



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe -Year B, 24 November 2024

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First Reading

[Daniel 7:13-14](#)

A reading from the first book of the prophet Daniel

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 92:1-2. 5](#)

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**

The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[Apocalypse 1:5-8](#)

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 11:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

John 18:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?'



Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Each one of the readings depicts the enthronement of Christ who is revealed as the messiah-king. Until his trial, Jesus himself refused to be identified as king. The royal messianic expectations that prevailed during his lifetime were predominantly political. If he assumed them, his followers might have instigated a rebellion against the Roman occupiers.

When finally he did acknowledge his royal identity, he insisted that his rule was not like that of other kings.

Enthroned in heaven, Christ is revealed as the faithful witness to all that God has done and will continue to do. As first-born from the dead, his resurrection is the promise of our own resurrection. The dominion that he received from God is universal and exclusive and it will last forever. When he comes again on the last day, he will be revealed in all his glory.

Christ's kingdom is a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice and love and peace. We need not stand at a distance from him, afraid to approach because of our human vulnerability. He is the one who loved us so much that he handed himself over to suffering and death so that we might live. He has already brought us to birth in this kingdom through Baptism and he has taught us how to live in it. Today we look to that time when his glory will be revealed, when we will all be gathered into the embrace of God, there to sing praise to that glory forever.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

HISTORICAL **CONTEXT**

Christ the King

Unfortunately, political and military images of kingship have played a dominating role in the Church since very early in its history. The very earliest Christians, or followers of the Way, did not conform to social and political hierarchies of their day. But when Emperor Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the Roman Empire the structure of the Church quickly adopted the political and social structures of the empire. At times in history the Pope has adopted a regal status and led huge armies into battle. Many of these structures persist today and we sometimes struggle to recapture Jesus' intention when he declared himself a king.

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, 25 November—1 December

MONDAY No service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass for all the Souls at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Mass for all the Souls at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Mass for all the Souls at Hastings

FRIDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

11.00am Funeral Service for Christopher Munday 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 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, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Margaret Binney (first anniversary). May they rest in peace.

ADVENT 2024 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes: Jesus is Coming – Time to Get Ready

Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

- Inspiring and transforming talks, opportunities to pray and reflect, practical strategies for impactful living, life-changing encounter with Christ
- To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the **Advent Mission Event Retreat online** from 7-9th December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent. To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 30/11 & 1/12/2024

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Garry McDonell	Peter Schreiner	Ted Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Ann Lorkin	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Commentator	Louise Hennessy	Anthony Grimes		Counters Next Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	DECEMBER: Catherine Russ		Sacristan	Sarah Ernestine
Altar Linen		DECEMBER: Catherine Russ		Audio/Visual	Geoff Robinson
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Anne-Marie Lawson
Cleaning	NOVEMBER: Christine Coleman	Matthew & Louise Street			

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

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – FRIDAY 6th DECEMBER



We cordially invite you to partake in a joyous celebration in honor of our Parish Feast.

7:00 PM - Festal 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 will gather to enjoy a delightful supper together. We encourage each family to bring a dish to share in this communal meal. Tea, Coffee, and Wine Provided. Enjoy the evening in the company of fellow parishioners with tea, coffee, and wine available. Let us come together in a spirit of unity and gratitude on this momentous occasion. *Fr Shymon*

ST MARY'S HASTINGS OPENING OF OUR NEW BUILDING



ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

You are warmly invited to the official opening of our new learning spaces!

2pm Wednesday 11th December

RSVP—by Monday

office@smhastings.catholic.edu.au

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.**

Mini Vinnies Hamper Appeal

All St Brendan's school families have been asked to please donate grocery items as requested on the flyer (available at churches) by Wednesday, November 27th. The Mini Vinnies representatives from St Brendan's, St Joseph's and St Mary's will pack Christmas hampers for those in need at St Mary's School on December 2nd. Parishioners who also wish to donate items should contact their nearest Western Port Parish School. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: CODE OF CONDUCT

Dear Parish Volunteers, who serve at any Ministry at any of our three Mass Centres, please note that from this weekend on Code of Conduct Declarations are going to be available in the foyers for those of you that we haven't record of signing it within the last 3 years. If you are unsure, you can check if your name is on the list which is also going to be available.

Please take the copy of Code of Conduct with you, read it, sign it in the presence of a witness, and return it to Parish Office or Fr Shymon (alternatively, you can scan it and send it to westernport@cam.org.au). Thank you for your cooperation!

GOD'S WORD 2025 - DAILY REFLECTIONS

God's Word 2025 Daily Reflections is now available to purchase in the church foyers of all our three churches at price: \$22.00.

MEMORIAL GARDEN

The Western Port Parish Memorial Garden and Remembrance Wall is available to permanently honour the memory of our departed family members, loved ones, friends and former parishioners. Applications to reserve a Standard Rose (**limited to available Roses**) & Plaque on the Remembrance Wall of the Church must be submitted to the Parish Office.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

- * A Year of Jubilee: a time of extraordinary grace, a chance to reorient and renew our relationship with the Lord and our neighbours
 - * The theme of Jubilee 2025: '**pilgrims of hope**'
- * The Year of Jubilee 2025 begins on Christmas Eve, when Pope Francis will open the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica
- * In our Archdiocese: Archdiocesan Celebration on Sunday 24 November, anticipating the beginning of the Jubilee before a formal inauguration on **Sunday 29 December**.



INVITATION TO REMEMBER VICTIMS & SURVIVORS OF FAMILY VIOLENCE

Held during the [16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence](#) (25 November - 10 December 2024), the **Holding the Light Service** offers an opportunity to make time to remember and mourn those who have been killed as a result of domestic violence **Date:** Thursday 28 November 2024 **Time:** 5.00pm

Location: Wesley Church Melbourne, 136 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne VIC 3000 OR online ([register to receive meeting details](#))

RSVP: [via Trybooking registration](#) More information is available at: <https://css.org.au/events/holding-the-light-3/>

Total givings from the week 15/11-21/11/24

Thanksgiving 1 st Collection – Presbytery	\$748
2nd Collection – Church (<i>Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards, cheques and envelopes</i>)	\$1013.50
Loose	\$282.35
Tap Machine Donations	\$186.79

Thank you for your ongoing support!