

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Marcus Francis (On leave) **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Trung Nguyen 0220626726

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Hospital Chaplain: Deb Lucy 0273554830 **Youth Ministry:** Faaki Tuanaki 0211644218

Passionist Family Co-Ordinators: Graeme & Margaret Armstrong ph. 8777758

Our Lady of Lourdes

85 Te Mata Rd
Havelock North



Sunday Mass
9.30am

Weekday Masses

Mon: 9.00am-Liturgy

Tues: 9.00am

Wed: 9.00am – Mass

Thurs: 9.30am

Fri: 9am-Exposition 10am-Liturgy

Sat: 9.00am – Liturgy

St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd
Hastings



Vigil Sat: 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Weekday Masses

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

Third Sunday of Advent

11th December 2022

Reflection for Today

The readings for the **3rd Sunday of Advent** help us consider the signs of our salvation and remind us that the coming of Jesus, past, present and future, is the reason for our rejoicing. In the **first reading**, we foresee a land where our king rules in justice. Isaiah describes a perfect world in order to reveal what God intends. Isaiah wants us to remember that our God is a God who is eternally opposed to all that is unjust, violent or evil. Our God wants to change things, and God calls us to participate in the elimination of evil from our world.

In the **second reading**, we are encouraged to be **patient**. Advent is a season of expectant waiting, and waiting requires patience. So, in the busy times leading up to Christmas, it is good to step back from time to time and just spend some time thinking about what we are patiently waiting for.

Today's Gospel tells us that John the Baptist came as a witness to testify to the Light, i.e., Jesus. The coming of Jesus, the Light, into the world is cause for rejoicing as Jesus removes darkness from the world. We should be glad and rejoice also because, like John the Baptist, we, too, are chosen to bear witness to Christ Jesus, the Light of the world. The themes of joy, hope and a steady heart, flow from the message of today's readings that the coming of the Lord is close at hand. Jesus tells us that we must look at what we see before us and decide what we believe. This spiritual joy is rooted in hope and leads to a steadiness of heart expressed in all three of today's readings.

Rev. Deacon Tevita Faka'osi

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

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

Readings for Next Sunday: Year A:
4th Sunday of Advent
Is 7:10-14 : Rom 1:1-7: Mt 1:18-24

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME...

ADORATION: Madonna Tuesdays 9am—1pm

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

BENEDICTION & Exposition: SH Fridays 11am

CHOIR PRACTICE: SH Thursdays 5.30p.m. NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: Currently meeting via ZOOM

Wednesdays 7-7.40 pm. No meditation or zoom experience necessary.
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 Saturday each month.
Contact Gerard 0211216391 or Ellen 0274484242

HOSPITAL SINGING: Hospital main entrance 2nd Sunday 6pm
(on hold)

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, except
Thurs 8.45am

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

RECONCILIATION: SH - Friday 11.30am, Saturday 8.30am
SPC - Saturday 5pm **OR** by appointment

LOL - Wednesday 9.30am

ROSARY: LOL - Thursdays 9.10am
SH - Saturday 8am

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

YOUNG ADULTS: Mission Centre. 1st & 3rd Sunday after 5.30pm Mass

Health & Safety Section:-
Please refer to noticeboards in each church

Feast Days & Events

COMING UP

13th December—St. Mary's School Mass 5.30pm SPC

15th December –St. Joseph's School Mass –1pm SHC

Our Lady of Lourdes General Clean of church and grounds will be held on Saturday 17th December, commencing 9.00am sharp. Please come and join us as many hands make light work.

The repatriation of Fr Anthony's body to Myanmar on 9 December. If you are able to assist with the cost for Father Anthony's repatriation back to his family in Myanmar it would be greatly appreciated.

Details of Bank account as follows:

Bank account - BNZ

Account number: 02-0630-0288045-23

Account Name: The Catholic Parish of Hastings

Reference: Your name

Code: Fr. Anthony

The Parish Office will be closed, for a well earned break, from midday Wednesday, 21st December 2022 and will re-open on Monday, 16th January 2023.

