



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – 20th/21st June 2026

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First Reading

(Children's Version)

Jeremiah 20: 10-12a.13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah said:

I heard the crowds whisper, "Everyone is afraid. Now's our chance to accuse Jeremiah!" All of my so-called friends are just waiting for me to make a mistake. They say, "Maybe Jeremiah can be tricked. Then we can overpower him and get even at last."

But you, Lord, are a mighty soldier, standing at my side. Those trouble-makers will fall down and fail— terribly embarrassed, forever ashamed. Lord All-Powerful, you test those who do right, and you know every heart and mind. I sing praises to you, Lord. You rescue the oppressed from the wicked.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.

I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**

2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad

and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Second Reading

(Children's Version)

Romans 5:12-15

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

Adam sinned, and that sin brought death into the world. Now everyone has sinned, and so everyone must die. Sin was in the world before the Law came. But no record of sin was kept, because there was no Law. Yet death still had power over all who lived from the time of Adam to the time of Moses. This happened, though not everyone disobeyed a direct command from God, as Adam did.

In some ways Adam is like Christ who came later. But the gift of God's undeserved grace was very different from Adam's sin. That one sin brought death to many others. Yet in an even greater way, Jesus Christ alone brought God's gift of undeserved grace to many people.

Gospel Acclamation.

John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.
Alleluia!

Gospel.

(Children's Version)

Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Don't be afraid of anyone! Everything that is hidden will be found out, and every secret will be known. Whatever I say to you in the dark, you must tell in the light. And you must announce from the housetops whatever I have whispered to you. Don't be afraid of people. They can kill you, but they cannot harm your soul. Instead, you should fear God who can destroy both your body and your soul in hell. Aren't two sparrows sold for only a penny? But your Father knows when any one of them falls to the ground. Even the hairs on your head are counted. So don't be afraid! You are worth much more than many sparrows.

If you tell others you belong to me, I will tell my Father in heaven you are my followers. But if you reject me, I will tell my Father in heaven you don't belong to me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

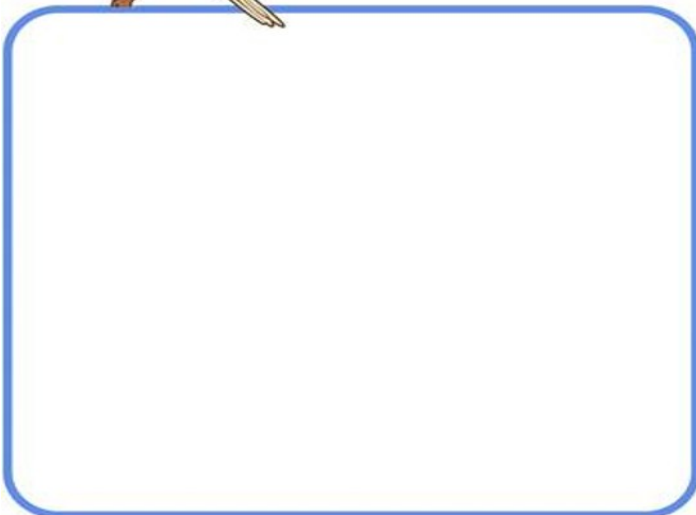
REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CS.

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

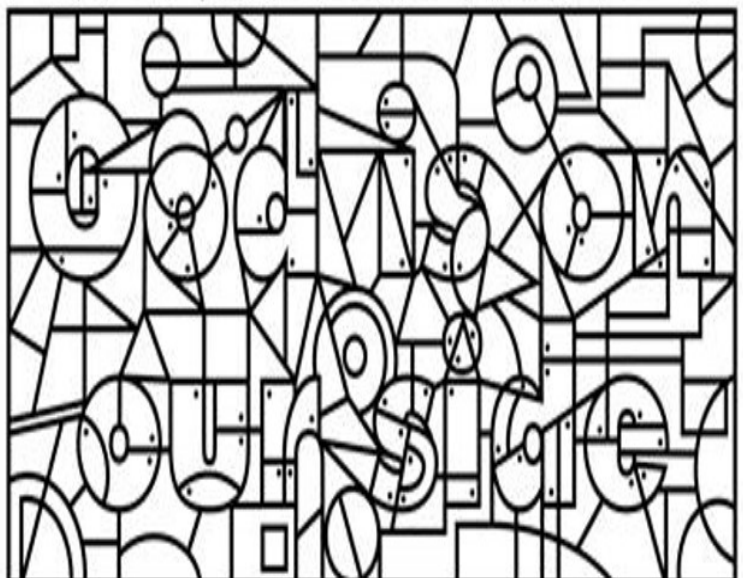
Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.



