



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

1st Sunday Of Advent -Year B, 1 December 2024

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First Reading

[Jeremiah 33:14-16](#)

A reading from the first book of the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

'In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14](#)

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul

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. **(R.)**

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. **(R.)**

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2](#)

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

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord

The word of the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings of the First Sunday of Advent set the stages for our reflections on the entire season. They contain a number of promises, all pointing to peace and fulfilment. Each reading depicts a dimension of suffering that was often brought on by the people themselves. The promises are assurances that the end of their suffering was in sight. The promises reveal a loving and provident, a merciful and forgiving God. These are promises full of hope.

The coming of the Lord is clearly a time of expectation, not of fear and trembling. Although the earlier tradition about the Day of the Lord included punishment of the wicked, the focus here is on redemption. The time of expectation may be preceded by apocalyptic signs in the heavens and dismay on earth, but this cosmic shift will bring fulfilment, not destruction. The love and providence, the mercy and forgiveness of God will be made manifest.

What is expected of those who receive the promise? An Advent way of life exhorts us to 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ'. This way of life is both simple and profound. It does not necessarily require unusual behaviour on our part, but it calls us to live the usual unusually well. It affects the everyday events of life; it directs the way we interact with people; it informs the attitudes that colour our judgments and motivations. It is as ordinary as the birth of a child; it is as extraordinary as the revelation of God.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH



Have you thought?

Waiting, waiting, waiting ...

I'm not a big fan of waiting! Anticipation is pretty good; getting prepared and getting ready are OK, too. But when it comes down to being all dressed up and ready to go, I'm just hopeless at waiting. If Advent is a time of pointless waiting for Christmas then we've somehow missed the message. Rather than just waiting, Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation. But it's not just about anticipating Christmas. That's part of it, sure. However, Advent is about reminding ourselves that we have a job to do: preparing for the reign of God - in our lives and in our world.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



Pope Francis notes that we, as a pilgrim people, need 'moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps' (Spes non confundit §5).

Jubilee years offer those moments of 'greater intensity', opportunities to reorient, refresh, and renew our relationship with the Lord and with our neighbours.

Lebanon Crisis Appeal

The escalating conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has pushed Lebanon into severe turmoil, with tragic consequences that have spread from Southern Lebanon to the entire nation. The situation is dire: over 3,000 lives have been lost, more than 13,000 people injured.

In response to a plea for assistance by **Bishop Tarabay** and **Bishop Rabbat**, the **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference** in partnership with **Catholic Religious Australia**, **Caritas Australia** and **Caritas Lebanon**, has launched the Lebanon Appeal. This appeal aims to provide essential humanitarian aid to our brothers and sisters suffering in Lebanon. **Donate today:**



www.caritas.org.au/

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, 2 December—8 December

MONDAY No service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings
11.30am End of the School Year Mass at Somerville

FIRST FRIDAY 9.30am All Padua Tyabb Campus End of Year Mass at Hastings

6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration followed by

6.30pm Parish Feast 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 Paula, Maureen Bleighly, Bill Barry, Aldo, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, 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, Mike Mason, Elaine Duyvestyn, James Smythe, Lucy Triffett, Helena Jaskolski, Oscar Dixon-Rotherham, Margaret Sherlock and all those who need our prayers, especially Finian and Kathleen. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

Please pray for those who have died recently, especially Mary Elizabeth Bleakley and Bill Slattery, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Win Danaher and Ann Barrow. May they rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL:

We are in desperate need of your support. Our cupboard is depleted, and we need some more perishable items. If you can help with cans of Soup, Meat & Vegetables, Diced Tomatoes, Spaghetti, Baked Beans, Tuna or Salmon, Vegetables, tinned fruit. Pasta and Sauces, Vegemite, Peanut Butter, Jam. Packets of sweet and dry biscuits, two-minute noodles and cup of soup, long life milk. Tea and Coffee and toiletries. Please do not donate sugar or powdered milk. Thank you for your ongoing support.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 7/12 & 8/12/2024

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Mary Marshall		Geraldine Prescott	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Linda Weir
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Genevieve Meyer	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Joan White	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing Hijacinta Svabelj
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	DECEMBER: Catherine Russ		Sacristan	Maggie Parsons
Altar Linen		DECEMBER: Catherine Russ		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Paula Street	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Mary Marshall
Cleaning	DECEMBER: Tracey Clark	Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson			

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS

APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

St. Vincent De Paul 2024 Christmas Appeal will be conducted in all three Mass centres over the weekend of **7 & 8 December**. The Westernport Conference is calling on parishioners to continue to support us in our work helping the disadvantaged people in our community. To date we have spent \$74,600 in assistance to members of our community during this calendar year.

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT PRAYER: HOPE



Loving God, as we light the first Advent candle of hope, we ask for your presence to fill our hearts and homes. May the hope of Christ's coming bring light to our darkness and renew our spirits. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

ATTENTION PARISH COMMUNITY

We are in need of maintaining and upgrading our Parish Office to better meet the needs of our parish. To discuss and prioritize these needs, a meeting has been scheduled for this **Sunday, 1st December at 11 AM (just after Mass) at Hastings**.

We invite all members of our parish community to attend and contribute to this important gathering. Your input and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you and God bless.

Fr Shymon

LADIES LUNCHEON

Friday 6 December at Somerville Hotel at 12 noon. Bring a Kris Kringal, no more than \$10. Please call **Val 0409 774 919** if you would like to attend.

ST BRENDAN'S SCHOOL NEWS

Whole School Mass- The End of the 2024 School Year- Advent Week 1—Hope

Thursday, December 5th. St Brendan's Church at 11:30 am. Leaders: Foundation staff and students. **All are welcome.**

PARISH MINISTRIES DURING CHRISTMAS TIME (HASTINGS AND SOMERVILLE)

For Parish volunteers who are able and willing to volunteer in the Parish activities during Masses on December 24th and 25th, Forms will be available to fill in your details at Mass Centres in Hastings and Somerville on the welcoming table. Please return forms **by Sunday, 15 December**.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - 2024

Tuesday, 24th December, 2024— CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm – FAMILY MASS at Immaculate Conception Church, HASTINGS

6.00pm – FAMILY MASS at St Brendan's Church, SOMERVILLE preceded by Christmas Carols at 5.45pm

8.00pm – Mass at St Peter's Church, SHOREHAM, preceded by Christmas Carols at 7.30pm

Wednesday, 25th December, 2024— CHRISTMAS DAY

10.00am – Immaculate Conception Church, HASTINGS

10.00am – St Peter's Church, SHOREHAM

COMMUNITY RECONCILIATION SERVICE (With Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) 7.00pm Wednesday, 18th December at Immaculate Conception Church, HASTINGS

WESTERN PORT PARISH FEAST – FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER

We cordially invite you to partake in this joyous celebration:

6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration followed by

6:30 PM - Solemn Mass at Hastings

- * Join us for a beautiful Festal Mass, a time dedicated to worship as we honor the importance of this day.
- * Supper to follow after the Mass—we encourage you bring a plate to share in this communal meal.
- * Tea, Coffee, and Wine Provided.

Fr Shymon

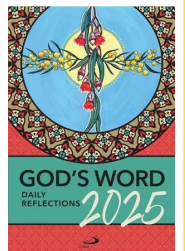


GOD'S WORD 2025 - DAILY REFLECTIONS

The purpose of **God's Word 2025 Daily Reflections** is to assist you in keeping God's Word near and dear to your heart throughout your day. It contains the Bible passages assigned for each day's liturgy, together with a brief analysis of the readings, the day's liturgical details, and an area for noting significant occurrences and introspective thoughts.

It is worth purchasing as a Christmas present for you and your loved ones. It can be bought for \$22.00 in the church foyers of each of our three churches.

2025 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS - You can now find 2025 Columban Art Calendars at all our three churches for \$10 each.



Total givings from the week 22/11-28/11/24

Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$643.95
2nd Collection – Church (<i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i>)	\$923.50
Loose	\$244
Tap Machine Donations	\$137.62

Thank you for your ongoing support!