

OUR MISSION

TO WELCOME
all who we encounter
so that we can build a
relationship with
each other

TO LOVE
as Jesus loved



The Catholic Parish of Hastings

Te Pārihi Katorika ki Heretaunga

OUR VISION
‘LIVING AS CHRIST’

OUR MISSION

TO ENGAGE
with God, each other
and our community
with hearts, minds
and spirit
TO SERVE
God, each other, our
community and our
environment



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PARISH TEAM

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Our Lady of Lourdes

85 Te Mata Rd
Havelock North

Sunday Mass
9.30am

Weekday Masses

Tues: 9.00am
Wed: 9.00am
Thurs: 9.30am



St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd
Hastings

Vigil Saturday:
5.30pm

Sunday Mass:
10.30am

Weekday Mass

Tues: 5.30pm
Thurs: 5.30pm



Sacred Heart

425 Heretaunga St East
Hastings

Sunday Masses
9:00am & 5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Wed: 12.05pm
Fri: 12.05pm
Sat: 8.30am



Immaculate Conception

Paki Paki

Sunday Mass
8.00am



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10th December 2023

Reflection for Today

A parishioner once told me that no gardener wants to be away from their garden in October. The new growth bursting forth and the return of the warmth make it a must to work in. Similarly, I think that no Catholic wants to be away from their church in Advent. The beauty of the Scriptures and the rebirth of hope make it a season not to miss.

This is especially true of the readings from the Book of Isaiah. The passage today is packed with unforgettable images. They tell of an earth recreated for the coming of the Lord. Nothing must hinder Him. *Valleys will be filled in, mountains made low, a highway prepared across the desert.* He will bring consolation to Jerusalem by lifting the burdens of her past. He will be a mighty and exalted God, yet One who stoops down to His people with the tenderness of a shepherd.

When John the Baptist echoes the cry to prepare a way for this Lord our answer should be a joyful “Yes” — as it was at our Baptism. Like those who came to John at the River Jordan, we are awed by his appearance, his asceticism, his preaching. Could he be the Christ, the Anointed One? No, he is only the “messenger”. With the humility of the lowliest servant John says, “Someone more powerful than I am is following me and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of His sandals.”

Advent renews the promise of the coming of the Lord. Astonishingly, He will come as a tiny baby in a stable. It took 700+ years for Isaiah’s prophecies about Jesus to be fulfilled. We have 14 days left before we celebrate His birth at Christmas. Will we be found ready and “at peace” when He comes?

[G.M.]

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9.00a.m - 1.00p.m.

For urgent matters please contact the priests. Contact details above.

Readings Year A:

10th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pet 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8

17th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2, 10-11, 1 Thess 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME...

ADORATION/EXPOSITION: Madonna Tuesdays 9am—1pm

ADORATION/EXPOSITION: OLOL Friday 9am –10am

EXPOSITION/BENEDICTION: SH Fridays 11am

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a priest.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: Meeting on Thursdays 7pm-8pm in the Mission Centre (behind Parish Office). All welcome.

Enquiries please ring Paula 878 3314.

EMMAUS COMPANIONS: SPC 2nd Monday of the month 7pm.

Ring Rob 0276591313 or John 0278787014.

FOCOLARE SHARE " Living the Word " 1st Sunday each month.

Contact Gerard 0211216391 or Ellen 0274484242

MARIST THIRD ORDER: SH, (room off Day Chapel) 1st Sunday of the month, 2pm.

MATTHEW'S GOSPEL STUDY: 60 Reynolds Rd., Havelock Nth

2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 7.30pm Ring Diana 0226510946

MORNING PRAYER : SH Day Chapel Mon-Fri 9am

MORNING TEA: SH Wednesdays 10-11.45am All welcome. Bring a friend

RECONCILIATION: SH - Friday 11.00am, Saturday 8.00am

SPC - Saturday 5pm **OR** by appointment

OLOL - Wednesday 9.30am

ROSARY: OLOL - Thursdays 9.10am **SH** - Saturday 8am

SUNDAY READINGS 4 U: SH room off day chapel. Tuesdays 10 –11am

Christmas Mass Times

ST. PETER CHANEL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6.00pm

(Carols from 5.30pm)

Christmas Day (Carols from 9.00am) 9.30am

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 10.00pm

(Carols from 9.30pm)

Christmas Day (Carols from 9.00am) 9.30am

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 7.00pm

(Carols from 6.30pm)

Christmas Day (Carols from 9.00am) 9.30am

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 9.00pm

No Christmas Day Mass

WAIMARAMA

Christmas Day 9.00am

Our gifting tree is up again this year.

This is to provide Christmas cheer for children who otherwise would miss out. We are asking for gifts or gift vouchers for children from 0 to 13 years. We have found that it makes distribution to the appropriate child easier if the gifts are not wrapped when donated. We need the gifts dropped off at the church or into the SVDP shop in Hastings by December the 10th. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.



Saint Vincent de Paul Area Council.

Thursday 14th December after 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. We will have a Christmas theme morning tea & fellowship. Please bring a small plate. Everyone welcome.