God watches over us and protects us
because we are precious to him.
Draw a picture of something that is
precious to you.



Color in the shapes that contain a dot • and discover the hidden message!



LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 22nd—28th 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, especially Allan Simpson and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Alan James Crombie Jnr. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK—27th/28th June

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Tracey Clarke	Anne-Marie Wilkinson	Ted Fennessy	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Brian McAnallen
Eucharistic Ministers	Garry McDonell	Sylvia Falzon	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Barbara & Gerald O'Brien
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Anthony Grimes	Val Coventry	Counters Next Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Altar Linen	JUNE—Mary Marshall	JUNE—Sylvia Falzon		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	JUNE—Ann Lorkin		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Sandy Adolphus			Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne Marie Lawson

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER



Lord Jesus,

Bestow your blessings upon the children who are partaking in Holy Communion for the first time.

May this occasion serve as a foundational step towards a profound and enduring appreciation for the Eucharist. Instil within them a profound yearning for this sacred food, so that they may seek solace, direction, and insight from You as they mature into committed disciples. We express our gratitude for their innate purity and virtuousness. May their hands, out stretched in eager anticipation of your Body and Blood, motivate each of us to hold this sacred sacrament in high esteem. Amen

A Joyful Day for Our Children

Today we celebrate with our First Holy Communion children. May Jesus in the Eucharist always be their strength, joy, and guide.

Congratulations to all the children receiving their First Holy Communion today!

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST.

The Real Presence of Jesus

The Catholic Church teaches that the bread and wine truly become the Body and Blood of Christ (CCC 1374, 1376). This change is called transubstantiation (*Council of Trent, Session XIII*).

Source and Summit of Christian Life

The Eucharist is the “source and summit of the Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium 11*). In Holy Communion, we are united more deeply with Jesus and with His Church (CCC 1391–1396).

Communion and Church Unity

Receiving the Eucharist expresses full unity in faith, sacraments, and Church life. Because this unity does not yet fully exist with other Christian communities, the Church asks that only Catholics who are properly prepared receive Holy Communion (CCC 1398; *Ecclesia de Eucharistia 44*).

Christians of other traditions are warmly invited to come forward for a blessing, showing our shared love for Christ and hope for unity.

Eucharistic Miracles

Throughout history, the Church has recognised Eucharistic miracles—events where the consecrated Host has shown signs of Christ’s real presence. These miracles support the Church’s constant teaching on the Real Presence (CCC 1376) and help deepen faith in the Eucharist.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL.

We would like to thank all 3 Mass centres for their contributions to our Winter Appeal last weekend. We banked \$1527 !

CENSUS. Australia will hold its national Census on **11 August 2026**, and Catholics across the Archdiocese of Melbourne are encouraged to participate fully, identifying their religious affiliation. This nationwide count is a crucial opportunity for the Catholic community to be recognised and for its needs to be understood.

POPE LEO has offered Mass and blessed the newly completed Tower of Jesus Christ at Barcelona’s Sagrada Família basilica, inaugurating the crowning spire that makes the iconic church the tallest Catholic church in the world and urging people to lift their gaze to Christ ‘who alone reveals to us the truth about God and the truth about ourselves’.

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



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026.

Synodality and Bishops

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

Total giving from 8th—14th June.

1st Collection – Presbytery - **\$907.45**

2nd Collection – Church Account - **\$1044.15**

Tap Machine: **\$128.00**

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.