



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year A, 18 January 2026

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First Reading

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10

R. Here I am Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. **(R.)**

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.

You do not ask for holocaust and victim.

Instead, here am I. **(R.)**

In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-3

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

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.
He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel

John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John



Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *The Perfume of Holiness*

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou!' It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off. Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the official role of the Pope.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the 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.

Scriptural Context

Baptism of Jesus

Each of the three synoptic gospels (Mark, Luke and Matthew) presents an account of the baptism of Jesus. All three versions record the Spirit descending in the form of a dove. In the fourth gospel, it is interesting that the gospel writer does not actually give an account of the baptism as by the time of this gospel's writing the story is well entrenched in the Christian culture. Instead of a baptism account, John the Baptist appears to recall the event. Rather than needing to describe the event, this gospel writer treats it as a given and simply refers to it.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 19th January –25th January**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 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 Paul Clarke. 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 NEXT WEEK: 24th & 25th January 2026

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Judy Deefholts	8.00am Joan White 10.00am Tim Dyer	Kayla Miller	Mass Welcom- er Hastings	Brian McAnallen
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Street	8.00am Val Fakhry 10.00am Anne Marie Dyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Commenta- tor	Tracey Clark	8.00am John Patterson 10.00am Ann Lorkin	Michael Smith	Counters Next Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Altar Linen		JAN. - Anne Maree Dyer		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	JAN. - Margaret Grant		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Val Baxter	Somerville Mainte- nance —Bill & Anne- Marie Lawson		Communion to the Sick This Week	N/A

Western Port Parish
Fundraising and Social Dinner

Friday 13th Feb 2026

6.30pm - 10.00pm

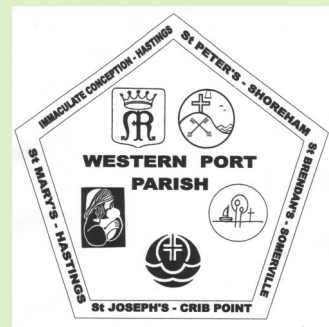
Westernport Parish Community Room—Hastings

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!



POPE PROCLAIMS JUBILEE TO MARK 800TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST FRANCIS' DEATH



Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Jubilee Year coinciding with the 800th anniversary of the death of **St Francis of Assisi**. The Apostolic Penitentiary, issued a decree published by the Franciscan Friars on 10 January, declaring a year-long celebration in honour of the *Poverello*, or the 'Little Poor One'.

According to the decree, Pope Leo has established that from 10 January, until 10 January 2027, a special Year of St Francis may be proclaimed, in which every Christian, 'following the example of the Saint of Assisi, may himself become a model of holiness of life and a constant witness of peace'. Continue reading: [Pope proclaims Jubilee to mark 800th anniversary... | Melbourne Catholic](#)

184 YEARS SINCE ST MARY MACKILLOP WAS BORN

On 15th January, 184 years ago, **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop** was born Mary Helen MacKillop in Melbourne's Fitzroy. Mary of the Cross, as she was known after entering religious life, co-founded the Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart and became a trail-blazer not only in the education of the rural poor, but also in chaplaincy and pastoral work that addressed the needs of early 19th-century Australia.

Continue reading: [On this day in 1842, a saint is born | Melbourne Catholic](#) (*Melbourne Catholic*)

2026 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

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

SAINTS OF ITALY (8th - 21st June 2026)

Fr. Franco Filippetto invites you to a 14-day journey to Italy, visiting Milan, Padua, Siena, Assisi, Rotondo, Sorrento, and Rome, with an all-inclusive price of \$ 9,290 + tips (for 30+ pilgrims). The early bird price expires on January 30th. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in 4-star Premium Hotels, Meals + English speaking professional guides and more.

For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

OUR HEARTS ON MISSION Garratt Lenten Program Year A
CLARE LOCKE, ANN-MAREE O'BEIRNE, GERARD MOORE, CHARLES WADDELL

Our Hearts on Mission Lenten Program for Year A is a modern Lenten Program that guides readers through the six weeks of Lent. Suitable for group or personal study, each week, the Sunday reflections break open the readings to strengthen our self-denial and build our spiritual resilience. The four authors bring a diversity of voices, offering fresh insights into our Lenten tasks and our orientation for mission. ***Our Hearts on Mission* will encourage discussion and deeper reflection.**

RRP \$8.95, Sophia \$7.61, 9781923095175 For more information please visit: [Our Hearts On Mission: Year A – Garratt Publishing](#)

Total giving from the week 5th Jan. 2026—11th Jan. 2026

1 st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$887.65
2 nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Cards and cheques)	\$1772.80
Tap Machine Donations	\$177.75

Thank you for your ongoing support!