



## Western Port Catholic Parish

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

### 2nd Sunday of Lent -Year C, 16 March 2025

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#### First Reading

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

#### A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

#### The word of the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14

#### **R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **(R.)**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.

Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **(R.)**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.

Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **(R.)**

#### Second Reading

Philippians 3:20 - 4:1

#### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians WHICH version?

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

#### The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 17:5

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Luke 9:28-36

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' -

He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

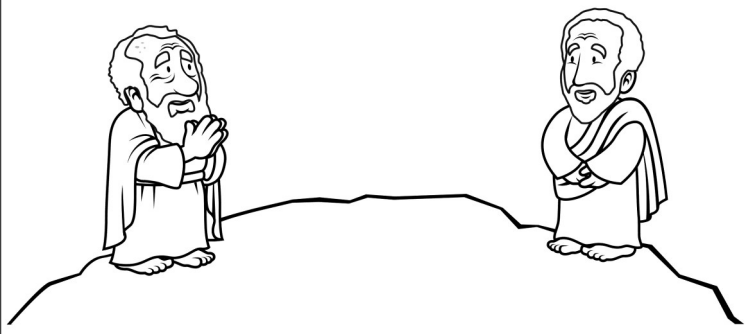


**The Gospel of the Lord.**

## CHILDREN'S WORKSHEET

### The Transfiguration

One day, Jesus took Peter, James and John to the top of a high mountain. They then witnessed Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah and heard the voice of God. Draw Jesus talking with Moses and Elijah.



God wants us to listen to Jesus. What are some things that Jesus tells us?

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us. God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

**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, 17 March —23 March 2025**

**MONDAY** No Service

**TUESDAY 9.30am** Mass at Somerville

**WEDNESDAY 9.00am** No Mass at Shoreham  
**10.30am** Funeral Mass for Jim Egan 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 Stephen Charles, 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, 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 Jim Egan and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Joanne Richards. 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, 22/3 & 24/3/2025**

<b>MINISTRY</b>	<b>Somerville</b>	<b>Shoreham</b>	<b>Hastings</b>		
<b>Lector</b>	Tracey Clark	Peter Schreiner	Tom Leyden	<b>Mass Welcomer Hastings</b>	Maggie Parsons
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Mary Marshall	Val Fakhry	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	<b>Counters This Week</b>	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
<b>Commentator</b>	Judy Deefholts	Anthony Grimes	Val Coventry	<b>Counters Next Week</b>	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
<b>Mass Prep</b>	Christine Coleman	MARCH: Val Fakhry		<b>Sacristan</b>	Paula Stokes
<b>Altar Linen</b>		MARCH: Val Fakhry		<b>Audio/Visual</b>	Geoff Robinson
<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	Bill & Anne-Marie Lawson			

## PROJECT COMPASSION APPEAL

**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



Photo credit: Caritas Australia

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

## FIRST RECONCILIATION

We welcome children and their families to First Reconciliation Commitment Masses at our three Mass centers this weekend!

### First Reconciliation Dates:

St Joseph's School  
Wednesday Saturday, March 19h

St Brendan's School  
Thursday, March 20th

St Mary's School  
Wednesday, March 25th

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.

**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**

## ALMOST 350 'WELCOMED HOME' AT RITE OF ELECTION 2025

A palpable sense of celebration and joy filled **St Patrick's Cathedral** on Sunday afternoon as a vibrant mix of people from rural, inner-city and suburban parishes came together at this year's Rite of Election. 'This house of God is your home and I want you to know that, **Archbishop Peter A Comensoli** told almost 350 candidates and catechumens as they embarked on the final leg of their journey to receive the sacraments of initiation.



Continue reading: [Almost 350 welcomed home' at Rite of Election 2025](#)

*A candidate from Western Port Parish Kayla and her sponsor Grace were welcomed by Archbishop Comensoli at Rite of Election in St Patrick's Cathedral*

## 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

## POPE PRAYS FOR WOUNDED FAMILIES, SAYS FORGIVENESS RENEWS HOPE, HEALING

The best medicine to heal the pain of a wounded family is forgiveness, **Pope Francis** said. 'Forgiveness always renews the family, making it look forward with hope,' the Pope said in a video message to present his prayer intention for the month of March, 'For families in crisis'. In the video, which was recorded weeks before his hospitalisation on 14 February and released on 4 March, the Pope reminds us that 'Forgiveness means giving another chance. God does this with us all the time. God's patience is infinite. He forgives us, lifts us up, gives us a new start.'

Continue reading: [Pope prays for wounded families, says forgiveness renews hope, healing](#)

## THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

All those Parishioners who would like to participate in Thanksgiving through the **weekly envelopes**, and currently aren't doing so, please contact the Parish Office, as the new sets of weekly envelopes are going to be ordered soon and available by the end of this June.

Also, please contact the office if you would like to make any changes to your weekly envelopes. Thank you!

### Total givings from the week 3/3/25-9/3/25

1<sup>st</sup> Collection – Presbytery (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$782.10

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Church Account (Including Direct Debits, Credit Cards and cheques) \$1,947.55  
Tap Machine \$103.38

Thank you for your ongoing support!