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 9 am – Liturgy Thurs 9.30am Fri 9am -Exposition 10am-Liturgy Sat 9am-Liturgy



**Immaculate Conception** 

Paki Paki

Sunday Mass 8am

# 20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**16th August 2020** 



The episode in today's gospel disrupts any idea that Jesus was a saccharine, soft touch who went around being "nice" to everybody. When we look at the Gospels we find that Jesus challenged people and tested them often with hard questions. People come to Jesus and they are often in tears, desperate or angry. Jesus does not evince a neutral or disinterested response and he hardly answers a question with a direct answer. As Jesus was in life so he is in the resurrection. In our prayer life we need to be aware that Jesus will challenge us and test us. His answers to our prayers will not always be immediate or exactly what we expected. In fact, his answers to our prayers, usually in hindsight, yield a far better result than I could have expected at the time. What a wonderful, personal and loving God we have! He knows us better than we know ourselves and loves us more than we can know! Let us therefore approach him in faith as did the Syro-Phoenician woman and allow ourselves to be tested so that our relationship with Jesus may mature and grow.

Fr. Marcus



St. Peter Chanel 817 Gordon Rd. Hastings

Vigil Sat: 5:30pm Sunday Mass 10am Weekday Mass Tues—5.30pm Fri - Madonna 9.15am



**Sacred Heart** 425 Heretaunga St East, Hastings

Sunday Mass 9:30am 5.30pm

Weekday Masses Wed, Thurs. Frid -12.05pm Thurs -9.15am, (during school term)

Sat 9am

#### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Marcus Francis ph. 02102283349 Assistant Priest: Fr. Trung Nguyen ph.0220626726

Parish Secretary: Trish Sharp

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

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

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

# Readings for Next Sunday: Year A: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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.

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 8.45am Our Lady of Lourdes,

**SUNDAY READINGS**: Tuesdays 10 –11am at Sacred Heart

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

#### ΑΙ ΡΗΑ

The second week of Alpha was on Tuesday night. We had a full house again where we meet new friends, shared tasty desserts accompanied with Barista Coffee & drinks. It was an opportunity to watch & discuss an interesting topic - Who is Jesus? The course is a great way to build an invitational community, inspire new relationships with Christ and get to know each other. With Government restrictions moving to Level 2, Alpha sessions will continue as usual. If the level changes to a #3 or #4 lockdown, Alpha will continue online via "zoom". It will be important to keep a watch on our webpage <a href="http://www.hastingscatholic.org.nz/alpha.html">http://www.hastingscatholic.org.nz/alpha.html</a> which will have any details if there are changes. We will ensure this fantastic course will continue.

## ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



An enquiry evening will be held on Wednesday 19th August at 7 p.m. in the Catholic Parish of Hastings Office, 425 Heretaunga Street East. If you or someone you know may be interested, please come along. To register your interest contact Lee Russell 876 7385 or 021 560071 or the Parish office 878 7774

This year the celebration of **First Communion in CPH** has been disrupted. Nevertheless, we look forward to celebrating this special day for the children and their families. The preparation for the sacrament is in the process of being organized with catechists and the Catholic schools. So that families can have some certainty I would like to inform you that First Communion will take place on the following Sundays:

Sunday 4 October - Our Lady of Lourdes 9.30am Mass

Sunday 11 October - Sacred Heart 9.30am Mass

Sunday 18 October - St Peter Chanel 10am Mass.

Families are able to choose the Sunday that suits them. We look forward to the children making this step in their life

of faith which is ongoing for all of us as missionary disciples of the Lord.

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

Health & Safety Section:-

#### **COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE**

If the Covid19 alert returns to LEVEL 1 the weekend Masses will remain as per usual. (Refer front page)
The Mass timetable for the weekend, **should the LEVEL 2 restrictions continue beyond Friday 14**, are:

5.30pm -Saint Peter Chanel Vigil

5.30pm -Sacred Heart Vigil

8.00am -Paki Paki

8.30am -Our Lady of Lourdes

8.30am- Saint Peter Chanel

9.30am -Sacred Heart

9.30am -Our Lady of Lourdes

10.00am -Saint Peter Chanel

11.00am -Sacred Heart

5.30pm -Sacred Heart

All Masses are restricted to 100 participants. All of the previous level 2 restrictions apply. Those who attend will need to sign in to allow for contact tracing.

