

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 14th March 2021

Reflection for Today

Lent: A Time of Encountering with Christ, the Sacrament of God

People of every era and culture have sought to know and understand God and somehow rise up to meet and encounter Him. We have probably often observed a tired or frightened child trying to climb up into the arms of Mum or Dad. Try as he might, he can't do it. Mum's just too tall! He needs Mum or Dad to bend down and pick him up. Our search for God and our desire to encounter Him is similar. Our human attempts to understand God and to rise up to meet Him are destined to failure. We need God our Father to reach down to us and pick us up. And God has reached down to us through His Son, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16)

We cannot comprehend how great God's love for us actually is unless we look upon Jesus Christ lifted on the cross. The cross of Jesus is where God's love bends down to meet our wretchedness and weakness. The cross of Jesus is where heaven and earth meet, where God and humanity embrace. In the cross of Christ, God bends down to us; and we, looking upon the cross, reach up to Him, not only with our eyes and our arms, but above all with our hearts.

Just as Mum and Dad bend down to pick up their tired and weary child, so too God our Father reaches down to us and gathers us up into his arms, and all this happens in the cross of Christ. May we often look upon the cross and know how great the love of God for us is.

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:

5th Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



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 SPC 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. 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 in room off the day chapel.

MARK'S GOSPEL STUDY: 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Ring Diana 974 9096

Lenten Rite II in CPH and CPN

I encourage parishioners to use the Lenten season as an opportunity to avail themselves of the wonderful sacrament of reconciliation especially, those who have not attended the sacrament for a long period of time. It is often only when we name our failings, in the presence to another, that God's grace can enter our heart to bring healing and peace. The Rite II for Hastings will be held at **Sacred Heart church on 24 March at 7pm.** The celebration in Napier will take place at **St Patrick's church on 31 March at 7pm.** Rite I continues to be available at the usual times and on request. Anyone who has an issue which requires longer treatment is advised to use Rite I as a forum so as to allow for a longer conversation to take place.



Fr. Marcus Francis

S.P.C Church Cleaning for March 2021
Sue Watson, Rebecca & Dean Lyall.

Chrism Mass 2021



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated for the Palmerston North Diocese, by Cardinal John Dew, at noon on Monday 29 March. This is a different time that usual however it does give an opportunity to those who are not constrained by paid work commitments to participate in this beautiful ceremony. I encourage anyone who has not yet attended a Chrism Mass join with the others from around the diocese on that day.

Health & Safety Section:-

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

Mass Times under Alert Level 1 as follows:

Saturday Vigil
5.30pm - SPC

Sunday Masses:
8am - Paki Paki
9.30am - OLOL
9.00am - SH
10.30am - SPC
5.30pm - SH



Mass Times under Alert Level 2 as follows:

Saturday Vigil
5.30pm – SPC
5.30pm – SH

Sunday Masses:
8am – Paki Paki
9.30am – SPC
10.30am – SPC
9am – SH
10.30am – SH
5.30pm – SH
8.30am – OLOL
9.30am - OLOL

A Challenge for Lent from Dietrich Bonhoeffer

When I read this recently, written by the theologian who openly opposed the Nazis, I was challenged both personally and pastorally:

"Cheap grace is the deadly enemy of our church. We are fighting today for costly grace. Cheap grace means a grace sold on the market like cheapjack's wares. The sacraments, the forgiveness of sin, and the consolations of religion are thrown away at cut prices. Grace is represented as the church's inexhaustible treasury, from which she showers blessing with generous hands, without asking questions or fixing limits ... Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, Communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate.

Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will gladly go and sell all he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble, it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.

Costly grace is the gospel which must be *sought* again and again, the gift which must be *asked* for, the door at which a man must *knock*.

Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: 'ye were bought at a price,' and what cost God much cannot be cheap for us."

Fr. Marcus Francis

YOUTH CORNER

Sawbona everyone and welcome to your youth corner. Thank you so much for all your prayers and supporting our youth group during their Alpha course. We had done 4 sessions and the group is growing each week where we had 56 young people last week. Sincere thanks to the team for their endless support to attend team training each Thursday evening and prepare for the session on Friday night.

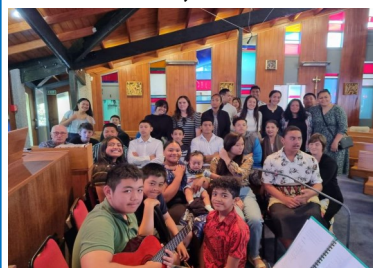


It was also a great gathering with some of our parishioners to celebrate some of our Priests' milestones, such as Fr Marcus' 20th Anniversary of priesthood, Fr Trung and Fr Anthony's birthdays. May you all be blest with your ministries.

