



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

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First Reading

Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13

R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Apocalypse 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 21:1-19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to his disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No,' he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'



'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt around you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PARISH MINISTRIES

For everyone who's able and willing to volunteer in the Parish activities, Volunteer Forms will be available to take at all Mass Centres, on the welcoming table. The commitments are for the year, commencing Pentecost Sunday for the following 12 months. If unavailable to fulfil any ministry for which you sign up, you would need to find a replacement by phoning one of the numbers on the particular roster. Many parishioners already assist by doing various tasks in our Parish and we are thankful for that. **If you are already on a Roster this year, you still need to place your name on the new Volunteer List.** Please return forms by Sunday, 18th of May.

Working With Children Check

It is a **requirement** of the Archdiocese of Melbourne that all Parishes keep a Register of all those who volunteer within the Parish so you will need to have a current Working With Children Check. To apply for one as a volunteer or renew your WWCC is free, just go to <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/> and the instructions. If you have any queries, please contact the - Parish Office 5979 4374

COMMUNION TO THE SICK VOLUNTEER NEEDED

If you are Shoreham resident and you are able and willing to volunteer as a Communion to the Sick Minister for **Annie's Court in Shoreham**, please contact the Parish Office or fill in Volunteer Sheet at the welcoming table in the church.

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, 5 May—11 May**MONDAY** No Service**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.00am** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.30am** Whole School 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 Marie 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 Ann Bowden (Fr Michael's sister) and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Alberto Panggapalan Jr. May they rest in peace.

The Vibrant Parish Formation Series—Beginning 13 May 2025

How can we deepen our prayer life? How do we go out and invite others?

Based on the *Take the Way of the Gospel* Framework for Parish Renewal, this five-session series—running from May to September—will feature international and local speakers, along with workshop presenters, who will inspire and equip participants to animate and strengthen the five characteristics of a vibrant parish: worship, evangelisation, formation, fellowship, and service. **Tuesdays: 13 May 2025, 10 June 2025, 1 July 2025, 12 August 2025, 9 September 2025, 6.30pm-9pm** - Mulgrave Country Club, Corner of Wellington and Jells Roads, Wheelers Hill

[Read more and register today](#)

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 10/5 & 11/5/2025

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Sandy Adolphus	Pauline D'Astoli	Geraldine Prescott	Mass Welcomer Hastings	
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Marshall	Anne Maree Dyer	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Louise Hennessy	Anthony Grimes		Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen		MAY—Anne Maree Dyer		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	MAY—Margaret Grant		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Maree Chapman	Somerville Maintenance— Matthew & Louise Street		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	MAY—Christine Coleman				

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal



This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

MORNING TEA

There will be Morning Tea this **Sunday, 4th of May** at **Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome!

SCHOOLS' MASSES

St Brendan's

Whole School Mass for Mothers and Special Women.

Thursday, May 8th, 11:30am at St Brendan's Church, Somerville

This Mass will be led by the Foundation staff and students.
All are welcome.

St Mary's

Special Mass in honour of all mothers and special people in our lives.

Friday, 9th May at 9:30am at Immaculate Conception Church, Hastings

Year 1/2 community are leading this special celebration.

St Joseph's

Mother's Day Mass

Friday 9th May, 2.00pm at St Joseph's School, Crib Point

Our 3/4 Community are leading the Mass.

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.



St Mary's Primary School News

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY IN SCHOOLS

This week, our school community took part in *World Labyrinth Day in Schools* by gathering in our beautiful community garden to walk the labyrinth in prayer. Each class visited the labyrinth as a way to celebrate the life and leadership of Pope Francis.

St Joseph's Primary School REMEMBERING POPE FRANCIS

We have been remembering the life of Pope Francis in prayer and are comforted by the way he encouraged young people to put their faith into action, to care for our world and for those in greatest need. We thank God for the gift of Pope Francis and for all the wonderful ways he inspired us to build a better world. We ask for guidance to continue his work by being Pilgrims of Hope, like he was.

'A HOME FOR ALL': 400,000 FAREWELL 'OPEN-HEARTED' POPE IN ROME

An estimated 250,000 people were present in St Peter's Square and the neighbouring streets as 14 pallbearers carried **Pope Francis'** casket into the square for the funeral Mass on Saturday 26 April. The 'pope among the people' was buried later the same day in Rome's Basilica of St Mary Major after the people of Rome lined the streets in their thousands to say a final farewell to their bishop.

Continue reading: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/a-home-for-all-400-000-farewell-open-hearted-pope-in-rome>

BIPARTISAN PLEDGE OF \$60 MILLION TO RESTORE MELBOURNE'S ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has welcomed a bipartisan pledge of \$60 million from Australia's two major political parties to kickstart the restoration and revitalisation of Melbourne's historic St Patrick's Cathedral and the surrounding precinct.

Continue reading: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/bipartisan-pledge-of-60-million-to-restore-melbournes-st-patricks-cathedral>

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE CONCLAVE

The date for the start of the next conclave has been set for 7 May, when 135 cardinals will be shut away in the Sistine Chapel to vote on who will become the next pope. Popes have not always been elected through this process. We take a brief look at the history of the conclave.

Continue reading: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/cardinals-prepare-for-their-most-sacred-responsibility-the-conclave->

Total givings from the week 21/4-27/4/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) **\$823.85**

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) **\$1702.40**