



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST—Year A—6/7th June 2026

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20, R. v.12

(R) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**
2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation.

John 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

SEQUENCE.

Behold the bread of angels, sent for pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food. And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest



Gospel.

John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said.

Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES: A Sign of God's Living Presence

In recent years, the Church has reported several Eucharistic miracles around the world—moments when the consecrated Host has shown extraordinary signs that point to the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. These events remind us that the Eucharist is not a symbol but the true Body and Blood of Christ, given to us out of love.

Such miracles are God's gentle way of calling His people back to faith, reverence, and deeper devotion. They invite us to renew our awe for the Mass, to approach Holy Communion with gratitude, and to recognise that Christ is truly with us—guiding, healing, and strengthening His Church today.

PRAYER:

Lord Jesus Christ,
You are truly present
among us in the Holy
Eucharist.

Open our hearts to
recognise Your love,
strengthen our faith,
and unite us as one
family in Your Church.

May Your presence heal our wounds,
renew our hope, and guide us to live with
compassion and courage.

Stay with us, Lord,
now and always.
Amen.



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CS.

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 8th - 14th 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 Patricia McCormick and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Pedro Morilla Snr. May they rest in peace.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK—13th/14th June

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Christine Coleman	Catherine Clancy	Val Coventry	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Maggie Parsons
Eucharistic Ministers	Sandy Adolphus	Marg Grant	Barbara Farley Deirdre Fennessy	Counters This Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Commentator	Tracey Clark	John Paterson	Michael Smith	Counters Next Week	Heimann Sissing Brian McAnallen
Altar Linen	JUNE—Mary Marshall	JUNE—Sylvia Falzon		Sacristan	Virginia Carey
Mass Prep	Mary Marshall	JUNE—Ann Lorkin		Audio/Visual	Princes Jellyanne Manocan
Flowers	Maree Chapman			Communion to the Sick This Week	Anne-Marie Lawson

CORPUS CHRISTI.

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi and all parishes, communities, families and people of goodwill are invited to join Archbishop Peter Comensoli in sharing the light of Christ at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession. The procession begins at **2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral**, moves through the streets of the Melbourne CBD, and concludes at Federation Square.

CATHOLIC MISSION. *Reach Out. Give Life*

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

Our parish will be participating in the Propagation of Faith Appeal **this weekend 6th/7th June**. You can donate cash or use the envelopes on the pews for your donations which will be collected at the end of Mass. **Donate to make a difference today.**
catholicmission.org.au/united

POPE LEO welcomed the national directors of the Pontifical Mission Societies, known in Australia as Catholic Mission, to Rome for the societies' general assembly this week.

The Holy Father recalled that this year's World Mission Sunday theme, 'One in Christ, united in mission', highlights the unity of believers on the 100th anniversary of this global celebration.

Encouraged by the Holy Father's support for the work of mission globally and locally, Catholic Mission will continue to share resources and opportunities for Australian Catholics, parishes, schools and communities to participate in this year's World Mission Sunday celebrations.

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.

We welcome Anton Pan-Cassin from the Catholic Development Fund at Masses **today** at Shoreham and Hastings.

The CDF funds projects across Catholic organisations, including parishes, hospital wings and classrooms with a CDF Community Fund savings account. With competitive interest rates, it's a greater reward than money alone. For more information visit the CDF website www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au.



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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL. The Western Port Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul will conduct its Winter Appeal at all Masses next weekend on 13th/14th June. 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!

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL -

COMMUNITY OPEN MORNING,

Saturday, June, 13th 2026. 10a.m. to 12p.m.
Come along and experience all that St. Mary's Primary School has to offer!

Total giving from 25th—31st May

1st Collection – Presbytery - \$830.50
2nd Collection – Church Account - \$1218.50
Tap Machine: \$162.00
Thank you for your ongoing support!



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or call our team on 1800 134 135 for more information



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