



Western Port Catholic Parish

Newsletter

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B, 14 January 2024

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First Reading

Samuel 3:3-10. 19

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me'. Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening"'. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10

(R.) Here am I, 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.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I.

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.

Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord.

Second Reading

6:13-15. 17-20

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

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:41. 17

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have found the Messiah:
Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 1:35-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.



One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate *Named for the Cosmos*

What's in a name? A Lot, if it is God who confers the name. Jesus of Nazareth, the embodiment of God-for-us, knew the power of naming in relation to calling and destiny. What is the name which God the creator gives to human beings, to humanity, i.e. to you and to me?

In the beautiful imagery of the Jewish Scriptures, in the book of Genesis, God breathed into the nostrils of a figure made of clay, and names the first human being 'Adam', a name which means 'earth creature' (Gen 2:7).

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus using his Divine power to name in relation to vocation and destiny.

God delegated to my parents, to your parents, the privilege of conferring a name. God has known you by that name, and your divinely desired role for the cosmos, even before you were conceived. (Jer 1:5)

That is the name with which you will answer at death and at the end of time to the question:

'My beloved [name],

did you fulfil your role and vocation as an earth creature to garden the earth (Gen 2:15),

to act as 'salt of the earth', i.e. to make it life-giving over a long period of time, and to act as 'the light of the cosmos', i.e. to enable the cosmos, through your mind and heart, to love and praise its Creator. (Mat 5:13-16)?' How will you answer?

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

from the perspective

The Disciples

We'd been following John the Baptizer for nearly a year. He was a great man doing great work. He had called us to repent and baptized us in the river. We were so impressed with him that we began to follow him. There'd been plenty of other healers and preachers to follow but John seemed to be something special - some had talked about him being the messiah! Then all of a sudden John pointed out Jesus and called him the lamb of God. There was something different about this man and it just seemed right to leave John behind and go with Jesus.

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, 15—21 January, 2024

MONDAY

No Service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

FRIDAY 09.30am 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 Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Tony Brown, Pat Tagliabue, Michael Pound, John Kelly, Janice Danaher, Vicky Mathis, Edna Walsh, Jane Maria, Frank Tagliabue, Oliver Munoz, Kathy Burke, Frank Howard, Paul Creed, Geoff Hardingham, Mike Mason, Leo Gilfedder, Kevin Paganoni, 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 Bernie Bishop and Jeynelle Broatch. May they rest in peace.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 20/1 & 21/1/2024

-MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings	Piety Stall	
Lector	Mary Marshall	8.00am— Catherine Clancy 10.00am—Tim Dyer	Michelle Claudio	Flowers Hastings	
Eucharistic Ministers	Garry McDonell	8.00am— Gene- vieve Meyer 10.00am —Anne Maree Dyer	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Millie Payten
Commentator	Tracey Clark	8.00am— Peter Schreiner 10.00am—John Patterson	Sarah Ernestine	Counters This Week	Barbara & Ger- ald O'Brien
Altar Linen		JANUARY—Sylvia Falzon		Counters Next Week	Steven Stewart, Ian Marshall
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	JANUARY—Anne Maree Dyer		Statue of Our Lady	
Flowers	Val Baxter	Somerville Maintenance	Hastings Maintenance Team	Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 1 - Group 2 -
Cleaning	JANUARY— Louise Street	Tony & Kath Rolfe			

SAUSAGE SIZZLE NEXT SUNDAY

There will be Sausage Sizzle after the 10.00am Mass in Hastings on Sunday 21 January.

All are welcome!

ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS – SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.

AMDENDED ROSTERS:

Amended Rosters for commentators in Somerville are available in the foyer of the St Brendan's Church. .

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

We are seeking dedicated individuals who would like to set up **flowers** for the Sunday Masses at **Hastings church**. If you're interested, please contact Parish Office.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND ONLINE TRAINING

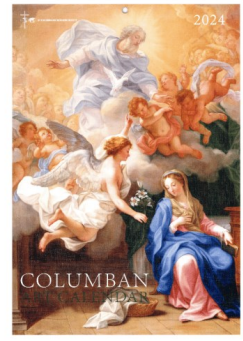
Is your Working With Children Check registered with our Parish Secretary? Please forward your current card details to the Parish Secretary at the office in Hastings or via email to westernport@cam.org.au.

Training online and signed Code of Conduct should be completed at the link below and details posted/emailed to the Parish Secretary. Face to face training (one session) will be offered during the year after mass at a date to be notified. [Safeguarding Children Training | Westernport Church](#)

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

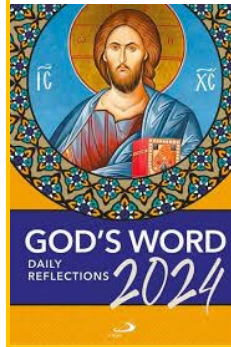
2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

You can now find 2024 Columban Art Calendars for \$10 each.



God's Word 2024 Daily Reflections

is available for purchase in the church foyers at price: \$22.00.



A YEAR OF MIRACLES Reflections on a Faith-filled Year VARIOUS CONTRIBUTORS

Inside *A Year of Miracles* you will find a collection of reflections from fourteen voices that explore what it means to be Catholic today. Each month is dedicated to a particular theme, ranging from synodality to social justice; from Lent and Easter to rediscovering the miracle of Christmas – and much more in between.

You'll also find some further reading suggestions featuring these popular authors, and a handy list of Feast Days and Significant Days. RRP \$14.95 SophiaBookClub \$12.71

For more information visit: [A Year of Miracles: Reflections on a Faith-filled Year | Garratt Publishing](#)

DONATION TAP MACHINES

Tap machine for donations are now available at each mass centres. This is designed to accommodate individuals who prefer electronic transactions using credit or debit cards. The machines have four different pay options or you can select the amount you wish to pay to support the parish and parish house accounts.

Your support is greatly appreciated, and we thank you for your generosity.



Total givings from the week 5/1/24-11/1/24

1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$1085.95
2 nd Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$1658.30

Thank you for your ongoing support!