



## Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

### The Most Holy Trinity Sunday- Year B, 26 May 2024

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#### First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

#### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

**The word of the Lord.**

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-6. 9. 18-20. 22

**R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke: and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

#### Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

**The word of the Lord.**

## Gospel Acclamation

cf Revelation 1:8

### Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

**Alleluia!**

Matthew 28:16-20

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



The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Pentecost brings the Easter season to a close, celebrating the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. The Risen Lord is exalted in his rightful place next to God and has sent his own Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and excitement.

If this has all really happened, why does our world look the same? Why is there so much religious and ethnic rivalry? Why do we continue to make distinctions between Jew and Gentile, slave and free, woman and man, distinctions that favour one at the expense of the other? Why is there so little peace, or comfort, or solace? Why do we refuse to forgive or to be reconciled? Is Pentecost merely a feast that we celebrate in red vestments? Has the face of the earth really been renewed?

The answer is yes! Resoundingly, yes! The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its prompting. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God; all we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

### CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET

Colour in the Trinity stained glass windows.



### REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

## Living the Gospel

### The Sign of the Cross

Jesus' instruction that the disciples go out to all the nations and baptize them 'in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit' is an instruction that is still being carried on today. Those precise words are used by the priest at every baptism. They are also the words used in the sign of the cross – whether that is a personal, private blessing of oneself or a blessing of a group as in the introductory and dismissal rites as part of a Eucharistic celebration. When we make the sign of the cross we use the words of 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, 27 May—2 June**

**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 Melva Patterson, Monica Smith, Tommy Judge, 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 Errol Rowe and Mac Berndt, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Rita Crombie.*

**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, 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, Cheese Spreads or Baked Beans.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

**NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 1/6 & 2/6/2024**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>Shoreham</b>	<b>Hastings</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Tracey Clark	Clare Shearman	Lioba Robinson	<b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>	Barbara Farley
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Louise Street	Ann Lorkin	Barbara Farley, Deirdre Fennessy	<b>Counters This Week</b>	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
<b>Commentator</b>	Sandy Adolphus	Anthony Grimes		<b>Counters Next Week</b>	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
<b>Mass Prep</b>	Val Baxter	JUNE—Sylvia Falzon		<b>Sacristan</b>	Virginia Carey
<b>Altar Linen</b>		JUNE—Ann Lorkin		<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Linda & Steve Weir
<b>Flowers</b>	Maree Chapman	<b>Somerville Maintenance—</b>		<b>Communion to the Sick This Week</b>	Group 1 -
<b>Cleaning</b>	JUNE—Tracey Clark		Fred Arena		Group 2—Anne-Marie Lawson

## THANK YOU NOTICES

### PARISH DINNER

On behalf of Westernport parish community I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the last week's parish dinner night such a huge success. Special thanks to maintenance committee members of St Brendan's community who put their time and efforts to make this happened.

Also, special thanks to the band for providing the wonderful music, our MC Tracey for keeping us on track and of course thank you to everyone who came, participated in the dinner and fundraising activities such as raffle or coin toss.

We raised \$3,685.55 which will go to our future St Brendan's Memorial Garden.



### FAMILY MASS

I'd like to thank all the children, parents, teachers, school principals and staff who participated in the last week's Family Mass in our three churches. My sincere gratitude also goes to members of Parish Leadership Team, all the volunteers in the various Ministries, all the readers in different languages and our musician Richard Mucha who played in Hastings. Without your effort this Family Mass wouldn't be possible, so thank you all!

Let us hope, with God's help, we can organize something similar for our Parish families soon.

*Fr Shymon*

## 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 & PARISH SCHOOLS

The Catholic school is an expression of the essential evangelising mission of the parish and it is vital that schools develop and maintain fruitful relationships within the local parish/es. Here it is important to note that Catholic schools cannot be Catholic on their own and, in fact, can only be Catholic when they are in communion with the wider Church and its mission. To be in communion is to be in a deep relationship and the relationships take many forms. For the parish primary school, the relationship with the wider parish plays a central and crucial role in its Catholic mission and identity.

*Source: Statemt of Mission, P. 17 MACS*

## ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI JOINS RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO WRITE LETTER ON PRAYER IN PARLIAMENT

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli joined representatives of Victoria's faith communities in signing a letter sent to each member of the Victorian Parliament expressing 'the fundamental and ongoing importance of prayer in Parliament' and calling on them to 'ensure its practice continues to play an integral part of our democratic tradition'.

To continue reading and access the petition to the Legislative Council please follow the link: [Archbishop joins religious leaders to write letter on prayer in Parliament](#)

## ST BRENDAN'S NEWS

The staff and families of St Brendan's wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the parishioners of St Brendan's Church for their warm welcome and hospitality, and the delicious food provided after the Family Mass on Pentecost Weekend. The First communicants who were also presented at the family Mass also ask for the continued prayers and thoughts of our parishioners as they approach their First Eucharist at St Brendan's Church on Saturday, June 1st.

- Parish and Commitment Mass of the St Brendan's First Communicants- **Saturday, May, 25th** at 6:00 pm.
- Parish and First Eucharist Sacramental Mass for the St Brendan's First Communicants- **Saturday, June 1st**, at St Brendan's Church at 6:00 pm.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

**NEW ROSTERS:** Thank you to all those parishioners who have volunteered for the various Ministries for the coming year. The new Rosters for Hastings, Shoreham and Somerville are now available in the foyers of our three churches.

Also, there will be commissioning for the volunteers this weekend after the Masses in all the three churches, so please attend that.

## **Total givings from the week, 17/5-23/5/24**

Thanksgiving 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery	\$698.65
2nd Collection – Church Account ( <i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i> )	\$596.50
Loose	\$363.50

Thank you for your ongoing support!