Episcopal Ordination | Fr Richard Laurenson

Livestream link for the Episcopal Ordination of Reverend Richard Laurenson. 8 December 2023, 6pm.

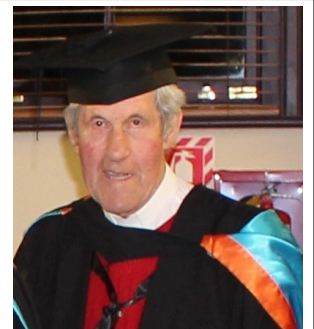
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLaV4pCVzH0>

REST IN PEACE

Father Paul Shannahan, SM,

died last month in Christchurch.

A few words to acknowledge his place in our history. Father Paul was the parish priest of Sacred Heart from 1973-1978. In the parish centenary magazine, it said this of him: *"He had a driving, forceful personality who hit parish life like a charge of dynamite. He was a good administrator with a passion for meetings and adept at encouraging people to work with him."* Always a man of energy and enthusiasm he completed a university degree at the age of 82. Please pray for his soul and his family.



The Parish Office will be closed, for a well earned break, from midday Thursday, 21st December 2023 and will re-open on Monday, 15th January 2024.

If you need to contact a priest urgently, please contact Fr. Trung Nguyen 0220626726

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Whatever the cost of **repentance**,
it is swallowed up in the **joy of forgiveness**

The Second Rite of Reconciliation before Christmas

Thursday 14th December,
7p.m. at St Peter Chanel Church



YOUTH CORNER

Mabuhay and welcome to your youth corner with some interesting news to share with you all. Firstly, our grateful hearts for Fr Paul and Fr Trung for your endless spiritual supporting of the youth team. Those prayers for beautiful weather set the tone of the day that brought people with joyful hearts to have an enjoyable evening together as one big family.

Our heartfelt thanks to you all who were there to support our annual Youth Christmas Concert on Saturday last week, 2nd December. It was an event that we brought our Parish community together and share our times, cultures, talents, food, friendships and more with each other.

For that, we would like to express our gratitude to all of you who accepted the invitation to perform on the stage and made the evening more special and memorable. Thank you so much for everything especially: Filipino Choir; Sacred Heart Church Choir; Samoan Choir; Indian Youth Group; St John's College amazing singers - Kaden Hura-Mcintosh, Jesse Bartlett, Toko Turipa & Oliver Tuanaki; Capiro Brothers' Band; Luella & June Sheardown; Cook Island Dancers - June & Xellma Sheardown; Peter Slade; and our Youth Group items led by our Music Minister and Concert Director, Luella Sheardown.

Thank you to all those who had helped with the food stalls led by Victoria Vo; Filipino Community; Vietnamese Community; Betsy Vakapuna & Litea Kautai; Teleisia Vakapuna and everyone that had been there to support the food and raffle ticket sales.

A special thanks to Francis Sheardown for organising the truck for the stage. Thank you so much for your ongoing support in many ways, not only helping the youth band, but you also take care of other youth activities.

Thank you to all sponsors: Laura Bakker and Blind Foundation Trust; St Vincent de Paul Society Napier and Hastings, St John's College, anonymous parishioners who had donated to pay for teens to attend camps, and everyone that had been part of our youth ministry family in multiple ways.

Last but not the least, to our wonderful Youth Core Team, you had emptied your cups repeatedly in different ways as you accompany our young people days and nights. Those long nights of practices had come to fruition which we had witnessed, not only on Saturday at the concert, but every Sunday all year round. Your hard works keep leading teens and adults closer to Christ through the Eucharist. We can't thank you enough for but with prayerful hearts for you all as we all help build up each other's in the Youth Ministry and I believe in our wider community.

Wishing you all a joyful Advent season as we prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace.



St. Peter Chanel General Clean of church and grounds will be held on Saturday 16th December, commencing 10.00am sharp. Please come and join us as many hands make light work.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Marg Moore, Louisa Cumberbeach Talbot, Brian Dennis (Cheryl Eccleton's brother-in-law), Frank Adamson (Brother of Joan McIntyre & Veronica Telford), Heine Soer, Fr Paul Shannahan, John Brian Fitzgerald, John Gilbertson.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Joyce Jillings A23/10, Lou Jillings, Jim Molloy A24/10, Josephine (Jo) Brady A27/10, Annie Gibbs A30/10, Andres Galapon, Juanita Galapon, Basilic Galapon, Homer Galapon, Julie Alonzo, George Barnes A31/10, Mike Timu, Cecilia Barnes, Carrem Koorey, Douglas Matthews A4/11, Sean Pollard A7/11, Fr Pat Cooke A15/11, Dorothy Rae A24/11, Fr Anthony Htun A25/11, Francis McGrath A29/11, O'Malley/Maher, Dodson/Fitzpatrick, Purcell/Cullinane, Bernie Doherty (UK), John & Theo Jenssen, Peter Van DeLee, Jessen & Beaumont family, Frank Crist, Tom & Essie King, Derek King, Brian Fennessy A15/12, Helena McEntee A21/12, Bryan Yates A21/12, Toni Molloy A26/12, Hal Jonas, Deceased members of the O'Farrell and Jonas family, Elizabeth & Henry Avison, Geraldine & Les Turfrey, Kerry Bernadette McInnes, McGrath, Broderick, McKenna Moroney, O'Connor family.

