



Western Port Catholic Parish

Newsletter

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

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First Reading

[Jonah 3:1-5. 10](#)

A reading from the prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 24:4-9](#)

(R) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,

he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

Second Reading

[Corinthians 7:29-31](#)

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

Brothers, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

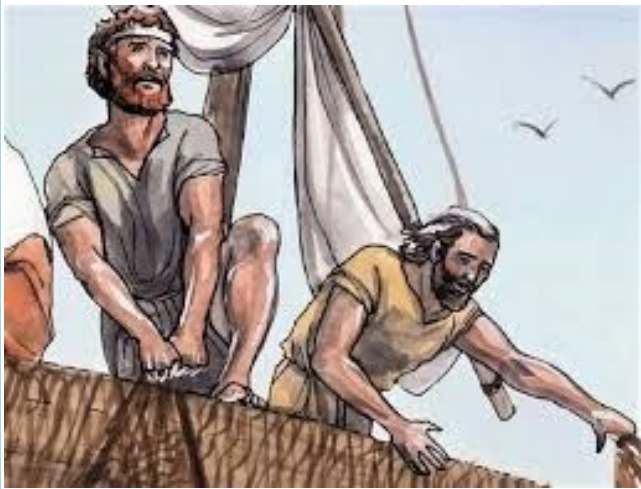
The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The kingdom of God is near:
 believe the Good News!
 Alleluia!

Gospel**Mark 1:14-20****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

After John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'



As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake - for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him

The Gospel of the Lord.**REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah the prophet was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news.

Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice.

There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH**LIVING THE GOSPEL****The Good News is here**

This week's gospel marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in the Gospel of Mark. The gospel writer has Jesus clearly announcing his message in plain, simple language: "The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News." That message is as true for us today as it was when those words were first spoken. The kingdom is still close at hand if we would only recognise it in our midst rather than pinning our hopes on some future reward. The call to repent and believe the Good News is as relevant for us as it was for the first believers.

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, 22—29 January, 2024

MONDAY

No Service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am 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 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 Carlene Charlton and Antonino Pellicano. May they rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL:

We are in need of Pasta & Sauces, Cans of Tuna, Salmon, Meat & Vegetables, Tins of Soup, Tinned fruit, tins of vegetables, Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Diced Tomatoes. Spreads such as Jam, Peanut Butter, Vegemite, Honey. Packets of Sweet and Dry biscuits, Cereal, Tea and Coffee, Long Life Milk, Rice, Two Minute noodles and Cup of Soup packets, and toilet-ries. Please **do not** donate Sugar, Powdered Milk or Cheese Spreads. Thank you for your ongoing support!

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR MASSES NEXT WEEKEND 27/1 & 28/1/2024

-MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings	Piety Stall	
Lector	Tracey Clark	Marie Hall	Val Coventry	Flowers Hastings	
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Street	Kees Meyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Virginia Carey
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Ann Lorkin	Brian Stahl	Counters This Week	Steven Stewart, Ian Marshall
Altar Linen		JANUARY—Sylvia Falzon		Counters Next Week	Heiman Sissing, Hijacinta Svabelj
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	JANUARY—Anne Maree Dyer		Statue of Our Lady	
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance	Hastings Maintenance Team	Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 1 - Group 2 -
Cleaning	JANUARY— Louise Street	Sandy Adolphus			

SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS SUNDAY

You are all invited to join us for a Sausage Sizzle after the 10.00am Mass in Hastings this Sunday, 21 January.

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.

FINANCE TEAM MEETING

Finance Team meeting is going to be held this Tuesday, 23 January at 2.00pm, at Parish Activity Centre Hastings

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.



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.

A PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA DAY

Lord, God of all creation,
we give you praise and thanks
for the gift of our land Australia.
Bless this land and all the people who live here,
those who have been here for a long time
and those who are newcomers.

Make us grateful for
the beauty and bounty of our great south land
where your Holy Spirit dwells,
and help us always to be aware of our duty
to take care of this land which you created.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



LIVING IN HARMONY

Garratt Lenten Program Year B

**JOAN CHITTISTER, BR PAUL CREEVEY, ANDY HAMILTON,
GERARD MOORE, FR PAUL ROWSE, DEBRA SNODDY**

We are delighted to present Garratt Publishing's new 2024 Lenten program for Year B, *Living in Harmony*

We are living in a period where political talk has become increasingly oppositional and polarising, setting the tone for public and private discussion

In keeping with the theme of this year's Lenten Program – *Living in Harmony* – six authors came together to produce this year's Garratt Lenten program: **Joan Chittister, Paul Creevey, Andy Hamilton, Gerard Moore, Paul Rowse, and Debra Snoddy.**

To view a sample chapter, click [here](#).

For more information visit: [Living in Harmony: Garratt Lenten Program Year B | Garratt Publishing](#)

Total givings from the week 12/1/24-18/1/24

1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$1052.15
2 nd Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques)	\$967.75

Thank you for your ongoing support!