

## 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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## PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Paul Finlayson SSC 0272375196 **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Trung Nguyen 0220626726

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

### Our Lady of Lourdes

85 Te Mata Rd  
Havelock North

#### Sunday Mass

9.30am

#### Weekday Masses

Tues: 9.00am - *Liturgy of the word & Communion*

Wed: 9.00am - *Liturgy of the word & Communion*

Thurs: 9.30am



### St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd  
Hastings

#### Vigil Saturday:

5.30pm

#### Sunday Mass:

10.30am

#### Weekday Mass

Tues: 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



## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 16th July 2023

## Reflection for Today

Imagine the scenes in Hawke's Bay this coming Spring. New seed, young trees and fresh vine-stock will make their way into the earth again. Hands and hearts still weary from the ravages of the cyclone will find the strength to plant one more time. There will be tears for what was lost but there will be hope to turn it around and produce a crop. Maybe it will be only forty fold this year but a crop nevertheless to show that the *wairua*, the spirit of the land, is on side with the sower.

Our faith also needs careful planting. In today's parable Jesus gives clear warning of rocky ground, hungry birds, choking thorns, a parching sun. These are veiled images for the things that threaten the fruitfulness of His Father's word in us. How easy it is to fall victim to them and become side-tracked from the call for constant conversion. If personal prayer and Sunday Mass start to slip we become like trees without a deep root system.

Then, when a "time of trial" comes it bowls us over. What we thought would hold us together turns out to be flimsy. Where do we go? We go back to the Lord and to the life of the Church. Bishop Emeritus Peter Cullinane once said that we need two things to keep our faith strong: **DESIRE** and **DISCIPLINE**. So, as we labour to regenerate our region, let us replant the practice of our faith in "rich soil" and at the centre of our lives.

G.M

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9.00a.m - 1.00p.m.

For urgent matters please contact the priests. Contact details above.

**Readings for Next Sunday: Year A:**  
**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-30;**

**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:** Currently meeting via ZOOM  
Wednesdays 7-7.40 pm. No meditation or zoom experience necessary.  
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

Celebrating Matariki, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July.

**Matariki A New Beginning**

*Let us celebrate the presence of God in all creation, through the wonder of the stars in the heavens, calling us to newness of life:*



Matariki is a cluster of stars; *Let the heavens be glad.*

Matariki is a time of year; *Let the earth rejoice, let the seas and all that is in them roar.*

Matariki is a time of remembering. *Be still and know that I am God.*

Matariki is a new beginning; *let the fields and all that is in them exult. Let all the trees of the forests shout for joy.*

Matariki is the eyes of God; *O God, what variety you have created, arranging everything so wisely. The Earth is filled with your creativity.*

Matariki is a time of seeing *both day and night belong to you; you made the starlight and the sun. You set the boundaries of the earth and you made both summer and winter.*

Matariki is a time of rejoicing *All creatures depend on you to feed them at the proper time. Open your hand, they are well satisfied.*

***We are blessed...***

**The new light of Matariki has risen!**

**May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.**

**May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.**

**May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery of Atua who loves you.**

**May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are ever upon you and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with you. And may this be the cause of your rejoicing. Peace be to all creation. Through Christ and in the perfect unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.**

**A Conversation with Bishop Owen Dolan**

Sunday 23 July is the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme this year is "His mercy is from age to age," from the Gospel of Luke (1:50). The Diocesan Comms Team sat down with Bishop Owen Dolan, the oldest priest in the country, to talk about his experiences of growing older and his reflections on the theme for this year's celebration.

<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2023/06/a-conversation-with-bishop-owen-dolan/>

**Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship**

While Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024 has now sold out, we are excited to announce the opening of the inaugural Bishop Basil Meeking Hearts Aflame Scholarship! There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645). Visit [heartsaflame.org.nz](https://heartsaflame.org.nz) to apply before August 15, 2023.

St. Vincent De Paul are in need of:

- ◆ **Shopping bags**
- ◆ **Bric a brac kitchen goods**
- ◆ **Good quality second hand towels, blankets and duvet inners.**
- ◆ **Cans of spaghetti**
- ◆ **Cornflakes & Rice bubble**
- ◆ **Jams**



Please drop off at the office or the SVDP store.

Thank you for your ongoing support & donations.

**Prison Chaplaincy Director sought by NZCBC: Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls?**

Applications are invited for the position of Prison Chaplaincy Director for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC). This national role gives pastoral and professional leadership and support to the Catholic chaplains who provide chaplaincy services in the country's prisons. It is also a critical role, leading an important national ministry of the Church.

If you or someone you know has experience as a prison chaplain (or in other pastoral or chaplaincy roles) and team leadership experience combined with theology and pastoral qualifications, please visit: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison](http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison)

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

**"Everyone has beauty but not everyone sees it".**



## YOUTH CORNER

Kia ora everyone and hope you all enjoyed the Matariki celebrations. We wish all our young people best of luck with their education this term.

Youth gathering will be starting back this coming Sunday, 23rd July at the same venue and time. Preparation for the Sacraments of Confirmation will also start on the same Sunday. Please pray for our young people who had chosen to take this Holy Sacrament.

If you wish to sponsor a meal for our youth gathering, please do contact the parish office or the youth team. Thank you so much Corrie Hughes for your donations to our youth ministry.

Thank you everyone for your prayers and supports in many ways.

Ngā mihi, Youth Core Team.



## SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST 2023

The next Sacramental programme will commence on Sunday 10th September 2023, with 1st Reconciliation preparation. The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation will take place on 23rd September 2023.



1st Communion preparation will commence Sunday 22nd October 2023, with the celebration taking place on 12th November 2023.

