

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 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*

**OUR VISION
'LIVING AS CHRIST'**

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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



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th October 2023

Reflection for Today

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



As we celebrate the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, it's important to reflect on the abundance of the Kingdom of God. This week's readings teach us about the significance of personal commitment, willingness, and true engagement with faith. By trusting in God's care and guidance, we can find fulfilment and happiness in all of life's circumstances.

In the Gospel, Jesus shares the parable of a king who throws a wedding feast for his son. This wedding feast represents the fullness of salvation, with the bridegroom symbolizing the Son of God himself, Jesus Christ. The parable emphasizes the importance of accepting God's invitation to his kingdom and responding accordingly. Although we are all invited to participate in the wedding feast of God's love, not everyone will accept. Some will reject the invitation altogether, while others will come unprepared, like the one who did not wear a wedding garment.

The wedding garment represents our lives, or at least our lives since accepting the invitation of God's grace. The clothes and our lives are washed white at baptism but must be kept clean by how we live and through the sacraments, particularly reconciliation and the Eucharist. While God offers salvation to all, it doesn't mean that everyone will be saved, as many will reject the invitation. Even those of us who receive the invitation must live in a way worthy of the feast. Let's reflect on how we can clothe ourselves more fully in righteousness and live in a way that is worthy of heaven.

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 Year A:

15th October - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10, Phil 4:12-14, 19-20, Matthew 22:1-14

22nd October - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6, 1 Thess 1:1-5, Matthew 22:15-21

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 Saturday 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

Pope's climate exhortation a clarion call, say NZ Catholic Bishops

Bishop Stephen Lowe as President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has issued a public and media statement on Laudate Deum. In it, he says: "Laudate Deum is a clarion call to us all, as individuals, as industry and as nations, to examine whether our attitudes and actions towards care of Mother Earth are consistent with the passing on of this taonga, this treasure, to our future generations. "Bishop Steve's statement is attached. It is also online here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/laudate-deum/>

Additionally, Caritas Aotearoa NZ has published two articles on Laudate Deum which you are invited to read:

- What does Laudate Deum mean for climate action in Aotearoa New Zealand? <https://www.caritas.org.nz/advocacy-newsletter/laudate-deum-nz-climate>
- How does Laudate Deum relate to the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand? <https://www.caritas.org.nz/advocacy-newsletter/laudate-deum-can-z-work>

If you wish to receive your newsletter via email:

Contact the parish office on 8787774 or email
admin@hastings.parish.nz

Caritas calls for peace and prayer amidst renewed violence in Holy Land.

We lift before you all the people of the Holy Land and ask for a restoration of a lasting and just peace in the land. We pray for the safety of aid workers and their families and for all people they come into contact with. Give grace to political leaders and authorities that they may seek lasting solutions that promote justice, peace, and reconciliation. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all during these challenging times. Amene.

Brother Peter Bray FSC of Bethlehem University on Israel-Hamas war

Brother Peter Bray FSC from New Zealand is the vice chancellor of Bethlehem University on the Occupied West Bank. He has given the NZ Catholic Bishops his first-hand candid view on what is happening in the region now as fighting continues between Hamas and Israel.

"This is a watershed moment that could have long-term impact on life here in the Holy Land," he says. "I was not surprised by the attack on Israel by Hamas. While I do not approve of violence as a response, given the ongoing and increasingly violent attacks on Palestinians by the Israeli military and the settlers over recent months, as well as the provocative moves by settlers around Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem during the Jewish feast, I can understand why the Palestinians reacted in the way they did."

A statement based on his comments is online here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/peter-bray/>

Hibernian Catholic Education Trust Applications.

The Hastings Hibernian Education Trust is calling for applications for the 2024 school year. An application form is available in the parish office, it is self-explanatory.

Please note application deadline is 1 November 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Close @ snoompjb2@yahoo.com or phone 06-879-9040 or 0221 009 754.

World Mission Sunday | 22 October 2023

Sunday 19 November will be the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with people in need. Caritas Aotearoa NZ has created resources for the day. Go here: www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor

Resources from the National Liturgy Office can also be found here: <https://nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/mission-sunday-2/>

YOUTH CORNER

Sawubona and greetings to you all parishioners and visitors. We are back for the last term of this year and looking forward for joyful journey with our young people towards the end of 2023. We will continue to prepare our teens who had chosen to take a further step in their faith journey with the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please continue to pray for them that they will be filled with those wonderful gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

A heartfelt thanks to our Music Minister, Luella Sheardown and her team/family, for their continuing contribution to the youth ministry/parish in multiple ways as they continue to serve during school holidays. May God's blessings be upon you all with your missions and keep you all safe in everything that you are doing for his glory.

This Sunday, we'll have social night to welcome back our young people with open arms and hearts. We will start next week with our preparation for our annual Youth Christmas Concert which will be held on Saturday 9th December. Please check posters at the back of the Church and if you are willing to do a performance as part of your contribution to this event, you can contact the parish office or one of our youth team.

Thank you so much to those who continue to support Sunday meals for our rangatahi. We are grateful to have such generous families who respond cheerfully to the need of our children. You are all in our prayers and please, do visit the group on Sunday evening if you are interested to meet the group.

If you would like to support our youth camps (2) for January next year, we are now looking at items for our raffle prizes which will be drawn during the Christmas Concert. You can either drop them to the parish office or contact us for pick up. You can also support by sponsoring a teenager and any contribution will be very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a great long weekend with your loved one.

God bless,
Life Teen Hastings Core Team.



