



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

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First Reading

Acts 4:8-12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the key-stone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has the corner stone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. **(R.)**

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you
have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord
for he is good; for his love has no end. **(R.)**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. **Alleluia!**

John 10:11-18

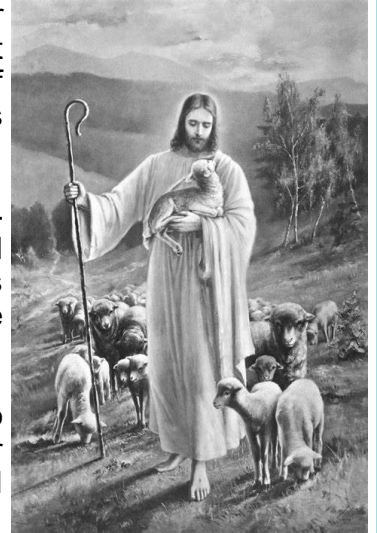
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday. Two major themes emerge from the readings: an image of the one who saves; and the power of salvation itself. The one who saves is not a mighty warrior who comes in military array. In fact, he is the one who was rejected, who was hunted down, humiliated, tortured and hung naked on a tree, there to die in shame. The one who saves is the cornerstone of the building, holding it together, forming a firm foundation so that the structure will not collapse. The one who saves is a lowly shepherd, entrusted with sheep, not with the affairs of state. The one who saves is an unlikely saviour. This characterisation should give us pause. Is it possible that we have been looking for a saviour in the wrong places?

God's saving power flows from steadfast covenant love. It broke open the world in the death and resurrection of Jesus and it overflows as healing grace. The saving power in the name of Jesus, a name that itself means 'saviour' (cf. Matt 1:21), is for all people, even for those sheep who do not yet belong to this fold. Furthermore, it is for all time; God's mercy endures forever. Through our baptism we can bring the saving grace of God to a world in desperate need of healing. We can do this in our families, in our local communities, in the workplace, in so many situations of our lives.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET

I am the _____.

I know my own _____ and they _____ me, just as the _____ knows me and I know the Father.

I lay down my _____ for my sheep.

Use the following words to find out what Jesus said his disciples.

shepherd

Father

life

good

sheep

know

COMMITMENT MASSES— St Mary's, St Joseph's and St Brendan's School

This Sunday, the April of 21st, we welcome all children and parents for the their **First Reconciliation Commitment Mass #3** at all three Mass Centres—Somerville, Shoreham and Hastings.

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 April—28 April

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

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 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, 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, 27/4 & 28/4/2024

-MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Garry McDonell	Marie Hall	Geraldine Prescott	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Marshall	Joan White	Sarah Ernestine Barbara Farley	Counters This Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	John Patterson	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Altar Linen		APRIL—Catherine Russ		Statue of Our Lady	
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	APRIL—Catherine Russ		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 1 - Group 2—Anne-Marie Lawson
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Hastings Maintenance Team	
Cleaning	APRIL—Louise Street		Fred Arena		

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: "There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him." Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.



ANZAC DAY BADGES

This Sunday, **21 April** in Hastings church, there will be an opportunity to buy Anzac Day badges from our Richard Mucha after the 10.00am Mass.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

There will be Sausage Sizzle next **Sunday the 28th of April** at **Hastings Church** after the 10.00am Mass. All are welcome!

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 20th April at all Mass Centres.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our **Sacramental Program** for children who do not attend our Parish Primary Schools will be run in late June for **Confirmation**. You can find and download Application forms on our **Western Port Parish website**, under **Sacramental Program**, or, alternatively, you can contact the Parish Office.

PARISH MINISTRIES

For everyone who's able and willing to volunteer in the Parish activities, Volunteer Forms are available to take at all Mass Centres, on the welcoming table. The commitments are for the year, commencing Pentecost Sunday for the following 12 months. If unavailable 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 Roster 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 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 is free, just go to <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.

NATIONAL CODE OF CONDUCT KEY TO IMPROVING INTEGRITY

A national code of conduct has been released by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for people ministering in Catholic dioceses around Australia. 'Integrity in Our Common Mission', was approved by the bishops at their plenary meeting in November 2023, as a means of furthering the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's ongoing commitment to the safety of children and vulnerable people.

Continue reading: [National code of conduct key to improving integrity](#)

PRAYERS OF SUPPORT

The recent stabbings in Sydney Bondi Junction Mall and in the Assyrian Orthodox Christ the Good Shepherd Church have left us in shock and disbelief.

We express our support for the victims and their families. No words can truly ease their pain, but we want them to know that we all stand with them at this difficult time. May they find strength and comfort in the love that surrounds them.

In the midst of suffering, God's love and healing *are* present. Let's come together in faith, love and daily prayer, united against violence.

Total givings from the week, 12/4-18/4/24

Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	-	\$834.70
2nd Collection – Church Account (<i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i>)		\$697.50
Loose		\$326.05

Thank you for your ongoing support!