



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

1st Sunday of Advent Y-A—30 November, 2025

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First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9

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.)**

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia!**

Gospel**Matthew 24:37-44****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival 30 November–2 December 2025

- On Sunday 30 November, more than 6,000 pilgrims from around Australia will descend on St Patrick's Cathedral for the opening Mass and Festa followed by a pilgrimage through the streets
- Many pilgrims have already expressed excitement about the creative and musical forces taking the stage—among them are Fatai Veamatahau, an artist of Tongan descent who first stunned Australia on The Voice in 2012; Prodigyl, a rising hip-hop artist from Houston, Texas, whose recent popular singles include Qadisha (Holy), Viva Cristo Rey, Salve Regina and Lord of All;
- Popular global speaker Katie Prejean McGrady returns to ACYF. Other Australian keynotes include Melbourne's own Fr Rob Galea, founder of ICON Ministry, Sr Mary Grace SV from religious order the Sisters of Life, and Jess Bond, artist and founder of Salt + Gold Collection. In addition to the variety of 'prayer experiences' available, special exhibitions will be available such as St Carlo Acutis exhibition and exhibition of the Shroud of Turin (Melbourne Catholic)



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 1st—8th December

MONDAY No Mass

TUESDAY 9.30am Communion Service at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00 Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

FRIDAY 9.00am First Friday adoration followed by

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 Diane Mentiplay. May they rest in peace.

Caritas Australia: Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas.



This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to “be a light in the darkness” for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity.

Donate today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>



ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 8th & 9th November

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	School children/ Judy Deefholts	School children/ Tim Dyer	School children/ Jared McCartin	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Kayla Miller
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Chapman	Ann Lorkin	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus		Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen		DEC. - Anne Ma- ree Dyer		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	DEC. - Marg Grant		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance— Fres Arena		Communion to the Sick This Week	Mary Marshall
Cleaning	DEC. - Tracey Clark				

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER: HOPE

Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask for your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ's coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



LADIES LUNCHEON

Friday 5 December at Western Port Hotel at 12 noon. Bring a Kris Kringal, no more than \$10. Please call **Val 0409 774 919** if you would like to attend.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS

APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

St. Vincent De Paul 2024 Christmas Appeal will be conducted in all three Mass centres over the weekend of **13 & 14 December**.

Parishioners are warmly invited to join us for our End of School Year Masses

- **St Brendan's**—Thursday 4th December, 11:30am, at St Brendan's Church, Somerville
- **St Joseph's** - Friday 5th December, 2:00pm, at St Joseph's Hall, 17 Martin Street, Crib Point
- **St Mary's**— Friday 12th December, 9:30am, at Immaculate Conception Church, Hastings.

Masses will conclude with a special retelling of the Nativity presented by our Prep students. All are most welcome to join our schools..

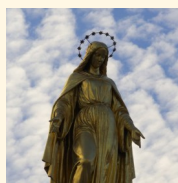
PARISH MINISTRIES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME

For Parish volunteers who are able and willing to volunteer during Masses on December 24th and 25th, Forms will be available to fill in your details at Mass Centres in Hastings and Somerville on the welcoming table. Please return forms **by Sunday, 14 December**.

2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

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

GOD'S WORD 2026 - DAILY REFLECTIONS—For \$20.00 in the church foyers, you may buy it as a Christmas gift for yourself and your loved ones.



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*

POPE RAISES MARY GLOWREY TO VENERABLE - AUSTRALIAN WOMAN'S CAUSE TOWARDS SAINTHOOD ADVANCES



The cause for sainthood for Australian-born doctor and missionary in India **Mary Glowrey** has advanced after **Pope Leo XIV** recognised her 'heroic virtues' on 21 November 2025. **Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey**, as she will now be titled, is just the second Australian, after **St Mary Mackillop**, to be accorded this status.

Born in the Victorian town of Birregurra in 1887, Glowrey was a doctor in Melbourne hospitals and private practice when she travelled to India, aged 32, and entered religious life in Guntur, located in present day Andhra Pradesh. She spent 37 years in service to marginalised women and children. Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** expressed 'deep joy' at the news. 'A proud daughter of Melbourne, Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey was a trailblazer— one of our early female doctors— before answering the call to serve in India,' he said. 'Her healing hands, her compassion, and her bold spirit were a living sign of God's tenderness. May her example and intercession continue to inspire Aussies and people everywhere.' More information at www.melbournecatholic.org/maryglowrey

Total giving from the week 17th Nov.—23th Nov. 2025

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$763

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques) \$819.55

Tap Machine Donations \$272.51

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.