

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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Office hours:

Monday - Friday 9.00a.m - 1.00p.m.



Our Lady of Lourdes

85 Te Mata Rd
Havelock North

Sunday Mass
9.30am

Weekday Masses

Mon 9am -
Liturgy
Tues 9am
Wed 9am -
Mass
Thurs 9.30am
Fri 9am -
Exposition
10am-Liturgy
Sat 9am -
Liturgy



Immaculate Conception

Paki Paki

Sunday Mass
8am

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT 13th December 2020



Reflection for Today

Rejoice, the Messiah is Already Here



The third Sunday of Advent is called "**Gaudete Sunday**" because the Mass for today begins with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper" – "Rejoice in the Lord always." To remind ourselves that we are preparing for the very joyful occasion of the birth of Jesus, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose colored vestments. The common theme of the day's Scripture readings is one of joy and encouragement. The Scripture reminds us that the coming of Jesus, past, present, and future, is the reason for our rejoicing.

Readings of the day not only tell us the joyful things the Messiah will bring but they tell us also how we can imitate. We may not be able to do miraculous things, but we can bring joy into someone's life. Let's do it with our family that is where we must start. Let's share our joy with the people who are hungry, or simply lonely during this season. If we bring them joy, we bring them the good news that someone loves them and cares for them is there always. It is the Lord.

Again, the Gospel speaks about similar message of John the Baptist from last Sunday. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people. John saw what the Messiah would come to accomplish – our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God. Let us pray that God will make us heralds of his word of truth and grace so that we will be faithful witnesses of the joy of the Gospel.

Fr. Anthony Htun



St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd.
Hastings

Vigil Sat:
5.30pm

Sunday Mass
10.30am

Weekday Mass
Tues – 5.30pm

Thurs – 5.30pm

Fri - *Madonna*
9.15am (during
school terms)



Sacred Heart

425 Heretaunga
St East, Hastings

Sunday Mass
9:00am
5.30pm

Weekday Masses

Wed - 12.05pm

Fri - 8am &
12.05pm

Thurs - 9.15am
Sat 8am

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Marcus Francis ph. 02102283349

Assistant Priest: Fr. Trung Nguyen ph. 0220626726

Parish Secretary: Steph Levy

Hospital Chaplain: Deidre Russ ph. 878 8109,1, ext. 2718

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

Assistant Priest: Fr. Anthony Htun ph. 0273373356

Deacon: Tevita Faka'osi ph. 0272757086

Finance & Property Administrator: Jean-Ann Ferguson

Youth Ministry: Faaki Tuanaki ph. 0211644218

Readings for Next Sunday: Year B:

4th Sunday of Advent

2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38;

ADORATION: Tuesday 9am-1pm Madonna, Friday 9am OLOL

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

BENEDICTION & Exposition every second Thursday of the month, at St Peter Chanel Church 7p.m.- 8p.m. Friday, 11am at Sacred Heart church.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Every Thursday at Sacred Heart 5.30p.m.

New members welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP – every Wednesday at Sacred Heart day chapel, 7 – 8 p.m. All welcome. Enquiries please ring Paula ph. 878 3314.

HOSPITAL SINGING: 2nd Sunday 6pm (meet main entrance of Hospital) (to be advised)

MARIST THIRD ORDER: Every 1st Sunday of the month, 2pm at Sacred Heart church in room off the day chapel.

MORNING PRAYER : Monday - Friday 9am Sacred Heart

RECONCILIATION: SHC - Friday 11.30am , Saturday 8.30am
SPC - Saturday 5pm
(or by appointment)

ROSARY: Thursday 9.10am Our Lady of Lourdes,

SUNDAY READINGS : Tuesdays 10 – 11am at Sacred Heart

WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA at Sacred Heart Church- 10 am -11.45am



St. Peter Chanel -

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass -7.00pm (Carols from 6.15pm)

Please note there will be **NO** Mass on Christmas Day

Sacred Heart -

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - 9.00am

Our Lady of Lourdes-

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Christmas Choir

A very big welcome to all Parishioners to join our Christmas Choir at Our Lady of Lourdes. We practise each Wednesday evening from November 25th – December 23rd at 5.30pm. We have an interesting programme. Hoping to see you there. Regards, Moira – 877 0437.

