

READ THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

Pope Francis gives a message we cannot ignore: Listen to

**The Cry of the Earth and
The Cry of the Poor.**

“Let us recognize that we are all sisters and brothers here to help all our other sisters and brothers and our world.”

We are, all of us,
wonderfully made.
Young or old,
weak or strong,
We are, all of us,
wonderfully made.

We are able
to both receive
and give love,
to be blessed
and be a blessing.

**Brought to you by the Catholic Parish of Hastings
Environmental and Social Justice Group**

We are a community...

ON MISSION!

in Hastings and in our world.

***Jesus was sent on Mission,
then the church came into being
to carry on the Mission of Jesus .***

Jesus was very clear about his Mission:

“ The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
He has sent me to bring Good News
to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives,
recovery of sight to the blind,
release to prisoners,
and to announce a year of favour from
the Lord.” Luke 4.

**Vatican 2 puts the Mission in words
for today's world....**

The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well.

Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts.

For theirs is a community of people united in Christ and guided by the holy Spirit in their pilgrimage towards the Father's kingdom, bearers of a message of salvation for all of humanity.

That is why they cherish a feeling of deep solidarity with the human race and its history..”

The Church in the Modern World.

HOMELESSNESS IN HASTINGS!

We can be part of this Mission in Hastings:

*Members of the Environment and Social Justice Group and St Vincent's de Paul attended an event at Hastings District Council on 16 May to learn more about the development of a new day hub for homeless in Hastings. Hastings Church, led by Pastor Warren Heke, currently provide a drop in space and meals for homeless – but more importantly they provide connection and relationship. The Hastings Church, Anglican Care Waiapu, and the Hastings District Council have formed a collaboration to set up a new day centre where homeless can access food, showers, and from which clinical and other services can be provided. The partners are currently seeking a new venue and funding to set up the operations well. **There will be opportunities for our parish to be involved by providing resources, volunteers, funding, prayer, and friendship. We will keep you posted.***

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