



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A, 1 February 2026

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First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3. - 3:12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan **(R.)**

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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, 2nd February –8th February**MONDAY** No Service**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY**—*No Mass at Shoreham***THURSDAY**—*No Mass at Hastings***FRIDAY 9.00am** Eucharistic Adoration followed by
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, 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 Mary Marx. May they rest in peace.

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed!

For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/>

Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

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

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Garry McDonell	Sylvia Falzon	Deirdre Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Agnes Smith
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Marg Grant	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Heimann Sissing Brian McAnallen
Commentator	Garry McDonell		Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Altar Linen		FEB. - Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	FEB. - Sylvia Falzon		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne-Marie Lawson
		Sharon Judd			

MORNING TEA AT HASTINGS

There will be a Morning Tea after the Mass at Hastings this Sunday, 1st February

All are welcome.

LADIES LUNCHEON

Friday 6 February at Western Port Hotel
at 12 noon.

Please call **Diane - 0419 633 044** —if you would like to attend.

Lourdes Day Mass

Saturday 14 February 2026
10.30am–11.30am, St Patrick's Cathedral

The Order of Malta invites you to the annual Lourdes Day Mass—an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm, particularly those who are not able to visit Lourdes. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop **Peter A Comensoli** as the principal celebrant.

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Fundraising and Social Dinner

Friday 13th Feb 2026

6.30pm - 10.00pm

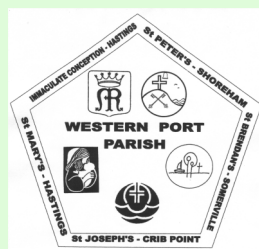
Westernport Parish Community Room—Hastings

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 are available after Mass at all Mass centres.

Looking forward to seeing you there!



Migrant Jubilee Cross Pilgrimage in the Archdiocese of Melbourne

13 February (7pm): Solemn Celebration of Vespers for the Welcoming of the Jubilee Cross at **St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne**. **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** will preside.

Celebrate the vibrancy and contribution of our migrant communities in our Church as we welcome the Migrant Jubilee Cross to the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Let us pray for God's blessing upon Australia, particularly the great gift of migrants and refugees. Join the pilgrimage and venerate the relics of the Holy Family and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

For more information about pilgrimage dates and churches involved, click [here](#) (*Melbourne Catholic*)



'Justice is an act of love', lawyers told at annual Red Mass

The legal year has formally opened with the annual Red Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Members of the judiciary, lawyers, and state and federal politicians were among those who packed into the Cathedral early on one of the hottest Melbourne days in decades. **Cardinal Mykola Bychok's** homily emphasised the importance of justice, compassion, and moral integrity in the legal profession. He called for legal professionals to model honesty, and humility, and to uphold principles without hostility.

Continue reading: ['Justice is an act of love', lawyers told at annual Red Mass](#) (*Melbourne Catholic*)

Total giving from the week 19th Jan. 2026—25th Jan. 2026

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$932.55
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques)	\$1224.90
Tap Machine Donations	\$103.63

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