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

> **TO LOVE** as Jesus loved



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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14th February 2021



What strikes me in the gospel for today is the element of choice. The leper kneeling before Jesus plaintively begs: "If you choose, you can make me clean." (Mk 1: 40) In contemporary society I argue that we have a "religion" of choice. A woman can choose to kill her unborn infant through abortion. A seriously ill or elderly person can choose to be killed by a medical practitioner. Advertising glorifies the power of the customer (who is always right) to choose the product of his or her choice. An individual can choose to identify as male or female and even oblige others to acknowledge that choice by using the pronouns consequently accepted by that individual. Choice is important because it presumes freedom. Freedom as personal autonomy or self-determination, however, is not, according to Catholic moral theology, random. human beings are free to choose the good. It is not permitted to choose or discern between good and evil. Evil is the absence of the good and thus is corrosive of freedom or autonomy. Sin is an abuse of freedom that means we are held in thrall to evil and the more serious the sin the more serious the impediment of our freedom. In the gospel today Jesus, "moved with pity," makes a choice: "I do choose. Be made clean!" (Mk 1: 41) Amazingly, he also chooses to touch the leper and thus be made unclean. The question for us today, who have chosen: to come to Mass, to follow Jesus, to listen to his Word, to receive his Body and Blood in the Blessed Sacrament is - what do I choose to do in response to this incredible love? Do I choose to allow the Holy Spirit to mould me and conform me in the image of Christ? Do I have the courage to make the choice to "live as Christ"?

Fr. Marcus Francis

Assistant Priest: Fr. Anthony Htun ph. 0273373356



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

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Deacon: Tevita Faka'osi ph. 0272757086

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

Readings for Next Sunday: Year B:

1st Sunday of Lent Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

ADORATION: Tuesday 9am-1pm Madonna, Friday 9am OLOL **BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a priest. No Baptisms during Lent.

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 4 U: Tuesdays 10 –11am at Sacred Heart. **MARK'S GOSPEL STUDY:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Ring Diana 974 9096

ALPHA COURSE

for adults 17+. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of this enlightening programme. We still have a few available spaces.

Next meeting Tuesday 16th February

Register online or phone the office.



Alpha is a 10 week course for 17+ yr olds, starting 7:15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Havelock North- 85 Te Mata Rd Havelock North.

Coffee, food (dessert), video, discussion, connect & explore

Please invite your friends, family, colleagues, seats running out. No cost. Registrations essential

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This is a good way to fulfil your Lenten commitment. Come and join your fellow parishioners in a Lenten journey. It is something you can do as a family. The format helps you walk the 14 stations with Jesus. Every Friday during Lent, 7pm at Sacred Heart Church.



'Were you there when they nailed him to the Cross?'

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

Discovering the Jesus Mark wrote about

Claudia, Diana, Jenny, & Laura will be studying the Gospel of Mark on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month,

at 7.30 pm, and we'd be delighted if you would join us. Please phone Diana (Jennings, 9749096) if you would like to join us.

Exploring Genesis, Chapters 1 to 11, to discover what the Lord God is really saying

... because He isn't saying Planet Earth was created in seven days!

Jenny & I will be studying these chapters on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, either morning or afternoon (to be decided). If you are interested, please contact Diana (Jennings, 9749096).

Sunday Readings 4 U

We meet to reflect on the Bible readings that are read at Mass.

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

A New Way Forward—He Ara Whakamua, He Ara Hou

Sacred Heart – Starting on Tuesday 16th February at 10.00am, in the Eucharistic Chapel. All welcome. Sunday 21st February at 7pm, hosted by Pat Jonas,



at 311 Southampton St West. Phone 878 5738. If you would like to join, or know more about these groups please contact the office.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Columban calendars are still available at the Parish Office. \$12 each. No eftpos.



PALMS for ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your palms to the office so they can be burnt, in preparation for Ash Wednesday.



ASH WEDNESDAY 17th February – MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Lourdes – 9.00 a.m. Sacred Heart Church – 12.05p.m. St. Peter Chanel Church – 5.30 p.m. Paki Paki - 7pm



Ecumenical Service at Sacred Heart Church - 7.00p.m.

YOUTH CORNER

Kia ora everyone and welcome to your youth corner. We are inviting more young people to join us with the Youth Alpha course which will be starting this Friday 17th at the Mission Centre, from 6-8pm. This course is for Year 7-13 (11-17 years old) or intermediate to high school age group. We would like to ask for your support by praying for the team and young people as well as any food donation will be very much appreciated. Huge thanks to all our young people and families who had supported us with those performances done on Sunday at our combined Parish Mass.



Next Youth Mass: Sunday 7th March, Our Lady of Lourdes 9:30am.

Next Youth Night /Alpha: Friday 17th February, Mission Center/Sacred Heart Church, 6-8pm.

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.

Are you new to the Parish?

If so, please pop into the office and meet our friendly staff who will be happy to help you, in filling out a new parishioner form. We look forward to meeting you!

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.