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

REQUIESCAT IN PACE Fr. Anthony

Fr. Anthony was farewelled at St. Peter Chanel church, with a vigil Mass celebrated on Monday evening followed by a Memorial Mass on Tuesday morning. Cardinal John Dew, Bishops' Peter Cullinane and Owen Dolan, Fr Craig Butler along with several priests from throughout the diocese celebrated the Memorial Mass – a perfect tribute to a very devoted and respected priest. The sun was shining, and an overflow of people came to pay their final tribute to him.

Thank you to all those people who were involved in this celebration and in the last nine days, especially, Brian Kelly, Alan Stanley, Julie McCracken, the Youth, the musicians, the choirs, and the many people who worked behind the scenes. Thank you, also, to the parishioners and schools for your prayers and support. Although it was a sad occasion it brought our communities together as one Parish.

We will continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Anthony as well as his family and friends back in Myanmar, and around the world, who mourn the loss of their priest, brother and uncle.

Please also pray for Fr Marcus and myself during this time and to follow the Good Shepherd more closely all the days of our lives.

Fr Trung



YOUTH CORNER

Mingalaba everyone and welcome to our youth corner. The Life Teen Youth Family would like to express our deepest condolences to our dear priests - Fr Marcus and Fr Trung, for the sudden loss of their brother priest, Fr Lourdes Anthony Htun. He was a spiritual director to the youth team and young people; a godfather figure to us all, and other titles we could add according to our experiences while he served us in our parish. It is a huge loss to us all and his legacy will live on in us as we recall his teachings and advice. Our prayers, hearts and thoughts are with his family too as they wait to welcome his body to their homeland. May you rest in God's everlasting life Fr Anthony and please continue to pray for us as you used to.

A huge thank you to all those who supported our Youth Christmas Concert in multiple ways. Your prayers and support enabled our major fundraiser for this year to be a successful event, which will help take most of our young people to our youth camp/s. Please continue to pray for the team and young people as we prepare for those youth formation events.

As we come to the end of this academic year, we would like to express our sincere thanks to all who accompanied our young people and core team in different ways, for all your support and prayers that helped us complete this year successfully. There are many things to be remembered, especially the launching of Life Teen on May 22nd of this year. We are fortunate to have such generous supporters within our parish as well as the Catholic Parish of Napier. Thank you so much for all the love and care you have shown us through words and deeds. May God bless and keep you well during this festive season.

Youth Masses: Sundays, 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church

Christmas Mid Night Mass with the youth: Saturday 24th Dec., 11:00pm.

Youth Parish/Bay Camp: Monday 9th-Wednesday 11th January, Tukituki Christian Camp, Haumoana.

Life Teen Summer Camp: Wednesday 18th - Sunday 22nd January, St Peter College, Cambridge.

For more details on the above youth events, please contact any of the youth team: Fr Trung, Luella, Victoria, Stephanie, Joylene, Luana or Faaki.
God bless, Youth Team



St Joseph's School Family & Friends Christmas Raffle

\$5 tickets on sale now, drawn Friday 16 December.

Bonus prize: \$500 New World voucher

1st prize: 2 x Mission Concert tickets, Robbie Williams

2nd prize: Brave Brewing Co package

3rd prize: Trailer of firewood delivered

4th prize: Samsung Galaxy Tablet A7 Lite

5th prize: \$100 Sazio voucher & 6 bottles of Decibel Wine

6th prize: \$150 facial treatment from The Green Room

Contact Kay for ticket at kaylene.smales@outlook.com

STILL YOUNG AT HEART

The (sometimes young) Christian Mothers group which met regularly through the '70s and '80s is planning to have a gathering in March 2023. If you were a member of this group or know someone who was, we would really appreciate hearing from you particularly if you have details of anyone who has moved from Hastings. To register your interest or to pass on information, please call or message: Carol Wahl 8782945 or Marie Russell 0211232828 or russell.m503@gmail.com. Confirmed date and venue will be advised when we have an idea of the number involved.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Margot Hamilton., Sister Shirley Tunncliffe, Rev Michael McVerry SM, Josephine (Jo) Brady, Stanley Fincham, Marilyn Nesbit, Joan Robinson (Auckland), Sue Slade (Peter Slade's sister), David Ingram, Maria Atanikakia. Fr. Anthony Htun, Dot Rae.

