



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C, 23 February 2025

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First Reading

1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13

R. The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.
(R.)

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repays us according to our faults. **(R.)**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.
(R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment;
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.'



'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear.

Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality.

Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness.

REFLECTION FOR YOUTH

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Compassion

The compassion of God is a very strong theme that runs through the Gospel of Luke. Throughout the gospel, the compassion and mercy of God is emphasised and a defining feature of the gospel is the number of healings and parables that relate to people who were regarded as the outcasts of society. In this gospel, Jesus is the embodiment of God's compassion. Jesus wants all people to experience first hand the abundant love God holds for them. Today's gospel passage is a reminder that when we experience God's compassion we are also called to show it to others.

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, 24 February —2 March 2025

MONDAY No Service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Communion Service 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 Janelle Farley, Mary McCluskey, Maureen Bleighly, 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, 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 Aileen and Harold Whalan, Mary Marshall, Heather Stephens and Eileen Keith. 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, 1/3 & 2/3/2025

| MINISTRY | Somerville | Shoreham | Hastings | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Lector | Judy Deefholts | Pauline D'Astoli | Val Coventry | Mass Welcomer Hastings | Agnes Smith |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Sandy Adolphus | Joan White | Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons | Counters This Week | Hijacinta Svabelj Heimann Sissing |
| Commentator | Tracey Clark | Sr Joan Power | Brian Stahl | Counters Next Week | Kees & Genevieve Meyer |
| Mass Prep | Christine Coleman | MARCH: Val Fakhry | | Sacristan | Virginia Carey |
| Altar Linen | | MARCH: Val Fakhry | | Audio/Visual | Geoff Robinson |
| Flowers | Paula Street | Somerville Maintenance— | | Communion to the Sick This Week | Group 2— Anne-Marie Lawson |
| Cleaning | MARCH: Tracey Clark | Fred Arena | | | |

WELCOME, BISHOP TONY IRELAND!

We are pleased to welcome **Bishop Tony Ireland** for his pastoral visit to our parish, and for the celebrations of weekend Masses in our three Mass centres.



Bishop Anthony (Tony) Ireland was born within a short stroll from St. Patrick Cathedral in Melbourne, where he received his priestly ordination. Bishop Ireland has held a number of leadership and academic positions during his 34 years as a priest in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, but his passion to help people come to know and love **Jesus Christ** remains at the core of his work. On May 14, 2021, **Pope Francis** named him the Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne. On July 31, 2021, **Archbishop Peter Comensoli** consecrated him in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

We pray for Bishop Tony Ireland and we hope that his pastoral visit to our Western Port Parish is going to be spiritual nurturing and filled with blessings for all of our Parishioners. Welcome, Bishop, Tony!

LITURGY MEETING

There will be Liturgy meeting on **Wednesday, 26th March at 2.00pm**, at Parish Activity Centre Hastings

FIRST RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASSES

* **St Brendan's School**
Saturday, March 1st—St Brendan's Church at 6.00pm

* **St Joseph's School**
* Sunday, March 2nd—St Peter's Church at 8.00am

* **St Mary's School**
Sunday, March 2nd—Immaculate Conception Church at 10.00am

All families and friends are encouraged and welcome to attend! Please keep these students in your prayers.

Lenten Reflection Group

You are invited to gather for a time of **quiet Reflection and Prayer** on the Lenten Sunday Scriptures.

A Reflection booklet ***Many Paths lead to Easter*** by Fr. Andy Hamilton sj will be used and available.

When: THURSDAYS of Lent :

March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 and 10.

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00 pm

Where: St. Peter's Church Shoreham

If you are unable to attend but would like a copy of the Reflection booklet, contact Sister Joan Power on 0491 011 127 and she will arrange a copy for you.

ALL WELCOME

PARISH ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

Wednesday, March 5th

- St Brendan's Church at 9.30am—School and Parish Mass, and distribution of ashes. This Mass will be led by the Year One & Two staff and students. All Parishioners are welcome.
- St Peter's Church Shoreham at 5.30pm—Parish Mass and distribution of ashes. All are welcome.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



Jubilee plenary indulgences are another feature of the local Jubilee celebrations, and the new webpage clearly outlines how pilgrims can obtain them for themselves and for their loved ones who have died. As part of the Jubilee Year, pilgrims may receive up to two plenary indulgences a day. As a reminder, here you can find all the designated pilgrim places are in Melbourne Archdiocese: [Hope does not disappoint: Archdiocese of Melbourne announces local pilgrim places for Jubilee 2025](#)

Pilgrims can get a special passport stamped at each location for a wonderful memento of their pilgrimage experience this Jubilee Year and a source of reflection for the future.

The Melbourne Catholic Archdiocese has made special passports available at each of the Pilgrim Places (for a suggested donation of \$5). Pilgrims can take one and get it stamped at each location for a wonderful memento of their pilgrimage experience this Jubilee Year and a source of reflection for the future. Every month, a different commemorative postcard of a saint or revered Catholic figure will be available, and pilgrims are invited to spread their pilgrimages over several months to collect each of the beautifully illustrated cards over the course of the year.

Total givings from the week 10/2/25-16/2/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) **\$852.75**

2nd Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) **\$991.50**
Tap Machine **\$146.99**

Thank you for your ongoing support!