There is no time on the weekend of 15-16 August for telephone registration. Parishioners will have to select a Mass time of their preference but be prepared to be asked to go to another Mass should the maximum number of Mass goers be reached. Parishioners will be aware of the Masses which have higher numbers and so act to find a Mass time which will spread out our congregation to meet the intention of the law. If the level 2 rules are set in place for a longer period, parishioners will be encouraged to register by telephone at the Parish Office as was done previously.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL -St. Peter Chanel

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday 20th August, 5.30p.m., at the St. Peter Chanel hall. Anyone interested would be most welcome.



## Māori Education Collection -Sunday 23 August

This annual collection has growing support. A contribution to something that works well rightfully brings a sense of inner satisfaction to our hearts. Successful educational outcomes for young Māori is good for all New Zealanders. Your donation is an investment for a vibrant, working, diverse, faith-filled NZ. It is timely also to thank the many people who support all sorts of families struggling to pay school attendance dues. Often this includes grandparents or retired parishioners who do their bit to help out.

If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes in the foyer of each church. Please include your name on the envelope should your require a receipt.

Ignatian Spirituality NZ is offering a 6 day Residential Silent Individually Guided Retreat –25 October, 10am to 30 October 4pm. St. Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Rd. Auckland. See noticeboard for more details. Fr Chris Skinner has kindly agreed to perform a concert in the Catholic Parish of Hastings on Sunday 22nd November. If you would like to be part of the team to help with organizing this event please contact the Parish Office.



The presbytery at Sacred Heart church has been re-classified and re-named as the CPH Mission Centre. It is no longer being used as a residential dwelling for priests. The Mission Centre will house offices for Frs.' Anthony and Trung, the Youth Ministry office, an interview room, space for robotics classes and storage for St Joseph's School, and a room for adult education, catechesis and Alpha courses. We look forward to making the most of this facility for the diverse needs of the parish going forward.



# Diocese of Palmerston North Catholic Charities Foundation The Tindall Foundation



# The October 2020 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open

Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group. The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are

working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals.

We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria.

Applications are now open and are due on Wednesday 30 September 2020. Application forms and more information can be found here: https:// pndiocese.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Catholic-Charities-Application-form-2020.pdf or please contact Wendy Silver at wsilver@pndiocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 833.

#### **VOTE FOR THE VULNERABLE**

Did you know that as we headed into lockdown our Parliament voted in one of the most extreme abortion laws in the world? Go to www.VFL.NZ and see how the MPs voted and then you can let them know how you are going to vote! The website allows you to send your message to the MP/candidate Voice for Life, Jenny Epplett

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Mathew 9: 37-38).

Personally, I know that the prayers of many people made it possible for me to answer the call to ordained ministry; your sacrifices have, in different ways, made it possible for me to make the sacrifices necessary to complete my formation and study; your prayers have kept me steady when moments of doubt and discouragement arose; your prayers have made it possible for me to be a priest for the Lord and his Church in this

With this in mind. I invite all parishioners to join me in an hour of Exposition and Benediction, every second Thursday of the month, at St Peter Chanel church to pray for Vocations. 7pm-8pm followed by a cup of tea.

Fr Trung Nguyen

# WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:

David Weir, Antonius Bot, Elaine McGrath, (Cathy McGrath's sister-in-law) John Pyke (U.K. Cathy McGrath's brother-in-law), Kathleen Stanbridge, Sr. Catherine Hannan (DOLC), Tim Chote, Greg Sloane, Lynne Faulkner, Roy Gardiner, Martin Taylor (Kathy Kavanagh's brother), Bruce Morrison, Claire Lambert.

## Please pray for the Souls of:

Douglas Blake A28/7, Wal Laracy A18/7, Marian Gibbs A27/7, Bryan Yates, Don McHardy A21/7, Bernard O'Kane A21/7, deceased members of the Jones & O'Kane families, Margaret Broderick A21/7, John Seed A1/8, Terry Lynn, Brien, McAuley & Tucker families, Mary Carr A2/8, Gail Sutton A24/8, Brian O'Connor A26/8, Owen Knight A30/8.

