



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year B, 17 November 2024

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First Reading

[Daniel 12:1-3](#)

A reading from the first book of the prophet Daniel

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book.

Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 15:5. 8-11](#)

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Hebrews 10:11-14. 18](#)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him.

By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

Mark 13:24-32

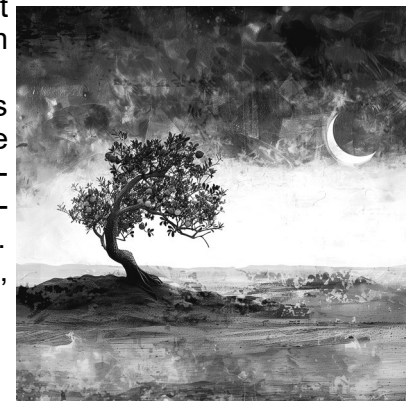
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

gospel focus

Eschatology

Theologians refer to beliefs about the future and the end times of the world as 'eschatology'. The word itself comes from two Greek words meaning 'last' and 'discourse' - basically meaning talking about the end. In Christian tradition, eschatology concerns many different concepts: the end of the world; the return of Jesus; the Last Judgment; the fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy; the accomplishment of the kingdom of God. These eschatological events are sometimes simply referred to as 'the end times' or 'the last things'. The whole of Mark Ch 13 - from which this gospel passage comes - is referred to as an eschatological discourse by Jesus.

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, 18 November—24 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 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 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 Christopher Munday and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Rosetta Mazzullo. 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, 23/11 & 24/11/2024

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Judy Deefholts	Joan White	Deirdre Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Marshall	Marg Grant	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	Counters This Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	Peter Schreiner	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	NOVEMBER: Val Fakhry		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Altar Linen		NOVEMBER: Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Val Baxter	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Fr Shymon
Cleaning	Christine Coleman	Sandy Adolphus & Sharon Judd			

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 **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

RED NOVEMBER MASS

The international Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is organising activities to commemorate Red Wednesday on 20 November in over than 20 countries to shed light on the persecution faced by Christians worldwide.

In our Parish there will be a Mass at **Immaculate Conception Church Hastings** for persecuted and suffering Christians around the world on **Thursday, 21 November at 9.30am.**

You can find more about work of ACN on [Welcome - ACN Australia](https://www.welcome-acn.com.au)

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.

LOST RING

If you have found a golden diamond ring that one of our Parishioners have lost at Immaculate Conception Church last Sunday, please contact the owner of the ring at 0411 841 273

JOEY'S CAFÉ—ST JOSEPH'S CRIB POINT

Open to public every second Friday, next time on November 29th, 12.30pm

2024 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

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

NEW PRINCIPAL OF ST MARY'S SCHOOL

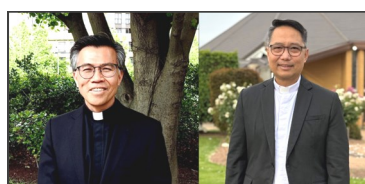
Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to announce that **Mrs Nicole Black** has been appointed as the new Principal of **St. Mary's School, Hastings**, effective from the beginning of Term 1, 2025.

Nicole is an experienced school leader and is currently the Acting Principal of St. Andrew's School, Clayton South. She is excited to join the vibrant Hastings community. Let us congratulate and welcome Nicole on her appointment as the new Principal of St. Mary's School. We ask that God blesses Nicole in her Principal role to continue to build in partnership with the good work of St. Mary's School and Parish community.

On behalf of the parish community, I extend sincere gratitude to **Gab Espenschied**, who has put great effort into forming a beautiful community in Hastings. She is finishing her contract with St. Mary's School this year. She will be missed at St. Mary's but not by the Westernport Parish, as she continues at St. Joseph's Catholic School, Crib Point. *Fr Shymon*

TWO NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS APPOINTED FOR MELBOURNE



As we prepare to enter a year of Jubilee for the Church, it is with great joy that the Archdiocese shares the news of **Pope Francis'** appointment of two new Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne—**Rev Fr Thinh Nguyen** and **Rev Fr Rene Ramirez RCJ.** Welcoming the news,

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli said, 'I am deeply grateful to the Holy Father for this gift and blessing to our Archdiocese.' Continue reading:

[Two new Auxiliary Bishops appointed for Melbourne](https://www.archdiocese.org.au/news/two-new-auxiliary-bishops-appointed-for-melbourne)

ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE FOR THE JUBILEE OF YOUTH

20 May—4 June 2025 (16 Days/13 Nights)

Young adults (18-30 y/o) from the Archdiocese of Melbourne are invited to a hope-filled **Jubilee Pilgrimage in 2025.** Deepen your faith as you journey through Italy, including Turin, Pisa, Florence, Siena and Assisi visiting places where saints like St Francis, St Clare, and Carlo Acutis lived the Gospel. The pilgrimage ends in Rome, walking through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica. **Fr Jude Johnson** will accompany pilgrims as Chaplain. Register your place via Harvest Journeys: <https://harvestjourneys.com/PV2570> Limited hardship subsidies are available on application: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L9XD58T>

SEEK JESUS FESTIVAL

Seek Jesus Festival is a three-day Christian music festival focused on encouraging and equipping young adults (18-30y/o) to go deeper with God through worship, prayer and fellowship with one another.

WHEN: 3 days over New Years Eve from December 30th to Januar 1st – with an option to purchase a one-day ticket to the New Years Eve event **WHERE:** Golden Valley Adventure Camp in Flinders on the Mornington Peninsula. *More information and tickets purchase at* <https://www.seekjesus.au/tickets> or (03) 5989 6213

Total givings from the week 8/11-14/11/24

Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$820.60
2nd Collection – Church (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes)	\$1009.50
Loose	\$275.95
Tap Machine Donations	\$122.91

Thank you for your ongoing support!