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and communities who are sick especially:

Names for the sick will be rotated monthly. Please let the parish office know if you wish for the name to stay on the Prayer List.

Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the St Vincent de Paul, Des Sutton, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Jo Ramsay, Mark Rice, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Maree McCracken, Livia Bairstow, Fr. David Gledhill, Elaine Campbell, Jaimee Gregory, Catherine Guilford, Kristen Hay, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Malakai Lyford, Natalie & Reg Corbett, Lauretta Ball, Louise O'Connor, Xavier Allen, Joyce Dawes, June Brunton, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan, Rita Yule, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Fiona Millar, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, Maureen Horsefield, Gavin Noonan, Mark Ulrich (USA), Fr Larry Barnett, Brian & Pauline Groves, Anne O'Kane, Epi Timu, Barbie Tarrega, Bernadette & Ross Chilton, Carol & Lawrie Wagnor (Aust), Sue Godyre, Morgan Flynn, John Marryatt, Ann Amoravet, Kerry Walsh (Australia), Henry Crichton, John Anderson, Terry Durney, Veronica Telford, Vincenza Ercolano.

PRAYERLINE: When in need of prayers for special intentions please phone any one of the following people: Fay Evans 878 8643, Eleanor McFlynn 878 9928, Trish Webley 8778172 or Margaret Frater 877 7571.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available at the Parish office and on sale \$12.00. No eftpos available.

St. Mary's Primary School

As we wind the year up, we celebrate all the wonderful learning that has happened this year, the friendships made, the experiences had. We thank all those who have contributed to our school community in any way shape or form - parents, friends, relatives, outside education providers and especially our hard working, dedicated staff here at St Mary's. May everyone have a happy, safe summer break. We wish you a holy festive season and a Happy New Year!

Rachael Quinney (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

Our academic year culminates with Major Prizegiving this Friday morning in the school gym. We congratulate all our prize winners for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. Our prayer tables are decorated to reflect Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ through prayer and reflection. We'd like to thank the parishioners of St Patrick's for all your prayers and the support you have given our school community in what was yet another challenging year. As we approach the Christmas season, we wish everyone a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas.

Friday 8th December - 10.30am prizegiving in the school gym followed by our Thanksgiving Mass at 6.30pm at St Patrick's Church. Final day for all students.

Dates for 2024

Monday 29th January, Year 12 course confirmation
Tuesday 30th January, Year 13 course confirmation
Monday 5th February, Years 9 & 13 start school
Wednesday 7th February, all year levels begin

Nga mihi, Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards are available for sale at the Hastings St. Vincent de Paul shop, the Parish office and S.P.C. \$5.00 per pack.

This month's edition of Tūmanako includes a series of reflections and resources designed to enrich your Advent experience, including a message from Bishop John. **These resources are accessible at <https://mailchi.mp/pndiocese/december> for your communities.**

Waipatu Maori Catholic Club - Acting as Community Outreach members for The Waipatu Club we are staging the Hui aranga 2024 at Pettigrew. Green Arena during the 2024 Easter period. We invite all those wanting to SHARE and celebrate in the Easter proceedings. We look forward to drawing nearer to all our parishioners with Easter not that far away. The Waipatu Maori Catholic Club would appreciate any inquiries and or support or to assist in those areas to tend for Our Annual Catholic hui aranga 2024. ask at kairakau12@gmail.com or (06) 8746 181 KIA ORA RA.

Te Kahu o te Ora | A Consistent Ethic of Life

The landmark bishops' teaching document Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life is now available online as an easy-to-read flip book: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/te-kahu/>

Te Kahu o te Ora is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God. NZCBC President and Bishop of Auckland Bishop Stephen Lowe says the bishops want every Catholic to read Te Kahu o te Ora. More information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu-flip/>

S.P.C Church Cleaning for DECEMBER

Jasmi Joseph, Cicily Philip & Mariya Joy
(Indian community)

Pleroma Christian Supplies: New Manager Sought

Pleroma Christian Supplies is in search of a new Manager as the ministry, established in 1978 by Shirley and Ian Duthie, looks to continue its legacy. The organisation is seeking an individual eager to embrace the opportunity, based in Central Hawkes Bay, and lead this well-established and respected business. Pleroma Christian Supplies is a not-for-profit Catholic Christian resource supplier (retail and wholesale) serving our dioceses and faith communities.

Additional details about this exciting role can be found in the position advertisement <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271>

SAVE THE DATE

Volunteers Day on Saturday 27th Saturday, 2024.

Our last newsletter will go out on Wednesday 20th December. Please send through your notices by Monday 18th December.

Enrolment on-going for 2024

Enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology is still on-going until the end of January. The Certificate and Diploma in Christian Studies are also accepting enrolment for 2024. Semester starts on 19 February 2024.

For courses offered on campus, online and each diocese, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables. To enrol, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply.