

## 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 Administrator:** Fr. Trung Nguyen 0220626726 **Resident Priest:** Fr. Paul Finlayson SSC 0272375196  
**Deacon:** Tevita Faka'osi 0272757086  
**Parish Secretary:** Steph Levy 0226317045 **Finance & Property Administrator:** Jean-Ann Ferguson 0272448126  
**Hospital Chaplain:** Deb Lucy 0273554830 **Youth Ministry:** Faaki Tuanaki 0211644218  
**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  
Wed: 9.00am  
Thurs: 9.30am



### **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



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

17th December 2023

### Reflection for Today

Happy Gaudete Sunday! Today, the third Sunday in Advent, we light the pink candle of the Advent Wreath and rejoice because our salvation is near. 'Gaudete' is a Latin word that means "rejoice," and it comes from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass.

We're reminded that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. It's all about celebrating the coming of Christ and his presence in our lives.

The first reading from Isaiah foreshadows the coming of the Messiah, who will bring good news to the poor, free the oppressed, and save his people. It's an inspiring message that Jesus himself used as his mission and identity statement.

The second reading encourages us to take a spiritual 'health check' and reflect on whether we're rejoicing, praying, and giving thanks. It's a great opportunity to prepare for the sacrament of reconciliation.

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is questioned by the Jewish authorities about his identity and the meaning of his baptisms. John explains that he's not the Messiah, Elijah, or the Prophet. Instead, he announces that the saviour they seek is already among them but yet unrecognised. John's response highlights an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our saviour.

During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognise his presence in our midst and continue to be watchful as we anticipate his return. So, let's rejoice, pray, and give thanks as we prepare for the coming of Christ during this Advent season. May God bless us all!

*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:

**17th December - 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Is 61:1-2, 10-11, 1 Thess 5:16-24, Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**24th December - 4th Sunday of Advent**

2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

### 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 Sunday 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

### Christmas Dues Special Collection

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Christmas Dues/Offerings Special Collection. The Special Collection planned giving envelopes gifted on Christmas Day are for this collection. The money is sent given to the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests of the Diocese. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit

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your name as payee, and 'Dues' as reference.

Your support and help is always appreciated!

*Fr. Brian Walsh (Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund)*

### Advent | National Liturgy Office

The Third Sunday in Advent is this weekend. The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial resources for all four Sundays of Advent, a time during which we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection.

Go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/dec-2023-come-lord-jesus/>

Our last newsletter will go out on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please send through your notices by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Our first newsletter for 2024 will go out on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

The Parish Office will be closed, for a well earned break, from midday Thursday, 21st December 2023 and will re-open on Monday, 15th January 2024.

If you need to contact a priest urgently, please contact Fr. Trung Nguyen 0220626726

## **Christmas Mass Times**

### ST. PETER CHANEL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6.00pm

(Carols from 5.30pm)

Christmas Day (Carols from 9.00am) 9.30am

### SACRED HEART CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 10.00pm

(Carols from 9.30pm)

Christmas Day (Carols from 9.00am) 9.30am

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 7.00pm

(Carols from 6.30pm)

Christmas Day (Carols from 9.00am) 9.30am

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 9.00pm

No Christmas Day Mass

### WAIMARAMA

Christmas Day 9.00am

Bishop John would like to announce the Clergy shifts for 2024, as below.

#### **Fr Vui Hoang**

*Assistant Priest – Cathedral of the Holy Spirit*

#### **Fr Trung Nguyen**

*Assistant Priest – The Catholic Parish of New Plymouth.*

#### **Fr Marcus Francis**

*Parish Priest – The Catholic Parish of Hastings.*

#### **Fr Vijay Dungdung**

*Assistant Priest – The Catholic Parish of Hastings.*

#### **Fr Nathaniel Brazil**

*Parish Priest – Immaculate Conception, Stratford.*

#### **Fr Alan Roberts**

*Wellington*

Bishop John thanks to all our priests who have agreed to be moved and who have so readily accepted these changes, and to the parishes that are 'losing' a priest.



## YOUTH CORNER

Kia ora family and welcome to your youth corner with some mixed emotions of joy as we prepare for the coming of the Prince of Peace, and with sadness as we mourn the loss of some members of our community during this time.

As our secondary school students had started their summer holidays, we have some of them who were fortunate enough to attend YCL (Young Catholic Leaders) Camp at Pohangina Valley, Highland Christian Camp Site. We had sent some of our leaders for next year where they will be well equipped to lead at school and our youth ministry too. We would like to acknowledge them for offering their times to be there and make use of those opportunities. Huge thanks to Nick Wilson and his team from the Diocese for keeping that wonderful camp running to support our young leaders.

With heavy hearts, we would like to express our deepest condolences to two of our core team members, Veronica and Anita Noetzli for the huge loss of their beloved dad, Beni Noetzli. You had been prepared well to face all battles with your mission in South Africa. We believe that your faith will keep you and your family strong while facing the storm. Our prayers, hearts and thoughts are with you all during this time of mourning.

### Youth Events:

- *Youth Masses: Sundays, Sacred Heart Church at 5:30pm. No Youth Gathering during school holidays.*
- *Christmas Eve Mass: Sacred Heart Church, 10pm*
- *Youth Bay Camp: Friday 5-Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January, El Rancho, Waikanae*
- *Life Teen Summer Camp: Tue.16<sup>th</sup>-Sun 21<sup>st</sup> January, St Peter College, Cambridge.*
- *Festival One: 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January, Hartford Farm, Karapiro.*

Please pray for our youth team and teens as we prepare for those amazing youth events next month.