# 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 Mouldey, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Diane Masterton, Doug Matthews, Jan Campbell, Claire Lambert, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turfrey, Irene Anderson, Mark Lissington, Chris McHardy, Daniel Wiley, Sally Wilson, Raewyn Connors, Nicola Green, Chris Lucy.

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.

**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!

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women invite all ladies to a celebration of prayer and praise. Where: St Mary's Centre, Osier Rd Greenmeadows

When: Friday 21st August 5.30-7.30pm

#### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation session for Year 11 and over will start on Sunday 23rd August, after Mass, in the CPH Mission Centre, Sacred Heart Church. Please contact the office for a registration form or email youth@hastings.parish.nz.





#### St. Mary's Primary School

This week was looking to be very busy with our Intermediate school Open Evening and our Open morning at school. However, with the move into the new alert level, these were unable to be proceeded with. Our school remains open with the Level 2 rules applying. Take care and keep safe.

Rachael Quinney (DRS)

## St. Joseph's Primary School

What a wonderful celebration on Sunday as we came together for the Saint Mary McKillop Mass. The children sang wonderfully! Our Young Vinnies group along with the boys from the Catering Course at St. John's College are fundraising by holding a Nacho lunch on Friday and all proceeds will go to St. Vincent de Paul for their community work. BOT meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

Aaron O'Neill

Principal

## **Sacred Heart College**

It is wonderful to see the research published in this week's NZ Herald newspaper stating that Catholic Schools outperform students in state schools for University Entrance results. Our teachers work very hard and to see research published is extremely heartening. We welcomed over 120 families to our Open Evening last week. It was so lovely to meet families from our community and get the opportunity to show them around our beautiful school. This Sunday (16 August) we look forward to celebrating a combined Mass with St John's College at Sacred Heart Church at 9.30am. I hope everyone stays well in this ever-changing climate.

<u>Enrolments for 2021 are now open.</u> Enrolment forms are available on the school website or from the school office. You can also apply on -line. Enrolment interviews will take place in September. Sacred Heart College will contact the parent/guardian to organise a suitable time for an enrolment interview. Any queries please call 06 8353761 or email admin@sacredheartnapier.school.nz.

God Bless.

Maria Neville-Foster,

Principal

## St. John's College

On Wednesday we were greeted with the news that we were moving back into Level 2 and Auckland into Level 3 lockdown. This meant we had to cancel our Assumption Mass celebration with St Joseph's Primary School. This also meant that our Combined Mass with Sacred Heart College scheduled for Sunday also came into question, and as I write we are still unsure if whether it will be possible to proceed. Thankfully, one of our senior students, Ayden Wilson, was still able to be welcomed into the Church with Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Our prayers are with the people of Auckland as they grapple with having to return to level 3 and the implications this has.

**ENROLMENT INFORMATION:** If you would like your son to attend St. John's College as a Year 9 student in 2021 please phone the office to make an Enrolment Interview with the Principal.

The College have a number of Scholarships available. For more information phone the office.

REMINDER: Academic Scholarship Examination – Monday 24th August at 4pm – Please RSVP to office

Conor Bolton (DRS)

#### YOUTH SECTION

Bula everyone and welcome to your youth section. Youth Alpha is running well and we had over 20 attend last week. Our sincere thanks to Fr Trung for humbly preparing yummy soup for the group. We were fortunate to have him present as he helped out and participated in the group discussion. We had a surprise visit from Fr Nathaniel and Dr Alma at the end of the programme.

We thank you for your prayers and donations of food to help make this programme a success. Our sincere thanks to the team for the extra effort they have put in, especially the extra time for meeting and praying during the week before each session. May God continue to use us as we carry out His mission for our young people.

Youth Mass: Sunday 13 September, St. Peter Chanel 10am.

Youth Alpha: Fridays 6-8pm, Parish Mission Centre, Sacred Heart Church.

Faaki Tuanaki, Youth Minister

If you wish to receive your newsletter via email: Contact the parish office by emailing: admin@hastings.parish.nz. <a href="MOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER">MOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER</a> To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by <a href="Wednesday">Wednesday</a> lunchtime. Thank you