The Second Rite of Reconciliation before Christmas

Thursday 17th December,
7p.m. at Sacred heart Church



Health & Safety Section:-

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

COVID 19 – UPDATE

Mass Times under Alert Level One

We have now resumed our usual Mass times, without limitation on numbers. They are as follows:

5.30pm Vigil SPC

Sunday:

8am PP

9.30am OLOL

9.00am SH

10.30am SPC

5.30pm SH

With daylight saving and warmer weather the Mass time for Saturday morning at Sacred Heart church is 8am.

Reconciliation is available both before and after this Mass.

In April of 2021 when daylight saving comes to an end the Mass time will return to 9am.

Prison Ministry booklet.

Sr Veronica Casey, PBVM, our Catholic Senior Prison Chaplain, is always seeking suitable people for the volunteer and paid prison chaplaincy roles she supports, but often can't find enough of them. To help, Sr Veronica has produced a special booklet on Prison Ministry and How to Get Involved. Prison ministry is service to some of society's most rejected people and is very valuable work. Look out for a copy of the booklet at your local parish church, think about how you could serve, and contact Sr Veronica.

For full information visit: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison-chaplains-needed/

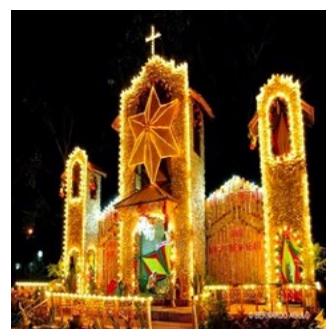


Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic Christmas tradition where mass is celebrated for nine consecutive days.

This year, we invite you to join us as we keep the tradition of "Simbang Gabi" from the 16th of December at the Sacred Heart Church at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated in English.

16 December – 7pm SH
17 December – 5.30pm SPC
18 December – 7pm SH
19 December – 5.30pm SPC
20 December – 5.30pm SH
21 December – 7pm SH
22 December – 7pm SH
23 December – 7pm SH



YOUTH CORNER

Kia Orana everyone and welcome to your youth corner. Our heartfelt thanks to you all for your full support towards our Christmas Youth Concert. We couldn't do it better without your prayers and help. There are lots of people to acknowledge individually, cultural groups, schools, and more but we pray in returns for everything you had done to make our first concert a successful one.

Wishing you all the best for this festive season.

We would like to congratulate all our young people who had completed their 2020 academic year successfully, especially those who had been awarded at their prize giving ceremony.

Youth Mass: Sunday 20 December, Sacred Heart Church, 9am.

Youth Night: Start back when school starts next year.

Thank you, parents, for your support and will keep you all in our prayers.



Alpha Feb-Mar 2021

Registrations open now

A 10 week course for 17+ yr olds,
starts 7:15pm Tuesday 2nd February 2021
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Havelock
North- 85 Te Mata Rd Havelock North.

Coffee, food, video, discussion, connect, explore & question
Invite your friends, family, colleagues, don't miss out on a seat. No
cost. Registrations essential

All details online including registration form
<http://www.hastingscatholic.org.nz/alpha.html>



Calling all bakers

2021 is shaping up to be busy with events that require good quality hospitality. With four Alpha adult courses planned and a new sacramental programme schedule, we are in need of your help. These courses are large and require many regular helpers. A commitment to bake on a rostered basis for one or more of these events would be greatly appreciated. This is an essential Ministry in an invitational Church. Please sign up by sending an email to admin@hastings.parish.nz

Our meditation group has ended meeting for the year and will resume on **Wednesday, 13 January**. We wish you and your families a safe and happy Christmas.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:



Irene Anderson, Lucy Hawkes, Lawrence ('Snow') La
Judy Brocklehurst, Patrick Spurdle, Pauline King, Teu.
Toaia, Nicola Green, Doug Matthews, Beverly Hodson.

Please pray for the Souls of:

Sean Pollard A 7/11, Carrem Koorey (A Oct.), George Barnes (A Oct), Cecilia Barnes, Lewis Caldwell, David Martin 5/11, Reuben & Nancy Lange and their departed siblings, William, Pattie, David and Peter O'Keefe, Fr Pat Cooke A 15/11, Doris and Walter White, Francis McGrath A 29/11, Brian Fennessy A 15/12, Keith Wihson A 18/12, Frank Percy A 21/12, Henry & Elizabeth Avison, Les Turfey, Kerry McInnes, Bryan Yates A 21/12, Pieter Van Der Lee, Theo Janssen, Janssen & Beaumont family, Frances Morris & family 20/12.

