



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A, 25 January 2026

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

Parish Priest: Fr Shymon
Thekkekalathungal IVDei

Parish Secretary:
Hijacinta Svabelj

Pastoral Worker:
Deirdre Fennessy

**Office Hours: 9.30am-
3.00pm (Tuesday-Friday)**

Phone - 5979 4374

PARISH CENTRE:

71 Marine Parade Hastings

POSTAL ADDRESS:

PO Box 76 Hastings 3915

Email:

westernport@cam.org.au

Parish Web Site:

[https://
www.melbcatholic.org/s/
westernport](https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/westernport)

**BAPTISM ENQUIRIES &
COMMUNION TO THE SICK:**
Parish Centre 5979 4374

PARISH SCHOOLS:

CRIB POINT St Joseph's
Primary School 5983 9374

HASTINGS St Mary's Pri-
mary School 5979 1959

SOMERVILLE St Brendan's
Primary School 5977 7277

MORNINGTON Padua
College Vice Principal
Matthew Williams 5976 0100

VINNIES OP SHOP 83 High
St Hastings 5979 4373

**St Vincent de Paul Help
Assistance Call Centre**
(9am-noon M-F) 5976 4974

First Reading

Isaiah 8:23. - 9:3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13. 17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollo', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death
a light has dawned.



From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him. Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him. He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Voice of Jesus

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and called them, the Gospel says, at once they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.'

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have their souls contoured along the same lines.

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND ONLINE TRAINING

Is your Working With Children Check registered with our Parish Secretary? Please forward your current card details to the Parish Secretary at the office in Hastings or via email to westernport@cam.org.au.

Training online and signed Code of Conduct should be completed at the link below and details posted/emailed to the Parish Secretary: [Login](#)

Thanks to all those who already provided their details and completed their online training.

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, 26th January –1 February

MONDAY No Service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY—*No Mass at Shoreham*

THURSDAY—*No Mass at Hastings*

FRIDAY— **9.30am** Mass at Hastings

SATURDAY

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 Charles, Christine Coleman, Mary Marshall, Ian Marshall, Bob Fels, Pat Pope, David Wirth, Brian Stahl, Kees Meyer, Michael Smith, Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Marie Mereszko, Halima, Maureen Bleighly, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Frank Tagliabue, Michael Pound, Janice Danaher, 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 Carlene Charlton. May they rest in peace.

Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) and Garratt Publishing present

THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD AS ACTIVE SUBJECTS OF GOD'S MISSION

Fr Ormond Rush will join Francis Sullivan to discuss this and related issues.

EVENT DETAILS

When: Thursday 5 February 2026, Time: 7:00 pm (AEDT)* Where: Via Zoom, Cost: FREE

Registration: To register, please click [here](#). The webinar will be recorded and made available the week following the event.

You must be registered to receive the link to the video. For more information, click [here](#).

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: 7th February & 8th February 2026

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Tracey Clark	Anthony Grimes	Ted Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Michael Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Sylvia Falzon	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	Pauline D'Astoli	Jared McCartin	Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing Brian McAnallen
Altar Linen		FEB. - Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	FEB. - Sylvia Falzon		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Louise Street	Somerville Maintenance —Fred Arena		Communion to the Sick This Week	N/A

Western Port Parish
Fundraising and Social Dinner

Friday 13th Feb 2026

6.30pm - 10.00pm

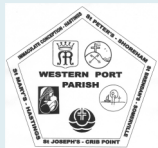
Westernport Parish Community Room—
Hastings

Tickets \$30.00 per head

(All tickets purchased last year remain
valid.)

Donations of food and/or raffle prizes are
very welcome, please let us know when you
purchase your tickets. They will be available
after Mass at all Mass centres from 17th
Jan.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



A PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Grant, we pray, O Lord our God,
that as the Cross shines in our southern skies,
so may Christ bring light to our nation,
to its peoples old and new,
and by saving grace, transform our lives.
We pray that the offerings we bring today
may bring a blessing on our land
and peace to all who dwell here. Amen

MORNING TEA

AT HASTINGS

There will be a Morn-
ing Tea after the
Mass at Hastings
next Sunday, 1st
February. All are
welcome.

THE LONG WALK FOR WATER

Caritas Australia is calling on individuals, schools,
parishes and community groups across the country
to sign up for the Long Walk for Water challenge
ahead of Lent and to walk in solidarity with the 703
million people worldwide who still live without safe
drinking water.

Launched in 2025 as part of Project Compassion,
the Long Walk for Water encourages participants
to walk regularly throughout Lent. Participants can
design a challenge that suits their ability and schedule, perhaps choosing
to walk every other day or for 15 minutes each day.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA More information: [Sign up for 'The Long Walk for Water' to support... | Melbourne Catholic](#)
PROJECT COMPASSION

**2026
COLUMBAN
ART CALEN-
DARS**

You can still find
2026 Columban
Art Calendars
for \$10 each in
the foyer of our
churches.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL SUCCESS SETS STAGE FOR GLOBAL YOUTH GATHERINGS IN 2027 AND 2028

The joy and energy of the recent Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne is set to continue with the next two major international youth events on the horizon.

At the conclusion of ACYF 2025, **Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher OP** confirmed that the next Australian Catholic Youth Festival will be held in Sydney in 2028, and will form a crucial part of the International Eucharistic Congress. The impact of such festivals cannot be underestimated, Archbishop Fisher said, as they directly address the hunger of many young people for more involvement in their faith, and the isolation many feel.

Continue reading: [ACYF success sets stage for global youth... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

Total giving from the week 12th Jan. 2026—18th Jan. 2026

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$879.80
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques)	\$1030
Tap Machine Donations	\$55.79

Thank you for your ongoing support!