



Western Port Catholic Parish

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

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First Reading

[Sirach 27:4-7](#)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation.

The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 91:2-3. 13-16](#)

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

Second Reading

[1 Corinthians 15:54-58](#)

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Luke 6:39-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

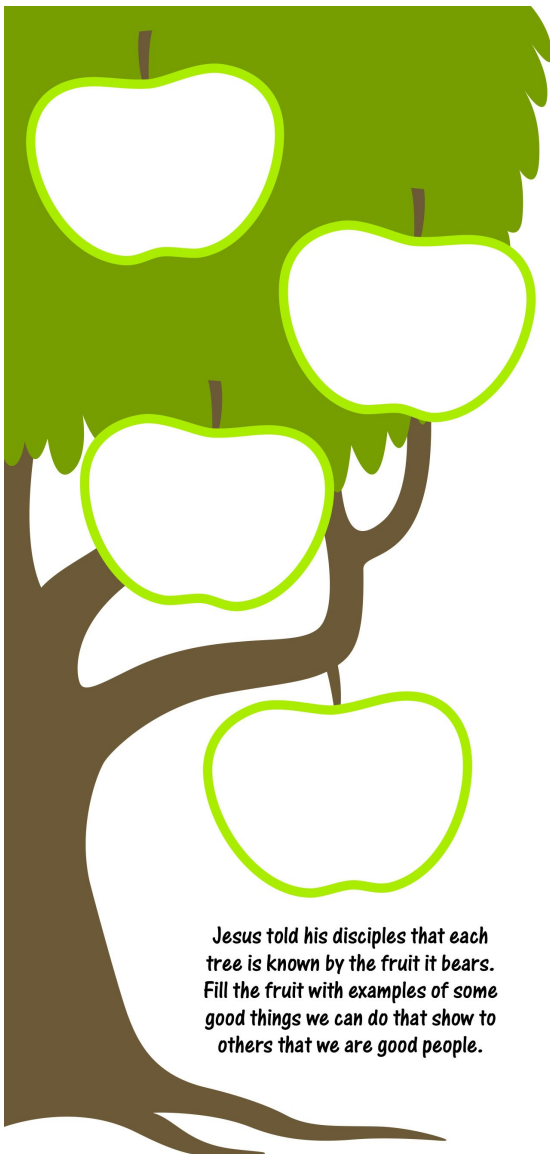
Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET



Jesus told his disciples that each tree is known by the fruit it bears. Fill the fruit with examples of some good things we can do that show to others that we are good people.

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that.

As did Jesus. He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality.

For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment.

The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)

This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God.

Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.'

We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'.

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, 3 March —9 March 2025

MONDAY No Service

TUESDAY 9.30am Mass at Somerville

ASH WEDNESDAY

9.30am School and Parish Mass at Somerville

5.30pm Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY 9.30am Mass at Hastings

1st FRIDAY 00am Eucharistic Adoration at Hastings

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 Sala, Agnes, Malia, 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, especially Aida Hendriks and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Kevin Paganoni, Patricia Marshall and Kit Blackall. May they rest in peace.

Project Compassion Sunday
1st and 2nd of March 2025



This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 8/3 & 9/3/2025

MINISTRY	Somerville	Shoreham	Hastings		
Lector	Mary Marshall		Lioba Robinson	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Val Baxter	Marg Grant	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	Zena Liston	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	MARCH: Val Fakhry		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Altar Linen		MARCH: Val Fakhry		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	LENT	Somerville Maintenance—		Communion to the Sick This Week	Group 2— Mary Marshall
Cleaning	MARCH: Tracey Clark	Sandy Adolphus & Sharon Judd			



Bishop Tony Ireland's pastoral visit to Western Port Parish

On behalf of our parish, I sincerely thank Bishop Tony for his pastoral visit last weekend. His gentle and humble presence was a blessing to our parish, schools, and ministries. I deeply appreciate everyone who helped, especially those who organized the sausage sizzle, morning tea, and supper. Your generosity made this visit truly special!
Fr. Shymon

During his visit to our churches in Somerville, Shoreham and Hastings, Bishop Tony Ireland interacted very cordially with our parish community

LADIES LUNCH

Friday 7th March 12 pm at the Westernport Hotel.

Please call Val 0409 774 919 if you would like to attend.

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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Friday the 7th March at 2.00pm

in the Uniting Church at **Balnarring** located in Balnarring Beach Rd and followed by afternoon tea.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Lenten season encourages us to enhance our spiritual practices, which may include attending Mass, engaging in family prayer, visiting a church or chapel, reading the Bible, participating in the Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, or exploring other forms of devotion.

Western Port Parish organizes traditional way of reflecting the

STATION OF THE CROSS - Fridays after the 9.30am Mass in Hastings and **Tuesdays** after the 9.30am Mass in Somerville during Lenten season

JUBILEE YEAR 2025



Pilgrims are already flocking to **St Mary McKillop Church** in Keilor Downs, one of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne's Pilgrim Places for Jubilee 2025. The airy, bright church is a great place to commune with Australia's first saint, after whom the church was named. But pilgrims also have an opportunity to pray for guidance from several other saints whose relics are housed there, including **St Anthony of Pauda, St Therese of Lisieux** and **St John Paul II**.

Continue reading: [St Mary MacKillop Church: the Pilgrim Place built by the grace of the saints](#)

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

Total givings from the week 17/2/25-23/2/25

1st Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) **\$865.70**

2nd Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) **\$1,019.50**
Tap Machine **\$147.62**

Thank you for your ongoing support!