



Westernport Catholic Parish Newsletter

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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY—Year A—30th/31st May, 2026

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First Reading

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

A reading from the book of Exodus

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Dn 3:52-56, R. v.52

(R.) Glory and praise for ever!

You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**

Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**

You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**

You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**

You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**

You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!



Gospel

John 3:16-18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus,
'God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.
No one who believes in him will be condemned;
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,
because he has refused to believe
in the name of God's only Son.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CS.

The readings for this feast do not directly explain the doctrine of the Trinity as we have come to know it. Rather, they offer us glimpses into the nature of our Triune God. The psalm response suggests that our primary response to God should be one of praise for the love that God has for us.

The God who is beyond our comprehension is also the God who has saved us. We see this theme in both the first reading and the gospel. The covenant language in the reading from Exodus underscores God's unfathomable goodness. God's graciousness and mercy are not rewards for our fidelity. They are extended to us in our sinfulness. It is God's saving grace that transforms us, not any merit on our part. In the gospel we are assured that Jesus was sent into the world to save it, not to condemn it.

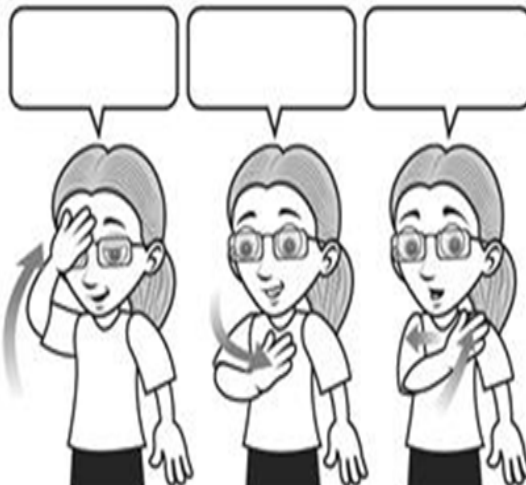
The Trinitarian phrase found in the letter to the Corinthians is so expressive of the love that God has for us that it has been incorporated regularly into the liturgy. It declares that through his death and resurrection, Jesus has opened for us the treasury of divine grace. It also proclaims that the love of God has forged the bonds of community that unite us. Created in the image and after the likeness of this God, we are called to unity among ourselves. As incomprehensible as it may seem, it is primarily through the unity that we share that we will manifest the unity that exists in God.

CHILDRENS' WORKSHEETS

There is a simple prayer
that we say almost every day,
which reminds us of the Trinity.
That prayer is the Sign of the Cross.

How do I make the Sign of the Cross?

1. Using your right hand,
touch your forehead and say....
(fill in the 1st speech balloon)
2. Touch your chest near your
heart and say....
(fill in the 2nd speech balloon)
3. Touch your left shoulder, then
your right shoulder and say....
(fill in the 3rd speech balloon)



When and where
do we use the
Sign of the Cross?

*Because of God's love for us, he sent
his Son Jesus to save those who believe.
How can we return that love?*

LITURGIES THIS WEEK, 1st - 7th June

MONDAY: No Service

TUESDAY: **9.30am** Mass at Somerville
11.15a.m. Mass at Padua Tyabb.

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

SUNDAY: **6.00pm** Mass at Somerville
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, Marlon Regis and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. especially Michael Russ, Errol Rowe and Errol Rowe Snr. May they rest in peace.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL:

We are in desperate need of your support. Our cupboard is depleted, and 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!

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK—6th/7th June

MINISTRY	<i>Somerville</i>	<i>Shoreham</i>	<i>Hastings</i>		
Lector	Maree Chapman	Sean Crozier	Jesela Baxter	Mass Welcomer Hastings	Barbara Farley
Eucharistic Ministers	Maree Chapman	Marg Grant	Paula Stokes Maggie Parsons	Counters This Week	Kees & Genevieve Meyer
Commentator	Judy Deefholts	Sylvia Falzon	Agnes Smith	Counters Next Week	Stephen Stewart Ian Marshall
Altar Linen	JUNE—Mary Marshall	JUNE—Sylvia Falzon		Sacristan	Paula Stokes
Mass Prep	Christine Coleman	JUNE—Ann Lorkin		Audio/Visual	Jesela Baxter
Flowers	Paula Street			Communion to the Sick This Week	Judy Deefholts

A BIG THANK YOU!

To our Filipino Community for the delicious Morning Tea which was enjoyed by everyone last Sunday at Hastings.

Thank you also to all our Readers at the 3 Mass Centres for the Prayers of the Faithful read in different languages!



FOUND! After Mass at Hastings—a watch! Ring Barbara Farley 0417358578 if you think it's yours!

LADIES LUNCH. Friday, 5th June at 12 noon. Ring Diane 0419 633 044.

CATHOLIC MISSION. *Reach Out. Give Life*

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Our parish will be participating in the Propagation of Faith Appeal next weekend—**6th/7th June**. There will be envelopes on the pews for your donations which will be collected at the end of Mass.

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - COMMUNITY OPEN MORNING, Saturday, June, 13th 2026. 10a.m. to 12p.m.

We warmly invite families and members of the Hastings community to come along and experience all that St. Mary's Primary School has to offer!

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.

There will be a representative from the Catholic Development Fund at Masses **next Sunday, 7th June** at Shoreham and Hastings.

Pope Leo published his landmark encyclical on artificial intelligence *Magnifica humanitas* on 25 May, comparing the attempt to build an AI future that excludes God to the 'Tower of Babel' and underlining the need to safeguard human dignity as it is 'threatened by new forms of dehumanisation'. Continue reading: melbournecatholic.org.au.



MELBOURNE SYNOD 2026.

Why listening matters in the Church.

Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom.

CORPUS CHRISTI.

On Sunday 7 June 2026, the feast of Corpus Christi, parishes, communities, families and all people of good will are invited to join Archbishop Peter A 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. The latest information, along with print and digital resources to help promote and invite your community, can be found at melbournecatholic.org/corpuschristi.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL. The Western Port Conference of Saint Vincent De Paul will conduct its Winter Appeal at all Masses on the week end of 13th/14th June. Your financial support would be really appreciated to help us continue to serve your Community.

Total giving from 11th - 17th May

1st Collection – Presbytery - \$817.85
2nd Collection – Church Account - \$887.20
Tap Machine: Thank you for your ongoing support!



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