



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Y-C—23 November, 2025

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First Reading

2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-5

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgment of the house of David. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Colossians 1:12-20

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

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation; for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominions, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel**Luke 23:35-43**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke



The people stayed before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said, 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

This feast celebrates the power and authority of Christ by creating a collage of images that capture one or more characteristics of Christ's kingship. Each image reinterprets the concept of king, investing it with new meaning. Gathered together they create a kind of litany that extols the kingship of Christ.

Shepherd and commander call to mind the care and protection that Christ lavishes on those who place themselves under his care. King of Israel is a sign of universal rule. Image of the Invisible God acclaims the divine origin of Christ and of the rule that he exercises over all. First born of all Creation places Christ over the entire created world. Source of all Created Things acknowledges both the sovereignty of Christ and his importance as the model after which all things were fashioned. Head of the Body, the Church underscores the intimacy and interrelationship that exist between Christ and all those who are joined to him through faith and baptism.

Firstborn of the Dead not only acclaims Christ's resurrection, but it also guarantees the resurrection of those who will follow him into death. Crucified King is clearly the image that reinterprets all other images.

The entire liturgical year is brought to completion in the last words of the gospel: 'Today you will be with me in Paradise.' These are the words that we all long to hear, words that are empty when coming from one who has no authority, but charged with power when spoken by the one who is king over us all.

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

Thousands of the poor, displaced and forgotten converged on Rome over the weekend for the **Jubilee of the Poor**. Before joining about 1,300 guests for lunch, **Pope Leo XIV** celebrated Mass and prayed that all Christians would share 'the love of God, which welcomes, binds up wounds, forgives, consoles and heals'.
(Melbourne Catholic)



ACYF Launch and WYD Cross Reception & Pilgrimage Walk—30 November

Join us at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 30 November as we welcome 6.000 young pilgrims to Melbourne. Let us come together to share in their joy and offer a warm welcome.

Program:

- 1.30pm Melbourne Catholic Festa
- 2.30pm Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon
- 3.00-Pilgrimage Walk (5km to MCEC—ticketed pilgrims only; 3km return option available)



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 24th—30th 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Margaret Binney. May they rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CUPBOARD

The demand for non-perishable food is significant and the Conference is currently purchasing items to give to those in need in our Community.

We are in desperate need of the following food items. Long Life Milk, Pasta and Pasta sauces, tins of Soup, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Tuna, diced Tomatoes, tins of Vegetables and tinned Fruit . Spreads such as Peanut Butter, Jam, Vegemite, Sweet and Dry biscuits and Two-minute noodles and Cup of soups . Any type of toiletries would be most welcome .Thank you for your ongoing support!

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT WEEK: 24th—30th November

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Christine Coleman	Marie Hall	Val Coventry	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Garry McDonell	Anne Maree Dyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Heimann Sissing, Brian McAnallen
Commentator	Tracey Clark	Pauline D'Astoli	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Altar Linen		NOV. - Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Marie Ernestine
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	NOV. - Sue Ireland		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance— Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson		Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne-Marie Lawson
Cleaning	NOV. - Christine Coleman				

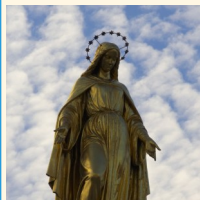
THE FEAST HONORING THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – SATURDAY 6th DECEMBER/SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER 2025

We warmly invite you to join us for a joyful celebration in honor of our Parish Feast. The event will occur following the Family Masses at each church: **Somerville, St Brendan's – after the 6.00pm Mass**

Shoreham, St Peter's – after the 8.00am Mass

Hastings, Immaculate Conception Church – after the 10.00am Mass

☺ ☺ After each Mass, let's share in the spirit of community with a delightful meal. We encourage every family to bring a plate and enjoy the time spent with fellow parishioners with tea and coffee provided. Let us unite in a spirit of togetherness and gratitude on this significant occasion! We especially invite parents of the children who attend St Mary's, St Joseph's and St Brendan's schools to join us with their young ones to participate in this remarkable Feast. Everyone is welcome!



Blessings, Fr Shymon

November Memorial Book

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

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



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 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 daylong.

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.

2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

You can now find 2026 Columban Art Calendars at all our three churches for \$10 each.

CRY IN LAMENT, TRUST IN HOPE: ARCHDIOCESE HOSTS INAUGURAL SERVICE OF LAMENT

On Wednesday 12 November, National Survivors Day, the inaugural Prayer Service of Lament offered survivors and their families an opportunity to join with Archdiocesan leaders (clergy and lay) and members of the wider Catholic community in acknowledging the past and lamenting the profound suffering endured by survivors of abuse within the Church.

Continue reading: [Cry in lament, trust in hope: Archdiocese hosts inaugural Service of Lament \(Melbourne Catholic\)](#)

PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is a God-given calling to ordained ministry, open to married and single men, in the service of the Liturgy, the Word and Charity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION Catholic Vocations Archdiocese of Melbourne website: melbournecatholic.org/permanentdiaconate,

Australian Catholic Deacons' website: www.ausdeacons.asn.au

Speak with your parish priest or contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate: Phone: 03 9412 3357 Email: diaconate@cam.org.au

Total giving from the week 10th Nov.—16th Nov. 2025

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$804.65

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$1217

Tap Machine Donations \$58.99

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.