If you wish your child/children to receive these Sacraments, registration forms are available at the Catholic schools or the Catholic Parish of Hastings's website, under Sacraments. Please return your form to the Parish office no later than 25th August 2023. Thank you.

## NZ's Br Peter Bray receives Papal honour for his work as Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University

New Zealander Br Peter Bray FSC – Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University in the Holy Land since 2009 – has been awarded the Papal Cross of Honor – officially the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice ("For the Church and the Pope") – one of the highest honours that the Pope can bestow upon the laity and religious. A statement about Br Peter's papal honour and pending departure from Bethlehem is online here:

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

## He Oranga Taurikura – A Thriving Life | Caritas Appeal

Join Caritas' mission to support 'thriving lives' across the Asia-Pacific region. This programme focuses on fostering food and water security, climate-change adaptation, and empowering women in leadership. A small donation can make a lasting impact, and **our partnership with the NZ Aid Programme will see your donation multiplied, seeing a gift of \$50 become \$200.** Visit [caritas.org.nz](https://caritas.org.nz) or call 0800 22 10 22 to donate.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Recently Deceased:

Lorraine Roberts, Trevor Layton, John McCormack, Loyola Mouldey, Fr Maselino Kolio (Samoa), John van Ruitenbeek, Doug Begley, Geraldine Suan (Malaysia).



### Please pray for the Souls of:

Joseph Moran A01/06, David Weir A06/06, John A. Sullivan A13/06, Patrick McGrath A19/06, Lynda Devoy A19/06, Janina Melgies A21/06, Antonius Bot A05/07, Elaine McGrath A05/07, Anna Forbes A08/07, Rose Devlin A19/07, Margaret Broderick A21/07, Bernard O'Kane A21/07, Deceased relatives of Jones/O'Kane families.

### 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, Teresa Griffin, Jan Skinners, 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, Tovi'o Levy, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Rawinia Barlow, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Patricia Bot, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Fiona Millar, Doug Begley, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, Maureen Horsefield, Gavin Noonan, Mark Ulrich (USA), Fr Larry Barnett, Brian & Pauline Groves, Teresa Griffin, Anne O'Kane, Epi Timu, Barbie Fanilag.

**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.

## Sacred Heart Church Cleaners Urgently Required

Can you spare one hour approximately once a month? The Altar Society clean the Altar, Baptismal and Holy Water Fonts, polish candlesticks, Incense boat and Thurible and trim candles. Cleaners of the main church are rostered weekly and depending on numbers would determine how often you would be required. This can be done on any day of the week. Please contact Steph at the office to offer your services. Thank you.

## FLOWER ARRANGING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

We urgently require volunteers on a casual basis, short and long term to do flower arrangements. If you can assist, please contact the office on 06 - 878 7774. Thank you.

## Mother Teresa's story

*A few weeks ago, I had the very extraordinary experience of this tenderness of God for the little one.*

A man came to our house with a prescription from a doctor. He said the child was dying, his only child was dying in the slums of Calcutta and that medicine could not be got in India anywhere. It had to be brought from England. As we were talking, a man came with a basket of medicines. He had gone round to the families and gathered half-used medicines for the poor people – we have these mobile clinics all over the slums of Calcutta and all over the place, and they go round to the families and gather half-used medicines and bring them to us, and we give them to the poor people. And there he came, and right on top of the basket was that medicine. I just couldn't believe because if it was inside, I would not have seen it. If he had come before or after, I would not have connected. I just stood in front of that basket and kept looking at the bottle and in my mind, I was saying, "Millions and millions and millions of children in the world – how could God be concerned with that little child in the slums of Calcutta. To send that medicine, to send that man just at that time, to put that medicine right on top and to send the full amount that the doctor had prescribed." See how precious that little one was to God himself. How concerned he was for that little one.

The tenderness of God's love – no one can love as God. He has made us in his image. He made us. He is our Father.

"The Father loves me, he wants me, he needs me." That kind of attitude is our trust, our joy, our conviction. Anything may come impatience, failures, joy, but say to yourself, "The Father loves me." God has created the whole world, but he is our Father: in prayer, create that conviction from the inside: Father and child.

*St Theresa of Calcutta*

*St Teresa (d. 1997) founded the Missionaries of Charity and won the Nobel Peace Prize.*

### **Feast Days & Events**

20th July - **St Apollinaris**

21st July - **St Lawrence of Brindisi Day of Penance**

22nd July - **St Mary Magdalene (Memorial)**

23rd July - **16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

24th July - **St Sharbel Makhluf**

25th July - **St James, Apostle (Feast)**

26th July - **Sts Joachim & Anne (Memorial)**

29th July - **Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Memorial)**

30th July - **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

31st July - **St Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial)**

### **Synod Update**

Ka pai Manuel Beazley (Vicar for Māori Auckland Diocese and Fr Dennis Nacorda (Parish Priest, St Joseph Hāto Hōhepa Parish Levin). They've been selected by Pope Francis to attend the October Synod of Bishops in Rome as two of the 10 non-bishop attendees from the Church's Oceania Region. Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin SM will attend as the NZ bishops' representative. Full details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod/>

### **Taste of St John's Day - Wednesday 19 July**

The day commences with a Pōwhiri at 9.30am. We will conclude the day's programme at 2.10pm. This event is an opportunity for Year 8 boys to observe St John's College in action. Coding and Robotics, Science experiments, Culinary Arts and Sport will be offered to reflect life at St John's. *Can you please phone the Office if your son would like to attend this exciting promotion day: 06 878 6853.*

### **ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? If so....WELCOME!**

Please write your name and contact details in the space below and one of our wonderful staff members will contact you.

Name.....

Phone Number.....

Email address.....

*Please place this slip into the offertory basket*