Thank you so much for all those donations that still coming from our generous parishioners, families, and friends. Your giving helps our youth ministry so much to be able to send our young people to those formation events where they had been inspired each time they attended. May God's Spirit fills your heart as you continue to support those in need.

God bless, Life Teen Hastings Youth Core Team.



### "All Volunteers please save the date".

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
Mass at 11am, St Peter Chanel church  
Followed by lunch which will be provide.  
We would like to show our appreciation for your help over the year.

*The parish office team.*

## WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Recently Deceased:

Marg Moore, Louisa Cumberbeach Talbot, Brian Dennis (Cheryl Eccleton's brother-in-law), Frank Adamson (Brother of Joan McIntyre & Veronica Telford), Heine Soer, Fr Paul Shannahan, John Brian Fitzgerald, John Gilbertson, Benni Noetzli.



### Please pray for the Souls of:

Cecilia Barnes, Carrem Koorey, Douglas Matthews A4/11, Sean Pollard A7/11, Fr Pat Cooke A15/11, Dorothy Rae A24/11, Fr Anthony Htun A25/11, Francis McGrath A29/11, O'Malley/Maher, Dodson/Fitzpatrick, Purcell/Cullinane, Bernie Doherty (UK), John & Theo Jenssen, Peter Van DeLee, Jessen & Beaumont family, Frank Crist, Tom & Essie King, Derek King, Brian Fennessy A15/12, Helena McEntee A21/12, Bryan Yates A21/12, Frank Percy A21/12, Toni Molloy A26/12, Mary Sullivan A27/12, Hal Jonas, Deceased members of the O'Farrell and Jonas family, Elizabeth & Henry Avison, Geraldine & Les Turfrey, Kerry Bernadette McInnes, McGrath, Broderick, McKenna Moroney, O'Connor family, Deceased members of Pollard & Sullivan families, Edil Moro Dembisi, Herb & Mary Jillings, Deceased members of the Jillings family, Selwyn Begley, Deceased members of Allison, Moira Begley & McIntyre 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, 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, Joyce Dawes, June Brunton, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan, Rita Yule, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Diana Helm, Grant Evans, 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 Wagnor (Aust), Sue Godyre, Morgan Flynn, John Marryatt, Ann Amoravet, Kerry Walsh (Australia), Henry Crichton, John Anderson, Terry Durney, Veronica Telford, Vincenza Ercolano.

**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.

### 2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available at the Parish office and on sale \$12.00. No eftpos available.

## St. Joseph's Primary School

As the school year draws to a close, we give our grateful thanks to all those who have supported our school community over the year. Without your support we would not be able to achieve all that we have. To our staff and students who have worked hard and achieved great results over the year, you are amazing. May you all be blessed with a wonderful Christmas and happy holidays. Our last events for the year will be Prizegiving 18 December, (1.15pm) Parents welcome) End of Year Mass 19 December 6pm (Parents Welcome), Last day of the Year 20 December (Finish at 1pm). As we celebrate Jesus' birth may Christmas bring love, joy, and compassion to our school community.

Aaron O'Neill (Principal)

## St John's College

The last week of school has been busy. Our Year 9 and Year 10 students were out on camps for the first three days of the week. The Thursday was a service day where the boys did jobs around the school and on Friday, we had our junior prize giving and final liturgy for the year. We wish all our students, their families and those in our wider Catholic community a blessed and happy Christmas.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

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

Please write your name and contact details in the space below, place this slip into the offertory basket, and one of our wonderful staff members will contact you.

Name.....

Phone Number.....

This month's edition of Tūmanako includes a series of reflections and resources designed to enrich your Advent experience, including a message from Bishop John. **These resources are accessible at** <https://mailchi.mp/pndiocese/december> for your communities.

**St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards** are available for sale at the Hastings St. Vincent de Paul shop, the Parish office and S.P.C. \$5.00 per pack.

**Meditation Group last meeting will be Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> December and will resume on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

**Madonna Maria Adoration finishes on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> December and recommences on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.**

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
19.00 to 20.00

**@ ST PETER CHANEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, 817 GORDON RD.**  
(Confession available during Adoration)

### PARKING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

At Sunday and weekday Masses please **DO NOT** park in front of the church as this blocks traffic, causing Health and Safety issues. Clear access is extremely important for emergency vehicles, if required.

The staff carpark, at the back of the church, is for the clergy and disabled parishioners only. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

If you have a celebration or special occasion you would like shared, phone the office or email [admin@hastings.parish.nz](mailto:admin@hastings.parish.nz) to include in the newsletter.

**Please follow our Parish social media platforms like Facebook, Website, and the APP for latest updates.**

### Te Kahu o te Ora | A Consistent Ethic of Life

The landmark bishops' teaching document Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life is now available online as an easy-to-read flip book: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/te-kahu/>

Te Kahu o te Ora is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God. NZCBC President and Bishop of Auckland Bishop Stephen Lowe says the bishops want every Catholic to read Te Kahu o te Ora. More information:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu-flip/>

### Enrolment on-going for 2024

Enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology is still on-going until the end of January. The Certificate and Diploma in Christian Studies are also accepting enrolment for 2024. Semester starts on 19 February 2024.

For courses offered on campus, online and each diocese, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables).

To enrol, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply).