



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

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First Reading

[1 Kings 17:10-16](#)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 145:7-10](#)

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed
down.

It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Hebrews 9:24-28](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Alleluia!

Mark 13:24-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The willingness to give all that one has is the central theme of today's readings. They offer us three models.

Jesus is the ultimate example of heroic generosity. He first offered himself as expiation for our sin. Now, as the eternal high priest, he stands before God as our mediator, pleading on our behalf, bringing salvation to those who eagerly await him.

It is interesting to note that the other two models of selfless giving are widows, individuals who are doubly disadvantaged by the patriarchal societies of which they are members. Their generosity is religiously inspired, and it comes from women who had the least material possessions to give. This kind of giving requires that we reach deep into ourselves and almost strip ourselves of our hold on life, and that we do this for religious reasons. The giving that is pictured in today's readings is nothing less than heroic generosity.

God will not be outdone in generosity. Sometimes we become the beneficiaries of obvious blessing, as was the case in the story of the woman of Zarephath who was granted a year's supply of flour and oil. At other times, we simply continue living life as usual, like the woman in the temple who was unaware of the commendation that Jesus had given her. The truly generous do not look for reward. They carry out their responsibilities and place the rest in God's hands.

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PARISH VOLUNTEERS: WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK AND ONLINE TRAINING

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. 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](#). Many thanks to all those who already provided their WWCC details!

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, 11 November—17 November

MONDAY No service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

FRIDAY 9.30am Communion Service 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 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Arline Arceo Perez (40 days anniversary), Tim Mirabella, Peter Barrow, Brian Danaher and Sue Danaher. 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, 16/11 & 17/11/2024

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Sandy Adolphus	Paul Clarke	Lioba Robinson	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Chapman	Kees Meyer	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Judy Deefholts
Commentator	Tracey Clark	Clare Shearman		Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Mass Prep	Val Baxter	NOVEMBER: Val Fakhry		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Altar Linen		NOVEMBER: Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Maree Chapman	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Judy Deefholts
Cleaning	NOVEMBER: Christine Coleman	Fred Arena			

ALL SOULS' DAY IN OUR PARISH AND BLESSING OF MEMORIAL GARDEN AT ST BRENDAN'S CHURCH IN SOMERVILLE



All Souls' Day Prayer in Memorial Garden at Hastings

I would like to thank to all who participated this Saturday in All Souls' Day Mass followed by the Prayers at Memorial Garden at Immaculate Conception Church Hastings.

On the same day, there was an opening and blessing of our new Memorial Garden at St Brendan's Church in Somerville. Many thanks to all the volunteers and Parish Committee members who made this event possible and beautiful, and to all who attended this ceremony. *Fr Shymon*



Blessing of Memorial Garden at Somerville

Pastoral Care Appeal Sunday 2024

This weekend is CatholicCare Victoria's annual **Pastoral Care Appeal** (previously known as Chaplaincy Appeal). Donations from our parish community will support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Prison Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria. The presence of Catholic Chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. **You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.**



SEAFARERS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hastings Seafarers Centre is holding its AGM at the Centre, 2B Bayview Road, Hastings at 10am on **Wednesday 13th of November**. All welcome. Morning Tea is provided.

NOVEMBER MASSES

All Mass Centers will have **Remembrance Books** up until the end of November, all where you can write down the names of people who have passed away this year as well as those you would want to pray for. For the people listed there, Fr Shymon will celebrate a Mass. Additionally, envelopes for November Masses will be available in our churches' foyers.

ARCHDIOCESAN CELEBRATION

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli is inviting representatives from parish communities to attend the **Archdiocesan Celebration on Sunday 24 November 2024 (Feast of Christ the King) at St Patrick's Cathedral**. This joy-filled day will begin the Archdiocese of Melbourne's journey towards the Year of Jubilee 2025 (which will be formally inaugurated on 29 December).

Each parish and community is invited to send representatives to the **11am Mass** in which they will be commissioned to return to their community and share the joy of the Jubilee Year. This will be followed by a **Festival in the Cathedral grounds** which will mark 'one year to go' until Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne next year. **If you would like to be one of the representatives from our Parish, please don't hesitate to contact Fr Shymon or Parish Office.**

WESTERN PORT PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL 2024

As part of the Minnie Vinnie's Western Port Project, St Mary's, St Joseph's and St Brendan's schools are working together to provide helping hand, by donating items to the **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal**. Each year level has a different shopping list. More information on posters in our three Mass Centres.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are seeking dedicated individuals who are passionate about technology and worship to assist with Power Point Presentations during our weekend services. Please contact Parish Office.

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

You can now find 2024 Columban Art Calendars at all our three churches for \$10 each.

JOEY'S CAFÉ—ST JOSEPH'S CRIB POINT

Open to public every second Friday, next time on November 15th, 12.30pm

Total givings from the week 1/11-7/11/24

Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$781.35
2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes)	\$1162.50
Loose	\$268.85
Tap Machine Donations	\$167.73

Thank you for your ongoing support!