



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

Ascension of the Lord - Year C, 1 June 2025

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First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

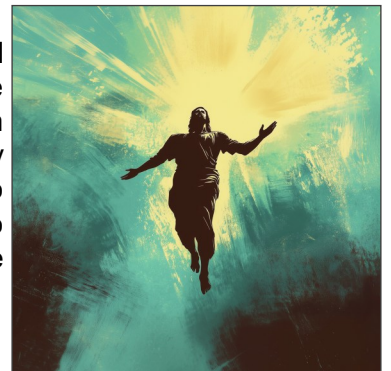
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm

Ps 46:2-3. 6-9

R. God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Eph 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 24:46–53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.



'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET

Draw Jesus ascending into heaven.



REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

Living the gospel

You will be my witnesses

Organisers of the twenty-third World Youth Day hosted by Sydney in 2008 took as its theme verse 8 of the passage from Acts 1 that is today's first reading: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be my witnesses." The choice of this theme for a world-wide gathering of young people of faith is a significant reminder of the call of Jesus to go out to the ends of the earth and to bear witness to his message. These are the final words on earth attributed to Jesus and they echo to us through time.

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, 2 June—9 June**MONDAY** No Service**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville**WEDNESDAY 9.00am** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings**FRIDAY 9.00am** Eucharistic Adoration followed by**9.30am** Mass at Hastings**11.00am** Funeral Service for Renate Lusnats in Shoreham**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 Danny McGeough, Ray Weir, 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, 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 Renate Lusnats, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Pina Mirabella, Rita Crombie and Michael Russ. May they rest in peace.

**St. Vincent de Paul Western-
port Conference will conduct
the 2025 Winter Appeal at all
Masses next weekend the 7
& 8 June.** We appreciate any
assistance you can give to
help the very needy people in
our community.

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 and any type of toiletries .

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 7/6 & 8/6/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Garry McDonell	Michael Callaghan	Jared McCartin	Mass Welcomer Hastings	
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Sr Joan Power	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Heimann Sissing Hijacinta Svabelj
Commentator	Louise Hennessy	Ann Lorkin	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Altar Linen		JUNE –Ann Lorkin		Sacristan	Marie Ernestine
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	JUNE –Sylvia Falzon		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2—Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	JUNE—Tracey Clark				

**WILLUM WARRAIN'S ANNUAL
MORNINGTON PENINSULA RECON-
CILIATION WALK**

This Sunday, 1st June, 11:00 am

The Walk begins on the Hastings fore-
shore and involves a leisurely stroll to
Willum Warrain Gathering Place at 10C
Pound Rd. It involves a Welcome to
Country, cultural performances and a
family BBQ.

The event is free and open to the public.

St Mary's Primary School News

Mini Vinnies update

Can you knit or crochet? We'd love
handmade beanies or scarves for those
in need! Do you have any spare wool? If
so, please drop it off to the St Mary's
office and we'll share it with our knitters.

Please contact Angela Aldag at St
Mary's if you can help—
aalag@smhastings.catholic.edu.au.

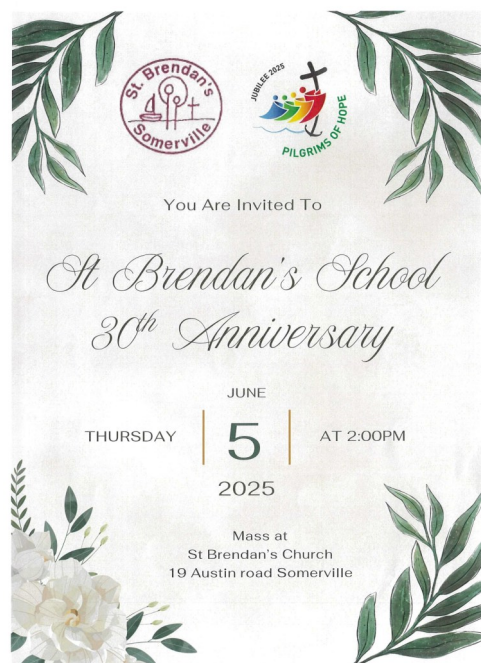
Thank you for your support!

Sustainability news

We're working with Circular Peninsular
and are collecting plastic lids to help pro-
tect our land and waterways. Please
save lids from milk, juice, water, and soft
drink bottles. These lids will be recycled
into new products. Please drop them in
the box at the foyer of the church.

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

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



PARISH MINISTRIES

If you're from Somerville and available for helping with Maintenance at St
Brendan's church please contact the Parish Office.

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 re-
new 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.
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LADIES LUNCH

**On Friday 6th
June at Western-
port Hotel at 12
noon. Please call
Val 0409 774 919 if
you would like to
attend.**

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

HOME SHARING

Our Parishioner Mike is
looking for a working
guy to share his home
in Balnarring. Own fur-
nished Bedroom, bath-
room & use of all facili-
ties, near to shopping
centre& transport.
Please contact Mike on
0400221926

Taree & Wingham Parish Flood Appeal

After catastrophic floods in New South Wales, we urge you to donate to ac-
count below so the distribution can commence. Catholic Community Fund
(CCF) - a subsidiary of the Commonwealth Bank- has been approved to
match donations deposited into this account, dollar for dollar up to a total
amount of \$25 000.00. Once donations reach \$25 000 the dollar matching
will cease, however donations can still be collected and distributed.

Details for donating, are as follows:

Account Name: Taree Wingham Flood Donations

BSB: 066 739

Account Number: 100 030 589

Due to the structure of the account, we cannot provide tax receipts.

**Take The Way of the Gospel Vibrant
Parish Formation Series: Worship -
I call you friends**

Tuesday 10 June 2025, 7pm-9pm

The Vibrant Parish Formation Series
continues with **Katherine Stone MGL**,
Vocations Director of the MGL Sisters.
Drawing on Scripture, Katherine will
explore how to strengthen your per-
sonal and parish prayer life. 150 par-
ticipants from 45 parishes and com-
munities attended the first session in
May of this five-part monthly series
which is inspired by the *Take the Way*
of the Gospel Framework for Parish
Renewal .

[Read more and register today](#)

If any Parishioner is interested in at-
tending this session, please also con-
tact the Parish Office.

**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.**

Group registration for the Festival will
officially open in June 2025.

More information to follow.

**Total givings from the week 19/5-
25/5/25**

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including
Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$717.85

2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct
Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)
\$866.40
Tap Machine
\$88.04

Thank you for your ongoing support!