On Good Friday, the youth group will go on pilgrimage which will be walking to our three big Churches and do the Station of the Cross on the way. At each Church, we will watch one of Alpha videos set up for our Day Away. This is open to anyone that would love to join and support our young people. We will need helpers to accompany our young people for road safety. Please let us know if you are willing to help the group on that day.

Confirmation: Please let us know if you have son/daughter that would like to take this Sacrament as we will start the preparation soon.

Faaki Tuanaki, Youth Minister



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.



**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

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.

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, Janice Campbell, Lorna Ward, Shirley Mildenhall, David Ward, Eileen O'Fiaherty.

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 Epplert, Ollie & Ernie Epplert, 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, Lewis Caldwell A 10/2, Grace Cullinane A 7/3, Ron Thornton A 10/3.

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 Mouldley, 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, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Ararepa Riki.

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.**

St Mary's Primary School

At St Mary's we have been preparing for our Mihi Whakatai where we will welcome new families to our school. We do this on Friday the 19th, followed by our whole school Mass on Sunday the 21st March. We will come together to celebrate, welcome our new leaders and teachers, and pray for our year ahead. Our Senior and Middle Team children will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation after their Team Masses at Madonna Maria. This will also be offered once a term during the year for these children. Our Middle Team enjoyed taking part in Sea week and had a visitor from the National Aquarium to visit their Team. The Junior Team have been involved in the Safe Walking Programme offered by the Police. It is timely with the school Hall being built currently. The building of our school hall is moving along and as with any building project you just want it done now - but of course we need to be patient. We are waiting with huge anticipation!!

Wishing you a happy week!

Rachael Quinney DRS

Sacred Heart College

Monday sees a few of our school leaders and Mrs Airey attend the Launching leaders Conference at Scot's College in Wellington. The conference involves several addresses from proven leaders together with student workshops. Our active and energetic PTA will hold their monthly meeting in the staff room at SHC on Monday at 7pm. We thank them for their continued support. The East Coast Schools Athletics competition will be held on Wednesday 17 March at the Hastings Sports Park.

It is with delight that I inform you that the Board of Trustees have appointed Rachel Read as our new Deputy Principal.

Rachel is currently on the Senior Leadership team at Napier Girls High School.

Rachel comes to us with expertise in many areas including pastoral care, curriculum development, motivating, and engaging students and supporting teachers in ensuring optimal learning outcomes for all students.

She has also worked as a specialist classroom teacher focusing on e-learning.

Her qualifications include; Master of Education, Post Grad in Applied Practice, Advanced Growth Coaching and Level 2 Tē Reo Māori.

We look forward to welcoming Rachel into the Sacred Heart College community at the beginning of Term 2.

Nga mihi

Maria Neville-Foster, Principal

St John's College

This week the College held its annual swimming sports at Frimley pool. The event was postponed last week due to us going into Level 2, so it was wonderful that we were back at Level 1 and the swimming sports could go ahead. A great day was had by all and it was good to see so many students participating. On Monday 15 March we have the College's annual workday where students traditionally work for the day and donate a portion of their earnings to the college. The College will be closed for teaching on this day with the teachers using the day as a Teachers-only-day.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

St. Mary's School Mass will be held at St. Peter Chanel on Sunday 21st March.

"Phasing our Cheques"

The banks are phasing out cheques this year. If you want to make a donation by direct debit to the Parish account, please phone Jean-Ann at the office.

Special Thank You to Carmen Testa for her beautiful embroidery on the Altar cloth, symbolism of the chalice and grapes.



CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

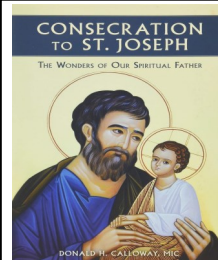
A New Way Forward—He Ara Whakamua, He Ara Hou

Sacred Heart – Every Tuesdays at 10.00am, in the Eucharistic Chapel. All welcome.

Every Sundays at 7pm, hosted by **Pat Jonas**, (Please ring the bell) at 311A

Southampton St. Phone 878 5738.

If you would like to join, or know more about these groups please contact the office.



Consecration to St Joseph Book is now available at Pleroma.

St. Peter Chanel Conference - St Vincent de Paul

Our A.G.M will be held on Wednesday (please note change of day) 17th March in St. Peter Chanel Parish Centre at 5.30pm. If you're interested, please come!

