



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - 27th/28th June 2026

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First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CS.

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026.

Synodality and priests

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

Synodality and the laity

Synodality affirms that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of all the baptised. Lay people are not simply helpers of clergy; they are active disciples called to witness to Christ in families, workplaces, and society. A synodal Church takes this vocation seriously.

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,: 29th June - 5th July**MONDAY:** No Service**TUESDAY:****9.30am** Mass at Somerville**11.00am** Funeral Mass for Michael Pound at Shoreham**WEDNESDAY:****9.00am** Mass at Shoreham**THURSDAY:****9.30am** Mass at Hastings**FRIDAY:****9.00am** First Friday Eucharistic Exposition followed by Mass at Hastings**SATURDAY:****10.00am–10.30am.** 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 Michael Pound and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Bernice Stahl and Geoffory Crombie. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK—4th/5th July

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Mary Marshall	Damian Ireland	Mei Lyons	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Ann Lorkin	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Derrick & Judy Deefholts
Commentator	Garry McDonell	Anne-Marie Wilkinson	Agnes Smith	Counters Next Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Altar Linen	JULY—Christine Coleman	JUNE—Sylvia Falzon		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	JUNE—Ann Lorkin		Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Paula Street			Communion to the Sick This Week	Judy Deefholts



COMMENTS FROM THE CHILDREN OF ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

Lucas - I am happy that
all my family and the
other families were
there with us.

Levi - I liked the way
everyone (families,
friends, teachers &
parishioners) supported
us and gathered together
to celebrate with us.

Zach - It was nice
because all of us
candidates participated in
the Mass in different ways
(such as a Reading and
Offertory Procession).

THANK YOU! to everyone who helped make the First
Communion Masses for the children so special - parents,
staff and volunteers. Congratulations children—and
happy holidays!

PARISH STAFF CHANGES.

It is with gratitude and sadness that we announce the resignation of our Parish Secretary, Hijacinta, who will be leaving her position to care for her sick mother overseas. We are deeply grateful for her dedicated and faithful service in running the parish office over the past several years. Her commitment, generosity, and warm presence have been greatly appreciated by parishioners and staff alike.

We also wish to thank our Pastoral Worker, Deirdre, who has resigned from her position in order to focus on her writing ministry and further develop her gift for writing. We sincerely thank her for her valuable contribution to our parish community.

We assure both Hijacinta and Deirdre of our prayers and gratitude. May God bless them abundantly and guide them in all their future endeavours.

Fr. Shymon.

LADIES LUNCHEON. Friday, 3rd July at
12 noon at Westernport Hotel.

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

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 affilia-
tion. This nationwide count is a crucial oppor-
tunity for the Catholic community to be recog-
nised and for its needs to be understood.

PETER'S PENCE is a gesture of communion and
participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the
Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian chari-
ty. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father
in his mission of service to the universal Church.
There will be a leaving collection at all Mass
centres next Sunday for this very worthy cause.

Total giving from 20th & 21st June.

1st Collection – Presbytery - \$1159.85
2nd Collection – Church Account - \$1211.00
Tap Machine: \$107.43