



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

6th Sunday of Easter - Year C, 25 May 2025

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First Reading

Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel or crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23–29

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John



Jesus said to his disciples:

‘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. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now, before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

CHILDREN’S WORKSHEET

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LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 26 May—1 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 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 Peter Crowe and Bob Smith, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. 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 .

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 31/5 & 1/6/2025

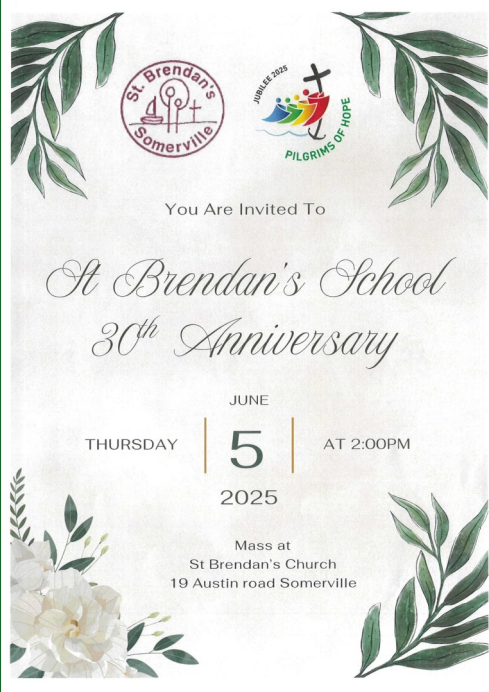
MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Judy Deefholts	Tim Dyer	Agnes Smith	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Street	Ann Lorkin	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Stephen Stewart, Ian Marshall
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	Sylvia Falzon		Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing Hijacinta Svabelj
Altar Linen		MAY—Anne Maree Dyer		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	MAY—Margaret Grant		Audio/Visual	Jesela Baxter
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Mary Marshall
Cleaning	MAY—Christine Coleman				

WELCOME, FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

We welcome the candidates of **St Brendan's, St Joseph's and St Mary's school** and non-Catholic schools who are preparing for the sacrament of First Holy Communion for their Commitment Masses this and next weekend. We also welcome their parents/guardians.

St. Brendan's Primary—30th Anniversary of school's opening

The Mass in honor of this milestone celebration will be held on Thursday, 5th June at 2.00 pm. Everyone's invited!



St Brendan's School News

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

A Prayer Service to mark the beginning of National Reconciliation Week will be held at St Brendan's church on **Thursday, May 29th at 2:30 pm**. This service, exploring this year's theme 'From Now to Next', will be led by the Year One and Two staff and students. All are welcome.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools is currently 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES

Thank you everyone who responded to our call and applied for the various ministries this year! We still need more volunteers for **flowers in Hastings and especially for Counters in our Parish Centre**. If you're available, please contact the Parish Office 5979 4374.

On Pentecost Sunday, occurring on June 8th, all volunteers will have an opportunity to renew their commitment to volunteering within our Community.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

With Pentecost Sunday approaching soon on June 8th, we invite anyone who's native language is other than English and would like to say a short prayer during our Prayers of the Faithful, to please contact the Parish Office or approach to Fr Shymon.

The Vibrant Parish Formation Series— Next Session 10 June 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—is featuring 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: 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](#)

If any Parishioner is interested in attending one of the next sessions, please also contact the Parish Office for more information.

PM MEETS WITH POPE LEO, INVITES HIM TO AUSTRALIA FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

In a historic moment, Prime Minister **Anthony Albanese** met with **Pope Leo XIV** at the Vatican on Monday 19th May, extending a formal invitation for the pontiff to visit Sydney in 2028 for the International Eucharistic Congress.

Continue reading: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pm-meets-with-pope-leo-invites-him-to-australia-for-eucharistic-congress>

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2025



The next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held in the Archdiocese of Melbourne from Sunday 30 November to Tuesday 2 December. To find out more and register please visit acyf.org.au

It is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC).

The Festival is offered for young people from Year 9 (in the year of the Festival) to young adults up to 25 years of age. Young people under the age of 18 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

If you're a parent or a grandparent of anyone who might be interested in attending this festival, please pass on the information.

Total givings from the week 12/5-18/5/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$705.80
2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$1160.40
Tap Machine \$122.62

Thank you for your ongoing support!