



## Western Port Catholic Parish

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

**1st Sunday of Lent - Year C, 9 March 2025**

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### First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

### A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

### The word of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:1-2. 10-15

### **R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
and abides in the shade of the Almighty  
says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell.  
For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.  
On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon.  
**(R.)**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name.  
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.'  
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

### Second Reading

Romans 10:8-13

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

### The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 4:4

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Luke 4:1-13

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,  
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him, 'throw yourself down from here, for Scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you  
to guard you, and again:

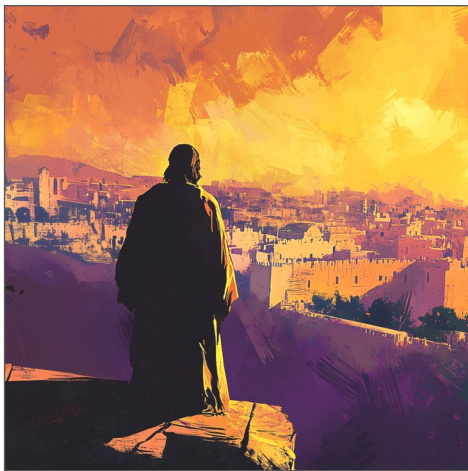
They will hold you up on their hands  
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him to return at the appointed time.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**



## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### *Temptations*

After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father.

First, when *he* was hungry there would be bread out of stones.  
Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power.

Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe.  
Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation. Do you find yourself saying:

I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, *or*

I want to exercise power over others, *or*

I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, *or* all three!

What must we do when such temptations assail us?

Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested.

We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

### Lent

*The 40 days that Jesus spent praying and preparing in the wilderness is reflected in the season of Lent that lasts 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the day before Easter Sunday (not counting Sundays in the season). It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. All three of these practices are actions of preparation. Just as Jesus prepared for his ministry in the wilderness, so too is Lent an opportunity for us to be deliberate about our reflection on what we are called to do in this world.*

**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, 10 March —16 March 2025**

**MONDAY** No Service

**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville followed by Stations of the Cross

**WEDNESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Shoreham  
10.30am Funeral Mass for Aida Hendriks at Shoreham

**THURSDAY 9.30am** Mass at Hastings

**FRIDAY 9.00am** Station of the Cross at Hastings  
10.30am Funerals Mass for Michael Waters 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 Jim Egan, Halima, 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. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.*

*Please pray for those who have died recently, especially Michael Waters, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Jack Foy. May they rest in peace.*

**POPE'S LENTEN MESSAGE**

As Lent draws closer, **Pope Francis** has urged Christians to examine their consciences by comparing their daily lives to the hardships faced by migrants, calling it a way to grow in empathy and discover God's call to compassion. 'It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathise with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father,' the Pope wrote in his message for Lent 2025.

**NAMES ON ROSTERS BELOW FOR SERVICES NEXT WEEK, 15/3 & 16/3/2025**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>Shoreham</b>	<b>Hastings</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Sandy Adolphus	Damian Ireland	Jared McCartin	<b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Louise Street	Anne Maree Dyer	Lioba Robinson Isobel Wilson	<b>Counters This Week</b>	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
<b>Commentator</b>	Louise Hennessy	Peter Schreiner		<b>Counters Next Week</b>	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
<b>Mass Prep</b>	Val Baxter	MARCH: Val Fakhry		<b>Sacristan</b>	Sarah Ernestine
<b>Altar Linen</b>		MARCH: Val Fakhry		<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Jesele Baxter
<b>Flowers</b>		<b>Somerville Maintenance—</b>		<b>Communion to the Sick This Week</b>	Group 2—Judy Deefholts
<b>Cleaning</b>	MARCH: Tracey Clark	Matthew & Louise Street			

## PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet **Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) from Samoa, **Lam** from Vietnam and **Irene** from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Each of this year's stories reflects diverse challenges, yet they are united by the shared determination to overcome adversity and create better futures for themselves and their communities.



You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the **donation boxes available at our churches**, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) Or by calling: 1800 024 413

## rites of election

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will celebrate this significant annual occasion, which marks the beginning of final preparations for catechumens and candidates to receive the sacraments of initiation.

Sunday 9 March 2025 3.00pm–4.00pm  
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place,  
East Melbourne

## 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 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**

## VENUE SECURED FOR 2025 AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is pleased to announce the securing of the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre (MCEC) as the venue for the 2025 Australian Catholic Youth Festival. The centre 'is one of the largest of its kind in Australia, attracting millions of visitors each year' Archbishop Comensoli said.

## LENTEN PRAYER

God of our journey  
we are all pilgrims of hope brought together by your love  
and your wish that we may all be one.  
We pray that in this Year of Jubilee  
when we are called to greater justice  
and care for our common home  
that we may *Unite Against Poverty*.  
May we work in unity for the freedom of the oppressed  
and the renewal of creation.  
May our compassionate minds and generous hearts  
help bring about a world where all can live in peace.  
May our Lenten pilgrimage of fasting, almsgiving and prayer  
bring us closer to your loving heart.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus.  
Amen.



## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

### Local Pilgrim Places in Southern Region:

- Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough
- Our Lady of Lavang, Keysborough
  - St Patrick's, Mentone
  - St Macartan's, Mornington

### Local Pilgrim Places in Eastern Region:

- St Dominic's, Camberwell East
- St Francis Xavier, Mansfield
- Sacred Heart, Croydon



## LENT 2025

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of these:

**A) Prayer** – for example, Mass attendance, family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the stations of the cross; praying the Rosary...

**B) Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family...

**C) Helping Others** - for instance, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lovely or overburdened...

All who have completed their 18<sup>th</sup> year and have not begun 60<sup>th</sup> year are bound to fast. All who have completed their 14<sup>th</sup> year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252)

## Total givings from the week 24/2/25-2/3/25

1<sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$827.10

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$947.50  
Tap Machine \$78.74

Thank you for your ongoing support!