Please pray for the Souls of:

Sean Pollard A7/11, David J Martin A 05/11, Doug Matthews A4/11, Fr. Pat Cooke A15/11, Hal Jonas A24/11 and deceased members of the Jonas family, Reuben & Nancy Lange & their departed siblings; William, Pattie, David, Peter & Patrick O'Keefe; Margaret Doggett & her deceased family members, Durney family and Byford family, Francis McGrath A29/11, deceased members of the Easton and Bailey families, Jim Elliston, Helena McEntee A21/12, Bryan Yates A21/12, Frank Percy A 21/12



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, Lily Walsh, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldey, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, John Janssen, Mark Rice, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Jan Skinners, 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, James Minehan, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan, Mike Timu, Rita Yule, Tovi'o Levy, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Lorna Woodham. Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Rawinia Barlow, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Patricia Bot,

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.

The women of St Columba's Church Havelock North invite the women of the Catholic Parish of Hastings to a **Christmas Advent Service at St Columba's**, cnr Napier Road & Columba Way, Havelock North.

Wednesday 14 December at 10 am.

Advent Service followed by morning tea.

We will have a collection of children's

Christmas gifts for Family Works - a Christmas gift for children wrapped with age and gender indication please.



WEDNESDAY MORNING CUPPA
Sacred Heart Gathering Space
10.00am- 11:45am



Time to get together with others to enjoy a muffin or a biscuit, to celebrate the birthdays. All free. All welcome.

St. Joseph's School

As our year draws to a close, I would like to thank our delightful children, our dedicated staff and our supportive community for all you have contributed to our school. Whether it be making costumes for our nativity production, transporting children to an event, planning engaging learning programmes (I could go on...). You have all contributed something special to our school this year and for that, I thank you. We couldn't do half of what we do without the support of everyone in our school community - working together as one for the benefit of our children.

Have a safe, holy and Merry Christmas everyone.

Aaron O'Neill, Principal

Sacred Heart College

Wishing you all peace and happiness at Christmas and throughout the New Year, we pray that God will protect you and your families.

To our Year 13's, we wish you every success for 2023 and beyond, also to their families, thank you for all your support in the past 5 years.

Enjoy this special time with family and friends.

God bless. Nga mihi

Maria Neville-Foster, Principal

St. Vincent de Paul

The Avenue Road shop will be open on Saturday mornings, pre Christmas, from 10.00 am –12.00pm.

We will close for the holiday break, at 12 noon, on 21st December and reopen on 24th January. If you have donations for St. Vincent de Paul please contact the shop when it reopens in January.

URGENT -Do you know of anyone who can provide a lock up shed for our small truck? We have limited storage at our Hastings shop and need the space to display our stock. If you can help please contact the Hastings shop.



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The Catholic Parish of Hastings Christmas Mass Times

ST. PETER CHANEL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	6.00pm
(Carols from 5.30pm)	
Christmas Day	10.30am

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Vigil Mass (Carols from 10.30pm)	11.00pm
Christmas Day (Carols from 8.30am)	9.00am
No Christmas evening Mass	
New Year's Day - Sunday	9.00am

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	7.00pm
(Carols from 6.30pm)	
Christmas Day	9.30am
(Carols from 8.30am)	

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	10.00pm
No Christmas Day Mass	



2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available at the Parish office and on sale after Mass at S.H.C., S.P.C. and O.L.O.L. churches.
\$12.00. No eftpos available.



S.P.C Church Cleaning for December

Jasmin Joseph/Cicily Philip (Indian Community)

Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Stories, Films & the Bible: The Father (2020) with Fr Kevin Waldie SM.

Monday, 12 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2022/11/15/stories-films-the-bible-2/>

The Infancy Narratives in the Gospel of Matthew with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday, 19 December, 7-8.30pm. Koha/Donation. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-infancy-narratives-in-the-gospels/>

Caravan Required

Caravan required (to be used as a changing room) for the Nativity Tableau, which will be held in the Hastings main street, by Clock tower, on 17th December from 12.30pm—2.00pm

Please phone Richard on 0226510946 if you can help.

Thank you

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If you fill your heart with regrets of yesterday and the worries of tomorrow,
you have no today to be thankful for.