

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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Please note that the office will be closed every Wednesday morning between 10.a.m. and 12.p.m for staff meetings.

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

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

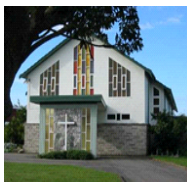
Weekday Masses

Wed: 12.05pm
Fri: 12.05pm
Sat: 8.30am

Immaculate Conception

Paki Paki

Sunday Mass
8.00am



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

17th March 2024

Reflection for Today

The raising of Lazarus is a revival or return to his own life. Therefore, it is not the same as the resurrection of Jesus. Lazarus eventually died, as we all will, and relies on the risen Lord for his participation in eternal life, when all things will be restored. This sign, like all of those in John's gospel, points to the truth about Jesus: "But these (the signs) are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name." (Jn 20: 31) The purpose of us listening to the Word is not recreation, amusement or academic interest, it is a living Word that calls forth a response of belief in Jesus Christ just as Jesus' conversation with Martha asks for faith in him. Let our response, together with the catechumens and candidates preparing to come into the Catholic Church be: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." (Jn 11: 27)

Fr. Marcus Francis

FEAST OF ST JOSEPH - 19th March

Who was Joseph historically? He was the son of Jacob of the House of David, husband of Mary of Nazareth and foster father of Jesus. He was a skilled carpenter and a righteous man who honoured the Law. Although the Scriptures do not record anything he ever said, there are several accounts of what he did to safeguard the infant Christ and to provide for Him and for the Virgin Mother. Jesus first understood God as a loving Father through Joseph.



Pope Francis writes this of him: "I have a great love for St Joseph, because he is a man of silence and strength. When I have a difficulty I write a little note and put it under an image of St Joseph. I tell him, "Pray for this problem." There is nothing we can ask him that he's not willing to answer. **Go to Joseph for everything** because he knows about every sphere of family life. We can also turn to him as the patron saint of a happy death.

Based on material in The Essential Bible Dictionary and the Marist Messenger.

Readings Year A:

17th March - 5th Sunday in Lent

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-30

24th March - Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 - 15:47;

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

HOLY HOUR, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : SPC every Wednesday 7pm-8pm

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: SPC every Friday at 6.00p.m.

Week FIVE (Time for Sacrifice)

In the Gospel reading for the fifth week of Lent, Jesus tells a crowd about His upcoming sacrifice and leaves a challenge to all believers. This theme of sacrifice is seen in the work of Caritas, and evident in the story of the Phea family from Cambodia, who have made enormous sacrifices which have brought them to where they are today. To learn more, or support Caritas' Lent appeal visit Caritas.org.nz.

MASS OF THE OILS

Mass of the Oils will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North on Tuesday 26 March at 12.05pm. Any singers who want to join in the choir at the Chrism Mass are most welcome. If you can participate, please rsvp to music@pncathedral.or.nz and they will email the music for the Mass. It would be wonderful to have representation from the wider Diocese. Also, if you require transport, please contact the office.

Ecumenical Walk – Good Friday 29th March

We will gather at St Mathew's Anglican church (Hastings) at 10am for our ecumenical walk. All are welcome. For further information, please contact Jill Frizzell on 027 246 7400.

The Time is Now! Ko tenei tonu te Wā! The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive! Lenten Giving Envelopes for the **Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024** have been distributed throughout the communities. This year, we are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/24 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/25 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 27 March after 1pm and will reopen Tuesday 2 April. If you wish to place an article in our Easter newsletter, please have it to the office by Monday 25 March midday. Any important notices will be put on social media.

There will be a Mass celebrating the feast of St Patrick at Our Lady of Lourdes church at 9am on Monday 18 March.

Lenten Rite II in CPOH

There will be no adoration on Wednesday 20th of March at St Peter Chanel, instead, there will be Rites II Reconciliation at 7:00pm on that night. There will be 6 priests available for Reconciliation. Parishioners are encouraged to go to reconciliation to prepare for Easter Celebration.



