



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) Year C - 2nd November 2025

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First Reading

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wis 3:1-6. 9

The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise, they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessing be. God has put them to the test and proved them worthy to be with him; he has tested them like gold in a furnace, and accepted them as a holocaust. They who trust in him will understand the truth, those who are faithful will live with him in love; for grace and mercy await those he has chosen.

The word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:6-7. 17-18. 20-21. R. v.1 Alt R. v.3

(R.) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

1. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
2. Relieve the anguish of my heart and set me free from my distress.
See my affliction and my toil and take all my sins away. **(R.)**
3. Preserve my life and rescue me.
Do not disappoint me, you are my refuge.
May innocence and uprightness protect me: for my hope is in you, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 5:5-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia , Alleluia

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.

Alleluia**Gospel**

Luke 7:11-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up'. And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

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

If we are honest we will have to admit that though we have died with Christ to sin and risen with him to new life, we do not fully die to sin. In fact, there are many times in our lives when we live in sin, when we actually cling to sin. What happens to those who die in such a state? They may not have turned completely away from the goodness of God, but they have not been faithful either. The remnants of sin cling to them, making them somewhat unfit to stand before the face of God. Are they lost? Or are they saved?

In God there is mercy in abundance. Jesus is not willing to lose anyone. Therefore, the power of Jesus and the strength of his promises give us hope that even after death there is the possibility of purification and pardon. We have no idea of when this might happen or how it will happen. All we know is that the lovingkindness of God far surpasses any infidelity of which we might be guilty.

The feast of All Souls is not a feast of sadness, but one of great hope and confidence. It invites us to entrust our dead to God, because we know that they are really God's dead. We know that if we have loved them, God has loved them more. They are in God's care, and like a good shepherd God will lead them to peace.

THE BETHANY WAY INTRODUCTORY RETREAT' At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus Saturday 8 November 2025, 12noon-4pm Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne All are invited to this free retreat at opening a new key passages of Scripture relating to Jesus' relationship with the family at Bethany. Discover Bethany, and your relationship with Jesus Christ, with reflective talks and plenty of time for personal prayer. The retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way, a new immersive formation offering in 2026. *Learn more and register:* <https://melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway>

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

'We must dream of and build a more humble Church. It must be a Church that does not judge, 'but becomes a welcoming place for all; a Church that does not close in on itself, but remains attentive to God so that it can similarly listen to everyone.'

Pope Leo XIV


**ACYF: Sunday 30 November 2025
- Tuesday 2 December 2025**

We send our prayers and best wishes to the 36 Padua College students attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne this year. May this be a time of deep faith, joy, and inspiration as they journey together in Christ.



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 3rd — 9th November.

MONDAY No Mass

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00 Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

FRIDAY 9.00am First Friday adoration followed by
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 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, Kathleen, 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, especially Pamela Winifred Bitters and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Michael Paganoni and Tim Mirabella. May they rest in peace.

Pope appeals for a more humble Church at Synod-focused Jubilee

Let us become a more humble Church, Pope Leo XIV said in his homily for the Mass to mark the end of the Jubilee of Synodal Teams and Participatory Bodies. He called on the faithful to navigate tensions within the Church in a way that prevents them from becoming rigid ideological divides, and harmonises them in the spirit of love.

Continue reading: Pope appeals for a more humble Church at Synod-focused Jubilee, from Melbourne catholic Website.

Ladies Lunch :Date : Friday 7th November 2025,

Place: Western Port hotel,

Time: 12.00pm,

Contact Val Baxter : 0409774919

It is always the era of saints

'It is always the era of saints,' Georges Bernanos once wrote. From St Carlo Acutis and Chiara Corbella to the recently beatified Floribert Bwana Chui, what might the lives of young saints and witnesses of our time teach us about holiness? A whole lot, writes Proclaim Discipleship Specialist Josephine Plazzer.

Continue reading: It is always the era of saints from the Melbourne catholic website.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 8th & 9th November

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings	Hastings	Hastings
Lector	Mary Marshall	Damien Ireland	Deirdre Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Michael Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Sylvia Falzon	Paula Stokes & Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week Wed 5/11	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	John Patterson	Agnes Smith	Counters Next Week Tues 11/11	Ian Marshall & Brian McAnallen
Altar Linen		November - Anne Lorkin		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	November Sue Ireland		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Maree Chapman	Somerville Maintenance— Fred Arena		Communion to the Sick This Week 11/11	Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	November Christine Coleman				

NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SOULS

During this month of November, let us remember and pray for our beloved dead, trusting in God's infinite mercy and love

1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary, 1 Glory be...

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.**

**May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**

A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord's prayer and the creed.

Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: Sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions.

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.

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that all who believe in the Son will have eternal life and I will raise them to life again on the last day. John 6:39

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2025-26 *Signs of Hope on the Edge, Serving homeless people with mental ill-health*

There are many in the Church in Australia who are reaching out to homeless people, including those with mental ill-health to help them to make a difference in their lives. They are: CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES AUSTRALIA, CATHOLIC CARE, ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, CATHOLIC HEALTH AUSTRALIA, ST. JOHN OF GOD ACCORD HORIZON HOUSE, MARYMEAD (CATHOLIC CARE), HOMELESSNESS AUSTRALIA, MISSION AUSTRALIA, THE SALVATION ARMY and MENTAL HEALTH AUSTRALIA.

We encourage all the baptised to find ways to engage with people living in homelessness wherever they are in your locality.

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

Tea & Coffee After Mass – Hastings. Join us in Hastings church after Mass for a warm cup of tea or coffee and light refreshments. All are welcome to share in fellowship and community spirit. We look forward to seeing you there today.

Save the Date!

Our Parish Fundraising Dinner, postponed earlier this year, has been set for **Friday the 13th February 2026**.

Details will be finalised closer to then, but make sure you pop it in the diary. Looking forward to seeing you there.

News from Our Parish Primary Schools Mini Vinies Project – Share the Joy of Christmas

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 and place your items in the designated basket at church. Every contribution helps bring some joy this Christmas to those in need. Thank you for your support! For any questions, please contact Natalie Dullard at ndullard@smhastings.catholic.edu.au

Season of Flowers – Church Altar Decorations

Our church altar has been beautifully adorned each weekend with fresh flowers generously shared from parishioners' gardens. If you have flowers you'd like to offer, please feel free to drop them off at the parish office on Fridays between 9:30 AM and 3:00 PM. Your contribution brings beauty and grace to our worship space—thank you!

Year of Jubilee — a sacred time of mercy, renewal, and reconciliation .

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. This gathering expresses our shared lament for the abuse that has occurred, as well as our commitment to those who have suffered abuse within the Church in our ongoing journey of reverent listening and repentance. Survivors and their loved ones will be at the heart of this Service. Parishes and communities are invited to join the wider Archdiocesan community in prayer and reflection during the week of 5-12 November in their own local context.

Total giving from the week 20th to 26th October 2025

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$ 899.25

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$ 1,156.30, Tap Machine Donations - \$ 103.38

Mission Sunday — \$ 634.00 . Thank you for your ongoing support!