



Western Port Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

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First Reading

Malachi 3:19-20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9

R. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp
with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

Let the sea and all within it, thunder;
the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**

For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the people with fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you; not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.
Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 21:5-19**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.****REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God.

Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification and refinement, not punishment. Christians are exhorted to live in this endtime with patient endurance of difficulties.

**Jubilee Year
24 December 2024 - 6 January 2026**

Isaiah 40:31: "Those who hope in the Lord will be strengthened and will be able to run and walk without growing weary."

Psalm 62:5-6: "...for my hope is from God. God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress. I shall not be shaken."

These passages offer guidance and encouragement.

**ACYF: 30th Nov-2nd Dec. 2025**

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry has appointed Bishop of Bunbury **George Kolodziej SDS** as bishop delegate for youth.

'My hope is that more young people can be empowered to live as disciples of Christ,' Bishop George said, ' Festivals offer young people an opportunity to encounter Christ in a personal and communal way.'



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 17th—23th 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

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, 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, 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 Clarito Marquez and Pat Bailey, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.

A MORNING RETREAT WITH MARY

Led by **Fr Peter Ferwerda**

Monday the 24th of November at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 60 Davey Street, Frankston

Program: 9.15am Holy Mass followed by MMP Cenacle and Holy Rosary, reflection, consecration to the Immaculate Heart, Eucharistic adoration

1pm-2pm BYO Lunch, Tea and Coffee Supplied. For information please contact Ramona (0425 239 587), Carol (0418 360 389) or Grace (0420 344 189)

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT WEEK: 17th—23rd November

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Maree Chapman	Catherine Clancy	Tom Leyden	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Marg Grant	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Peter Schreiner	Jared McCartin	Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing, Brian McAnallen
Altar Linen		NOV. - Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	NOV. - Sue Ireland		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Louise Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Fr Shymon
Cleaning	NOV. - Christine Coleman				

RED NOVEMBER: PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians throughout **Red November**. Please pray especially for our brothers and sisters in Nigeria, Sudan and the Middle East, where Christians are facing grave danger right now. Watch the official video and download your Red Rosary prayer card by scanning the QR code or visiting www.rednovember.org



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

WESTERNPORT PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS MINI VINNIE'S PROJECT—ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2025

This Christmas, **St Mary's Hastings**, **St Joseph's Crib Point** and **St Brendan's Somerville** are once again working together to support local families in need. Our school communities are collecting items to create Christmas hampers, which will be shared through the St Vincent de Paul Western Port Conference.

Parishioners are warmly invited to donate from any of the lists in our church foyers, where you can find more details. Please send in donations to schools **before Wednesday 19th November**.

Thank you for your wonderful support!

PARISH NOTICE

Our elderly Parishioner Trisha from Hastings is in need of someone giving her a lift to church each Sunday. If you're able to help, please ring her at 0482 022 500.

GOD'S WORD



GOD'S WORD 2026 - DAILY REFLECTIONS

The goal of **God's Word 2026 Daily Reflections** is to help you maintain God's Word close to your heart all day long. It includes the Bible verses chosen for each day's liturgy, along with a concise review of the readings, the specifics of the day's liturgy, and a space for recording important events and introspective ideas.

For \$20.00 in the church foyers of each of our three churches, you may buy it as a Christmas gift for yourself and your loved ones.

Archbishop's Campaign

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the **Archbishop's Campaign** and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$1,914.65 contributed by **Westernport Parish**. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese —bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN
2025



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RED NOVEMBER UNITES THOUSANDS TO REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

A record 30 dioceses in Australia and New Zealand are commemorating Red November this month to show solidarity with persecuted Christians worldwide.

Continue reading: [Red November unites thousands to remember, pray for and support persecuted Christians](#) (Melbourne Catholic)

PILGRIMS TAKE 'PATH TO PEACE AND HOPE' ON BELLARINE PEACE CAMINO

On Sunday 9 November, two days before Remembrance Day, more than 100 pilgrims walked the 'Peace Camino' from Mannerim to Queenscliff on Melbourne's beautiful Bellarine Peninsula, treading 'a prayerful path to peace and hope' and joining in 'a journey of remembrance and renewal'.

Continue reading: [Pilgrims take 'path to peace and hope' on Bellarine Peace Camino](#) (M. Catholic)

Total giving from the week 3rd Nov.—9th Nov. 2025

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$698

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1,407.30

Tap Machine Donations - \$43.13

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.