Feast Days & Events

17th October - St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial)

18th October - St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)

19th October - Sts John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues & Companions
St Paul of the Cross (Optional)

21st October - Blessed Virgin Mary (Optional)

22nd October - Mission Sunday

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Tovi'o Levy (Steph's Dad), John Stuart (UK), Margaretha Butler (nee Pepping), Barry O'Malley, Teresa Marriott, Philip Horan, Jackie Lomas, Kevin Wilkins, Trevor Hall, Peter Fama, Hilton Gould (Brisbane), Albert Stuart (Des Sutton half brother), Peter Sugden, Brian Dennis (Cheryl Eccleton's brother-in-law)



Please pray for the Souls of:

Raymond Yule A27/8, James McGrath A9/8, Patrick (Pat) McGrath A21/8, Brian O'Connor A26/8, Joan Walsh A28/8, Barney Walsh A30/8, Anne Cornelius A25/8, Jim Thompson A7/9, Herb Jillings, Mary Jillings A15/9, Deceased members of the Jillings family, John A Sullivan A18/9, Marg Kerrisk A22/9, Deceased members of the Kerrisk family, Graham Rice A22/9, Colleen McHardy A25/9, Paul Oliver, John McGrath A30/9, Catherine McGrath (Kitty) A6/10, Mervyn Bright A6/10, Bill Logan A17/10, Michael Broderick A18/10, Vanessa O'Neill A18/10, Tai Cullinane A19/10, Jose M.O and Mary Jose departed souls, Jim Molloy A24/10, Annie Gibbs A30/10, Andres Galapon, Juanita Galapon, Basilic Galapon, Homer Galapon, Julie Alonzo, Francis McGrath A29/11.

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, Rawinia Barlow, 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 Wagner (Aust), Sue Godyre, Morgan Flynn, John Marryatt, Ann Amoravet, Kerry Walsh (Australia), Henry Crichton.

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.

Are you new to the Parish?

If so, please call into the office and meet our friendly staff who will be happy to help and inform you.

St. Mary's Primary School

We have had a great start to the term. We can't believe it is term 4. Where has the year gone? The children have all come back refreshed and ready for more learning. We welcome our Catholic Education Office Review team to our school at the beginning of this term and look forward to celebrating our successes and delving into what we can do to continue to improve what we do and how we serve our children in our Catholic School. We look forward to our whole school Mass celebrating the cultures within our school and all those throughout the world. After all, we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Wishing you all a wonderful fortnight ahead.

Rachael Quinney (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

Term 4 is always such a fast and busy term, so we look forward to all that it brings. It's great to have our students back on site and we hope they all had a wonderful break. Congratulations to our students who competed in the recent Secondary Schools Poly Fest. Hours and hours of practises and hard work really paid off as they came second and were awarded the Tiare Award/Trophy, which is awarded for outstanding Pacific performance, originality, creativity and uses of traditional sounds and materials in their performance. Outstanding result - we're very proud of them.

Next Tuesday 17th October, we celebrate our Arts with our very first Arts Award evening, here our students are awarded for their contribution and achievements across the Arts in music, drama, and visual arts. Well done to all our talented students who have worked so very hard this year. It is a joy to be back after my sabbatical and some quality time with my family in Ireland. My time away has allowed me time to remember it is the people that make a community, and Sacred Heart College is a very special community. Our HEART values guide us in who we are and how we behave and interact with each other. The encounters that we have with each other should and do come from a place of care. It has been a joy to have encountered these interactions on my return and it is my hope that everyone at school will get what I have felt coming back.

At SHC we strive to achieve our God given potential, putting 100% into everything we set out to achieve. I am so proud of the achievements over this past term, and we continue to celebrate this week. We celebrate all success as a collective community. All SHC students have a part to play in all these achievements. It is the support, encouragement, and friendship they give each other that they will remember when they leave. Our experience at high school has a big impact on the people we become, and I am very proud of all our current and past students at our college.

Nga mihi, Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

St John's College

The first week back in term 4 and our young men are back into things at full pace with benchmark exams, internal assessments, and summer sport. This week we had our senior and junior tug-of-war competition which leads on from our SJC sports day and haka competition which was held on the last day of term 3. The competition is tight between the four houses with any house capable of winning the house shields this year. Time is counting down for our senior students who have less than four weeks left of school before they head-off for their external examinations. Please keep our young men in your prayers as they prepare for these important exams.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

But, most of all, our hearts hunger for the love of God, who calls us into one family, and will make us, forever and ever, one family for all eternity.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 13 and 20 November, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free.

Donations/Koha are appreciated. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/> **YouTube Recordings.** Muffin Talk radio programmes are available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Columbas Calendar 2024 is now available in the parish office for \$12.

Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for 2024. Programmes offered are Bachelor of Divinity, Graduate Diploma in Theology, NZ Diploma and Certificate in Christian Studies. With a dedicated and qualified faculty of theologians, our programmes will empower you to analyse complex theological issues, foster spiritual growth, and prepare for a meaningful career in ministry, education, or other fields where a profound understanding of theology is invaluable. Enrolments close Friday 24 November. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes

Job Vacancy | Caritas Aotearoa NZ

Caritas Aotearoa NZ has a vacancy for a Communications, Marketing & Engagement Manager. This is a permanent full-time senior leadership position, managing a competent and committed team. Based in Thorndon Quay, Wellington. For details and to apply, visit:

<https://mclaren.co.nz/vacancies/?ja-job=4151885>

Job Vacancy | Te Kupenga

Te Kupenga-Catholic Leadership Institute is seeking a strategic-thinking, master-of-efficiency leader who thrives in diverse environments to join the team as Operations Manager, based in Auckland. Applications close Friday 20 October.

Details at <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/70438953>