



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A- 13th/14th June 2026

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First Reading

Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 5:6-11

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

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation.

Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel.

Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CS.

The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.

Proclaim the Kingdom of God

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Can you name the 12 Apostles?

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There's a large crop in the field but not enough workers! Send these workers out to gather in the harvest!

Matthew 9:36 - 10:8

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Jesus calls each of us to continue his mission as the Apostles did.
What are some of the things that Jesus needs us to do?

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 15th—21st June

MONDAY: No Service

TUESDAY: **9.30am** Mass at Somerville

WEDNESDAY: **9.00am** Mass at Shoreham

THURSDAY: **9.30am** Mass at Hastings

FRIDAY: **9.30am** Mass at Hastings

SATURDAY: **10.00a.m.—10.30a.m.**
Reconciliation at Hastings
6.00pm Mass at Somerville

SUNDAY: **8.00am** Mass at Shoreham
10.00am Mass at Hastings

PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

Please pray for those who are sick, especially Priscilla Pascual, Marcelina Pascual, Jacqueline Sharpley, Charles, Mary Marshall, Ian Marshall, Bob Fels, David Wirth, Brian Stahl, Michael Smith, Ray Weir, Rebecca, Marie Mereszko, Halima, Maureen Bleighly, Sandra, Marissa, Amber, Peter Rogan, Bernadette Sexton, Peter Munyan, Mary Sloan, Paula Murphy, Frank Tagliabue, Michael Pound, Janice Danaher, 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 and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Thomas O'Dea and Theresa Anne O'Dea. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK—20th/21st June

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Judy Deefholts	Sylvia Falzon	Deirdre Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Imelda Harrip
Eucharistic Ministers	Louise Street	Genevieve Meyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Commentator	Sandy Adolphus	Peter Schreiner	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Altar Linen	JUNE—Mary Marshall	JUNE—Sylvia Falzon		Sacristan	Leah Marrsh
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	JUNE—Ann Lorkin		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Louise Street			Communion to the Sick This Week	Mary Marshall

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL. The Western Port Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul will conduct it's Winter Appeal at all Masses this weekend. Your financial support would be really appreciated to help us continue to serve your Community.
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.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

POPE LEO drew massive crowds during his visit to Madrid, urging young people and society to embrace authentic faith while addressing major cultural and political issues, including human dignity, migration and the defence of life. He addressed the Spanish parliament and met privately with clergy abuse survivors. The Pope is now in Barcelona, where he will bless the newly completed Basilica of the Sagrada Familia.

Continue reading: [Pope draws huge crowds in Madrid as he delivers 'a message for everyone'](#)

CORPUS CHRISTIE PROCESSION.

Thousands of Catholics made their way through the streets of Melbourne's CBD on Sunday 7 June from St Patrick's Cathedral to Federation Square in the annual Corpus Christi Procession, a public and joyful declaration of faith.

Continue reading: [Joy fills the hearts of thousands at Corpus Christi procession](#)



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WELCOME to all the candidates and their families to the Confirmation Commitment Masses this weekend.

FIRST EUCHARIST. The children from our parish will be receiving their First Eucharist at Masses next weekend. We pray for them and their families at this time.

PLT MEETING - Wednesday, 17th June 2026 at 5p.m.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES. Please collect your envelopes for 2026-2027.

CATHOLIC MISSION. Thank you to everyone who donated to this very worthy cause last weekend.



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026.

.Who participates in a Synod?

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles - it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART is about drawing close to Christ—like St John at the Last Supper—and discovering, through that nearness, the truth that we are already loved, writes Prof Leonard J DeLorenzo in the lead-up to the feast of the Sacred Heart this Sunday. By placing ourselves near his heart again and again, we gradually come to share in both the love and the cost of that love, learning to let it shape our lives.

Continue reading: [Drawing close to feel the beating of the Sacred Heart](#)

Total giving from 1st– 7th June.

1st Collection – Presbytery - **\$1480.53**

2nd Collection – Church Account - **\$1807.90**

Tap Machine: **\$103.00**

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Western Port Parish is committed to making our Church a safe place for children and young people and protect them from harm.