Wednesday Morning Tea at Sacred Heart Church All welcome! Bring a friend! 10am—11.45am



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

Thank you

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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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:

Lucy Hawkes, Lawrence ('Snow') Lavery, Judy Brocklehurst, Patrick Spurdle, Pauline King, Teuatabo Toaia, Nicola Green, Doug Matthews, Beverly Hodson, Patrick Green, Kevin O'Donnell, Richard Murray, Violet Bond.

Please pray for the Souls of:

Bryan Yates A 21/12, Pieter Van Der Lee, Theo Janssen, Janssen & Beaumont family, Frances Morris & family 20/12, Selwyn Begley, Begley and Allison family, Pollard and Sullivan family, Francis and May Seed, John and Lorraine Seed A 22/12, Fearn family, Members of the Easton & Bailey family, Laurie & Nola Maloney, Patrick & Ivy Carroll, Pat & Alice Morris, Bertand and Catherine King, Members of the Maloney family, Brian Epplett, Ollie & Ernie Epplett, Michael & Dora Cowan, Helen Reid, Anne O'Farrell and the deceased members of the O'Farrell family, Tudor Morris (England), Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A10/1, Selwyn Begley A 23/01, Andrew and Elizabeth Jillings, Lou Jillings, William and Mary Stinson.

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

Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), 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 Mouldey, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Jan Campbell, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turfrey, Mark Lissington, Chris McHardy, Sally Wilson, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, Graham Hill (London), John Janssen, Mark Rice, Iona Nilsson, Noreen Pakinga (Laracy), Lauretta Pall, Richard Puanaki, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Maureen Newrick, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre.

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.

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by **Wednesday lunchtime**.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for February 2021 - Joy Devassy, Salma Manet, Jasmin Joseph, Manju Mathew, Dona Shilin (Indian Community).



St Mary's Primary School

The year has begun well, and the children and teachers are settling into their classrooms and new routines. The children are enjoying catching up with old friends and making new ones. We are all looking forward to a busy term ahead with lots of learning. It is super exciting to see the construction work at school on our new hall. God bless.

Sacred Heart College

Our 2021 School Leaders were appointed at a beautiful Mass at St Patrick's on Friday. This newly appointed group will spend time at Riverbend Camp in Havelock North this weekend where there will bond as a leadership team and work and focus on the responsibilities, they will carry this school year. Vinnies will be making pancakes here at school on Tuesday before the holy season of Lent begins on Wednesday. A special liturgy will be held on Ash Wednesday when the whole school will come together and receive ashes. Nga mihi

Maria Neville-Foster, Principal

St John's College

This week we had out commissioning mass which was concelebrated by Fr Marcus, Fr Trung and Fr Barry. Being our first mass of the year, and a celebration of our student leadership, it was good to have an Old Boy (Fr Marcus) and one of our Marist priests (Fr Barry) saying mass. Our Commissioning Mass is where we announce our Prefects and Senior Leaders for the year. Congratulations to Jonty Unwin who is Head Prefect and to James Barr and Jayden Murphy who are the Deputy Head Prefects for 2021. We pray that our Lord will bless their leadership of our young men this year and will look over them in their studies. Conor Bolton (DRS)

Volunteers Thank You Mass and Lunch

All volunteers and want-to-be volunteers are warmly invited to a thanksgiving Mass at St Peter Chanel church at 10am on Saturday 20 February. This will be followed by a shared lunch and BBQ in the presbytery gardens afterwards. Food and drink will be provided but attendees § are welcome to "bring a plate." Please notify the parish office of your attendance so we have an idea of numbers for catering purposes.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, will meet on Saturday 27th February at St Mary's Parish Centre, **Taradale. 2-4pm.** If you are interested in deepening your relationship with Jesus, please come and step out with us.

Our theme this year is The Word of the Lord. Our speaker this month is Gloria Stafford. She will share the Lord's invitation, "Come, let us go..."

Do you have a LOVE of MUSIC?

At Sacred Heart College we are looking for sponsors to be a part of our Music Tuition Sponsorship Programme for 2021.

We have girls who would love the opportunity to take music lessons and may not be in a financial position to do so. If you would like more information on supporting one of our students to experience the joy and challenge of learning an orchestral instrument such as the flute, clarinet, violin and cello, please contact Fiona Quane on 835 3761 ext 841 or email fquane@sacredheartnapier.school.nz



The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

Lenten Giving Envelope Packs are in the Church foyer. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2021 will be sent receipts for the 2020/2021 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year. Thank you for your generous support

A kind reminder to all those good people who are on SH Rosters. Please keep a check on when you are rostered on per Eucharist Ministers, Lectors, Readers. If you are unable to be there on the appointed day. It would be appreciated if you would find a replacement. Thank you for your co-operation.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

The parish is in urgent need of volunteers to assist with running the new sacramental programme beginning on Sunday 21st February after the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart church. The programme will run for four weeks of Lent and for five weeks after Easter so it is not a long-term commitment and Mass goers from any of the parish churches can be involved. We need people to assist with hospitality and facilitating small groups. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know young families and journey with them as they bring their children to experience the joy of the sacraments. Please contact the parish office if you can help or if you have any questions.