



## Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

### Divine Mercy Sunday - Year B, 7 April 2024

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#### First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

##### A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need

**The word of the Lord.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:2-4.15-18. 22-24

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. **(R.)**

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone,

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

##### A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

John 20:29

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

John 20:19–31

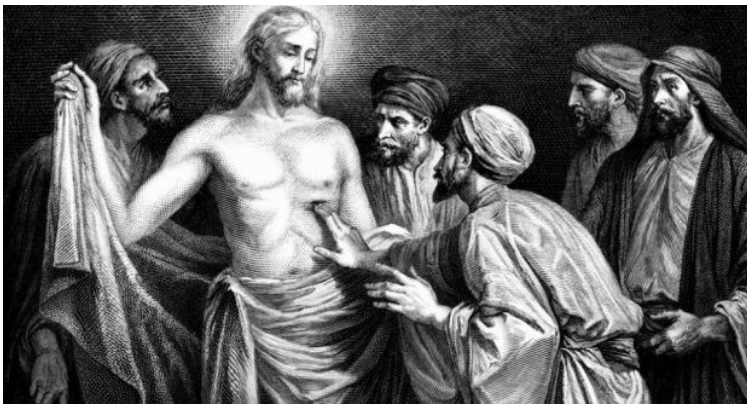
### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.' As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord,' he answered, 'Unless I see the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you,' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put



it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Jesus, I trust in you!

#### **Prayer of Entrustment to Divine Mercy**

O Lord, our God.

We place our trust in You,

Because you are mercy itself. We repent of our sins and turn to You for mercy.

We trust You to provide for our every need, according to Your will.

Help us to forgive others as You forgive us.

We promise to be merciful by our deeds, words and prayers.

Though we have fears because of human weakness, we rely on Your infinite goodness and mercy.

We entrust to You the future of our planet, our Church, our nations, our families and all our needs.

With loud cries we implore your mercy on us and on the whole world.

Look upon us, created in your image and likeness.

Form us in the Heart of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit into the living images of mercy.

May all come to know the depth of Your mercy and sing the praises of Your mercy forever.

*Amen!*



## **Have you thought?**

### **Those who have not seen**

*Jesus says to Thomas, 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' That's us! Jesus' words in the gospel are meant for people like us living today. We are not in the position of Thomas and the other disciples who were able to see the risen Lord face to face and so convince themselves of his rising. The gospel recognises that to believe in the resurrection without that physical, personal encounter with Jesus is to be celebrated even more. Happy are we - Blessed are we - who have not seen and yet still believe!*

**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, 8 April—14 April**

**MONDAY** No Service

**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville

**WEDNESDAY 9.00am** No Mass at Shoreham

**10.00am** Funeral Mass for Horst Schendzielorz at Hastings

**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings

**FRIDAY 9.00am** Eucharistic Adoration

**9.30am** Mass at Hastings

**SATURDAY**

**10.00-10.30am—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 Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Pat Tagliabue, Frank Tagliabue, Michael Pound, John Kelly, Janice Danaher, Vicky Mathis, Edna Walsh, Jane Maria, Oliver Munoz, Kathy Burke, Frank Howard, Paul Creed, Geoff Hardingham, Mike Mason, Leo Gilfedder, 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, especially Horst Schendzielorz and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.*

*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 toiletries. Please **do not** donate Sugar, Powdered Milk or Cheese Spreads.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

**NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT HOLY WEEK, 13/4 & 14/4/2024**

<b>-MINISTRY</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>Shoreham</b>	<b>Hastings</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Marie Ernestine	Paul Clarke	Brian Stahl	<b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>	Barbara Farley
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Garry McDonell	Sylvia Falzon	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	<b>Counters This Week</b>	Heiman Sissing Hijacinta Svabelj
<b>Commentator</b>	Sarah Ernestine	Clare Shearman	Tom Leyden	<b>Counters Next Week</b>	Helga Crinis Judy Deefholts
<b>Altar Linen</b>		APRIL—Catherine Russ		<b>Statue of Our Lady</b>	
<b>Mass Prep</b>	Mary Marshall	APRIL—Catherine Russ		<b>Communion to the Sick This Week</b>	Group 1 - Group 2—Judy Deefholts
<b>Flowers</b>	Val Baxter	<b>Somerville Maintenance—</b>		<b>Hastings Maintenance Team</b>	
<b>Cleaning</b>	APRIL—Louise Street		Louise Street		

### MORNING TEA

There will be morning tea this **Sunday the 7th of April** at **Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration this **Friday, 12th of April** at **Hastings Church** starting at 9.00am

### SAVE THE DATE

**Friday 17th of May 2024**  
Casserole Fundraiser Dinner

Parish Community Room in Hastings  
Proceeds to help with Memorial Garden at  
St Brendan's Church. Tickets \$30.00 per  
head on sale from 13th April at all Mass  
Centres

### ANZAC DAY BADGES

Next Sunday, on **14 April** in St Peter's  
Shoreham, and **21 April** in Hastings church  
you would be able to buy An-  
zac Day badges from our  
Richard Mucha after the Sun-  
day Masses in both churches.



### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children  
who do not attend our Parish Primary  
Schools will be commencing the first week  
of Term 2 for **Reconciliation and First Eu-  
charist** and then late June for **Confirma-  
tion**.

You can find and download Application  
forms on our **Western Port Parish web-  
site**, under **Sacramental Program**, or, al-  
ternatively, you can contact the Parish Of-  
fice.

### PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you for supporting Caritas Aus-  
tralia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten  
appeal.

If you still have your Project Compassion  
box or set of envelopes at home, could  
please return them as soon as possible or  
visit make your donation online by visiting  
[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



### THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD



This year, the Feast of The Annuncia-  
tion of the Lord was transferred from  
March 25th to Monday, 8th April.

In our Parish, we will celebrate The An-  
nunciation of the Lord with the Mass at  
**09.30am at St Brendan's Church**  
**Somerville, on Tuesday, 9th April.**

*May every Christian,  
during this Easter Time,  
rejoice in the will of God,  
as did Mary so long ago.*

### PARISH MINISTRIES

For everyone who's able and willing to volunteer in the Parish ac-  
tivities, Volunteer Forms will be available to take at all Mass Cen-  
tres, on the welcoming table. The commitments are for the year,  
commencing Pentecost Sunday for the following 12 months. If un-  
available to fulfil any ministry for which you sign up, you would  
need to find a replacement by phoning one of the numbers on the  
particular roster.

Many parishioners already assist by doing various tasks in our  
Parish and we are thankful for that. **If you are already on a Ros-  
ter this year, you still need to place your name on the new  
Volunteer List.**

Please return forms by Sunday, 12th of May.

### Working With Children Check

It is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Melbourne that all Parish-  
es 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 is free, just go to [http://  
www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/) and click on Applications -  
Apply for Check and follow the instructions.

If you have any queries, please contact the - Parish Office 5979  
4374.

### Total givings from the week, 22/3-4/4/24

Thanksgiving 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery	\$2269.10
2nd Collection – Church Account ( <i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes, including annual givings</i> )	\$2273.06
Loose	\$2114.70
Holy Thursday Collection	\$505.25
Good Friday Collection	\$1341.80

Thank you for your ongoing support!