Dear Parishioners and visitors,

May this Easter bring joy to your hearts, renewing your faith, hope and love.

Wishing you a Happy Easter!

HE IS RISEN, HALLELUJAH!



Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia! As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent. As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind. **Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.**

If you still have your Project Compassion box or envelope at home, could please return them as soon as possible or visit make your donation online by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling: 1800 024 413



AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS CALL CATHOLICS TO VOTE WITH CONSCIENCE AND COMPASSION IN JUBILEE YEAR

With the announcement that Australians will go to the polls in a federal election on 3 May, the **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC)** has released its election statement for 2025, calling on Catholics to engage deeply with their civic responsibilities during the election. The statement, titled *Called to Bring Hope in the Year of Jubilee*, urges the faithful to participate in shaping the nation's future by voting with a well-formed conscience. [Read the full election statement.](#)

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools will be commencing on 14th May for Reconciliation and First Eucharist and 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.

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION - 3 MAY 2025

Following the success of the permanent diaconate information sessions in 2024, we will be holding another session for those interested.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Wives most welcome. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison: Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Event Date: Saturday 3 May 2025 10.00am–11.30am; Venue: Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

A Year of Jubilee provides a beautiful opportunity for families to grow closer together and deepen their faith. Here are some meaningful ways households can celebrate at home:



OUTREACH & SERVICE: Engage in acts of service as a household. This could involve helping a neighbour, volunteering at a local charity, or donating items to those in need. Create a 'Year of Jubilee Kindness Jar' where each member places written acts of kindness they commit to do during the year.

MEMORY WALL OR GRATITUDE TREE: Create a wall or a tree that reflects your family's journey over the years—photos, written memories, or drawings that showcase special family moments, challenges overcome, or blessings received. Regularly add leaves or notes of gratitude throughout the year.

Total givings from the week 7/4-13/4/25

1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$764.70
2nd Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques, envelopes)	\$1548.50
Tap machine	\$98.76