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

Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), Vi Bond, Kristen Hay, Leo Baltussen, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Jack van Bohemen, Eve van Bohemen, Denyse Cornelius, David Ward, Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Lindell Collier, Zoe Le Lievre, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldy, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Diane Masterton, Jan Campbell, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turfey, Mark Lissington, Chris McHardy, Sally Wilson, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, Graham Hill (London), John Janssen, Mark Rice, Richard Murray, Iona Nilsson.

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 . 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.

Christmas cards are now on sale at St Peter Chanel church, 10am Mass. \$3 for a pack of 5.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for December 2020 - Joy Devassy, Jasmin Joseph, Manju Mathew, Dona Shilin (Indian Community).

Remembering loved ones at Christmas

Please come and join with us to remember your loved ones at our annual Christmas Remembrance Service - this will be held at Crestwood 615 Heretaunga Street Hastings on Wednesday December 16th at 6pm - Refreshments to follow.

Kind regards,
Terry Longley & Son and Tong and Peryer Funeral

St. Mary's Primary School

We are into the last few days of school for the year and our Senior students have enjoyed their outdoor education week. Our Middle and Junior Teams enjoyed their end of year fun days. We look forward to our End of Year Mass as our year comes to a close. Thank you to all those in the Parish who have supported us this year. May you have a holy, happy and safe holiday season. God Bless.

Rachael Quinney DRS

St. Joseph's Primary School

A HUGE congratulations to Rohit, Tamati, Asher and Austin for competing at the first Lego League Nationals in Auckland over the weekend. We travelled in convoy to the competition with Lucknow, Mayfair and Twyford School. The boys placed 26 out of 42 (nationally) AND came Runner Up for Robot Design. This means our team had the second-best robot build in the country!! The boys represented our school incredibly well and I was very proud of them. We will farewell our Year 8 leavers in a very special Mass on Tuesday 15 December 5pm at Sacred Heart Church.

Aaron O'Neill
Principal

REMINDER

Fr. Marcus would like to remind all parishioners, especially those who do not have their children or grandchildren at Catholic schools, that it is necessary to register NOW for the sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion in 2021. We will have a new way of doing things involving families coming to the 9am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart followed by refreshments in the Mission Centre with catechesis for children and small groups for adults to follow for approximately 30 minutes. This programme is for all families in the parish and begins on the First Sunday of Lent, 21 February 2021. Those children who do not register are at risk of having to postpone these sacraments until 2022.



The Annual Sick and Retired Priests Special Collection

Sunday 29 November 2020

The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for overseas priests, retreats, and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. I apologise for the late notification this year. *Monsignor Brian Walsh - Chairman, Clergy Trust Fund.*

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Gifting Trees

The time has come once again to shift our Christmas trees from storage to the foyers of our parish churches. The gifting trees will be available from Sunday 22nd of November until Sunday the 13th of December. Please mark your gifts with the age group you have bought for. The categories are: Girls Babies Boys Babies
Girls 1-12, teenage girls Boys 1-12, teenage boys

We thank you once again for your generosity.
St Vincent de Paul Combined Council.

The 'Catholic Parish of Hastings' APP is an excellent tool for keeping up to date with what's happening in our Parish, especially with changes happening. You will be alerted to any notifications relating to the Diocese.

Go to the Play store and install the App to be informed.

If you wish to receive your newsletter via email: Contact the parish office by emailing: admin@hastings.parish.nz.

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by **Wednesday lunchtime.**
Thank you

Wednesday Morning Tea at Sacred Heart Church



between 10.00 am & 11.45 am every Wednesday.

Come and join us for a cuppa and have a good chat.

All welcome! Bring a friend!

If you have a celebration or special occasion you would like shared, phone the office or email admin@hastings.parish.nz to include in the newsletter.

For the latest updates and news join up to 'The Catholic Parish of Hastings Facebook' page.

If you are unsure how to go about joining our Facebook page or to our APP, please contact one of the ladies in the office, as they would be more than happy to help you do this.

GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Have you thought of giving an **ALTERNATIVE GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS?**

Caritas offers, gift of Life Cards, Fred Hollis Foundation offers, gift of Sight Cards, make a statement against consumerism, give a life-giving gift.

More ideas on the ESJ Board, Sacred Heart Gathering Space.