



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A – 8th/9th August 2026

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First Reading

1 Kings 19:9.11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

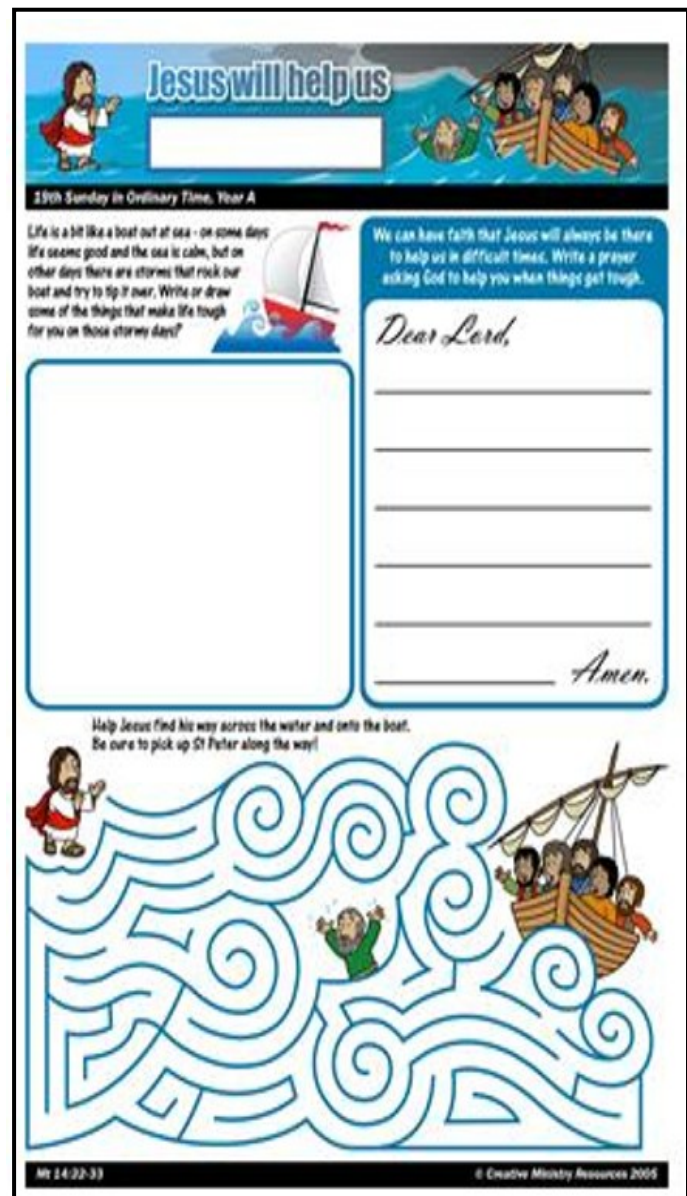
The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CS.

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.



LITURGIES THIS WEEK: 10th - 16th August**MONDAY:** No Service**TUESDAY:****9.30am** Mass at Somerville**FRIDAY:****9.30am** Mass at Hastings**SATURDAY:****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 Kylie Wilman, Ann Wilson, 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, 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.

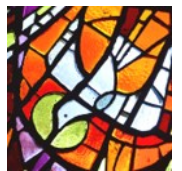
Please pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Thomas Dart-Stone. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK—15th/16th August

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Judy Deefholts	Sean Crozier	Fely Stiefler	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Imelda Harrip
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Genevieve Meyer	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Judy & Derrick Deefholts
Commentator	Garry McDonell	Ann Lorkin	Tom Leyden	Counters Next Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Altar Linen	AUGUST—Mary Marshall	AUGUST - Sue Ireland		Sacristan	Leah Marsh
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman			Audio/Visual	Jesele Baxter
Flowers	Louise Street			Communion to the Sick This Week	Mary Marshall



Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday.



Thank you to the Religious Education Leaders in our schools for preparing the children to receive this sacrament.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026

Please fill in the **Questions for Reflection**.

Your responses can be:

- left in the boxes provided in the Church foyer (by 9th August—**this weekend**)
- sent to the Parish Office (by 9th August)
- on line via the QR code
- via the website detailed in each paper
- emailed to Synod2026@cam.org.au (by 21st August).

ST. MARY OF THE CROSS.

8th August

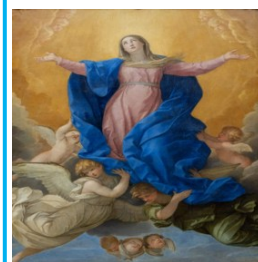


We remember Mary MacKillop who was a trail-blazer in her lifetime, leaving a culture of exemplary living for her followers

to emulate. Mary paved the way for education of poor children and a variety of ministries which addressed the needs of 19th century Australia.

THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

15th August.



We commemorate the belief that the Virgin Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into heaven. It was celebrated liturgically by the 5th century and formally declared a dogma by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

Total giving - 1st/2nd August.

1st Collection: \$1,078.85
2nd Collection: \$1431.55
Tap Machine: \$181.50

Thank you for your ongoing Support!

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
2026



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ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

Next weekend is **Giving Weekend** and there will be a special collection for the campaign at all Masses.

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