



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

Pentecost Sunday - Year C, 8 June 2025

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First Reading

Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech..

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia,



Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

R. Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel

John 14:15–16. 23–26

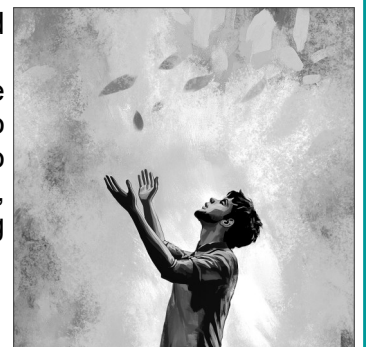
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever.

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world. We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good.

The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

**SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAM**

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools is already running for Reconciliation and First Eucharist and 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.

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, 9 June—15 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

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

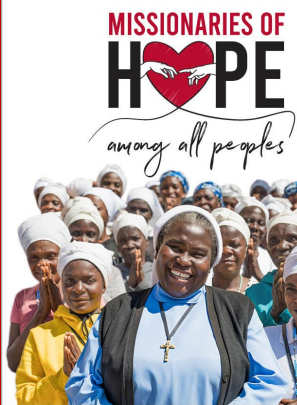
10.00am Mass at Immaculate Conception Church, Hastings

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Eddie and Marie Merezko, Stephen Charles, 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Pedro Morilla. May they rest in peace.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL—NEXT SUNDAY



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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catholicmission.org.au/mission



NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 14/6 & 15/6/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Mary Marshall	Clare Shearman	Geraldine Prescott	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Sylvia Falzon	Paula Stokes, Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Ann Lorkin	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen		JUNE –Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	JUNE –Sylvia Falzon		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Fr Shymon
Cleaning	JUNE—Tracey Clark		Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson		

MORNING TEA THIS SUNDAY

There will be morning tea this **Sunday, the 3rd of November** at **Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome!

St Vincent de Paul Society Winter Appeal—This Weekend

Please donate generously to enable the Society to continue its work of helping those in need. An envelope is on your seat – fill out and place in the collection or return to your **SVDP** Member. Alternatively, return your envelope and enclosed donation by post, donate online at www.vinnies.org.au or by phone at **13 18 12**. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

ST JOSEPH'S NEWS

If you have any winter clothes and accessories to donate for the Vinnies Winter Appeal please bring them to St Joseph's school for collection. We are also collecting non-perishable food items such as long life milk, pasta and sauces, cans, biscuits and cup of soups. Thank you in advance.

We ask our parishioners to please pray for all of the First Communion Candidates in the Western Port Parish as they prepare for this special Sacrament which is taking place on the weekend of Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June.

God of love, Send your Holy Spirit into these children and their families to guide them in the journey of preparation to fill their minds with light and their hearts with love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST MARY'S NEWS

You are invited to our Whole School Mass Celebrating Pentecost & Sacrament of Confirmation Commitment.

 **Wednesday 11th June**

 **2:00pm**

 **Immaculate Conception Church, Hastings**

Our wonderful Year 5/6 Community will be leading the celebration.
We'd love to see you there!

PARISH SECRETARY POSITION IN

MT ELIZA

St Thomas More Parish, Mt Eliza, is advertising for a Parish Secretary position, part time, 2-3 days per week. More information on the flyers/notice boards in our churches.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH!

Today, we joyfully commemorate the establishment of our universal Church on this magnificent day of Pentecost. It was on this day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples of Jesus Christ, signifying the inception of our Christian community. As we honor this significant occasion, let us be infused with the same Spirit, revitalizing our hearts and uniting us in love and faith. May we persist in growing together as one body in Christ, disseminating His message of hope and salvation to the world.



PRAYER

Divine Holy Spirit, descend upon us with the fullness of your gifts. To you we consecrated our heart, our mind and our will. Make us docile to your inspiration. Amen.

PARISH ROSTERS

Rosters are now available at the welcoming tables of our churches. Many thanks to everyone who applied for any type of ministry for the next 12 months! There will be commissioning for the volunteers this weekend after the Masses in all three churches.

Working With Children Check

Is your **Working With Children Check** registered with our Parish Secretary? Please forward your current card details to the Parish Secretary at the office in Hastings or via email to westernport@cam.org.au. **Training** online and signed **Code of Conduct** should be completed at the links below and details posted/emailed to the Parish Secretary. Face to face training (one session) will be offered during the year after mass at a date to be notified. Training: [Login](#)

Code of conduct: [Safeguarding-Children-Code-of-Conduct-Declaration-2915.pdf](#). Thanks to all those who already provided their WWCC details.

Coats, beanies, scarfs wanted!

The **Padua College** Social Justice team is participating in the annual **Vinnies Winter Appeal**. We all have that one jacket/coat/beanie/scarf that we do not wear anymore/not in trend. Last year Padua College collected over 200 coats, so the students want to beat that!

Padua College reps will collect items from Parishes from June 16th all donations to our Vinnies outlets on the Peninsula.

A FAMILY'S LOVE GROUNDED IN CHRIST IS SIGN OF PEACE FOR WORLD, POPE SAYS

Families are the cradle of the future of humanity, **Pope Leo XIV** said during a Mass concluding the Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly. Later, writing to 40 theologians and pastoral ministers, he said the Church must find new ways to reach out to and welcome families who are distant from the Church and have no understanding of how much God loves them. Continue reading: [A family's love grounded in Christ is sign of peace for world, Pope says](#)

Total givings from the week 26/5-1/6/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$898.75

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$1484.55

Tap Machine \$34.24