Easter Triduum Celebrations

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm - Sacred Heart

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm Service

Our Lady of Lourdes
St Peter Chanel
Sacred Heart

EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 pm

Sacred Heart
No Saturday Vigil at SPC

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am – Sacred Heart
9:30am – Our Lady of Lourdes
10.30am – St Peter Chanel
No 5.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart



YOUTH CORNER

Tēnā koutou katoa and welcome to your youth corner. Last Sunday, 9th March, we were fortunate to have Fr Vijay as our speaker for the night where he spoke from his experiences, skills, knowledge and understanding of how the bread and wine transformed into the Body and Precious Blood of Christ. The theme "PERFECTION THROUGH IMPERFECTION - HOW WE ACCESS THE EUCHARIST". He shared that by transubstantiation, the gifts of the bread and wine are transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ at every Mass. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Catholic faith, revere and honor the sacrament, and appreciate the priesthood which makes it possible.

Today, we will have our last Life Night on our first series, "HERE AND NOW -THE EUCHARIST".

Theme: TWO EQUALS ONE - THE WEDDING FEAST OF THE HOLY LAMB.

Goal: For everyone to understand that the Eucharist celebration of Mass is more than a ritual but a ceremony in which we become one with God and are empowered to live sanctified lives that bear fruit for the world.

A huge thank you to all those generous supporters of our youth ministry in multiple ways. Thank you to our seminarian Nigel for coming on board to support and families for supporting your young people to be part of this journey. May you all have a great week and be blest always.

Life Teen Hastings Core Team.



GOSPEL OF MARK WORKSHOP 2, with Sarah Hart
7pm to 9pm in the Mission Centre on Monday 18th March.
Register with Steph in the parish office or Diana Jennings 022 651 0946.

KPF Mission Ministries along with **The Catholic Parish of Hastings** have organised a **Lenten Retreat** for everyone on the 23rd of March 2024 Saturday at Sacred Heart Mission Centre between 8am and 5pm. Morning tea & lunch will be served. Registration starts at 8am. A series of Lenten themed talks will be provided by different speakers. Each participant will be assigned to their own small group after each talk and will be given enough time for personal reflection & reconciliation in preparation for the Holy Mass.

Our Lady of Lourdes general clean of church and grounds on Saturday 23rd March, start at 9am. Many hands make light work.
Please come join us.

FAREWELL PAT AND HILTON TAYLOR

We would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Pat and Hilton for their contribution to our Parish over the years. Pat was fully involved in our Parish, being a reliable volunteer involved with Madonna Maria church, Minister of Communion, counter, and minute taker for the Liturgy committee. You will be sorely missed and wish you well in your new Parish in Taupo.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Lorna Woodham, Terry Durney,
Maureen Horsefield, Colleen Taylor,
Diana Helm, Bronwyn Durney, Patricia Bowen



Please pray for the Souls of:

Patrick & Alice Morris, Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A10/01,
John A Sullivan, Lewis Caldwell (husband of Trish) A10/2,
John Francis Pyke, Grace Cullinane A7/3, Graham Hill A23/3.

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and communities who are sick especially:

Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the St Vincent de Paul, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Mark Rice, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Maree McCracken, Livia Bairstow, Fr. David Gledhill, Elaine Campbell, Jaimee Gregory, Catherine Guilford, Kristen Hay, Beverley Morley, 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, Grant Evans, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Fiona Millar, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, Gavin Noonan, Mark Urlich (USA), Fr Larry Barnett, Brian & Pauline Groves, Anne O'Kane, Epi Timu, Bernadette & Ross Chilton, Carol & Lawrie Wagnor (Aust), Sue Godyre, Morgan Flynn, John Marryatt, Ann Amoravet, Kerry Walsh (Australia), Henry Crichton, John Anderson, Veronica Telford, Vincenza Ercolano, John Moriarty, Brian McFlynn, David Charles Brace, Diana Jennings, Joy Payne, Carolyn McCormick.

We will continue to pray for all our parishioners who are unwell and in rest homes.

As from April we will be updating our 'Prayers for the Sick'. If you wish to remain on the list please contact the Parish office.

St. Vincent de Paul

1. Thank you for the huge increase in your Sunday food offerings – are we getting back to Pre Covid times?
2. 7 boxes of food delivered last week, 7 this week.
3. We supply "the homeless" members with "boxes" of food in the first week of each month.
4. We spent over \$28,000 on food purchases last year, due to our wonderful regular donors – singular donations and Cyclone Gabrielle funds.
5. We are short of these supplies – noodles, biscuits, tins of fish, tomatoes chopped and sauce. We welcome any basic food items.

Thank you, SVDP Team.

ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are thrilled to announce that St. Joseph's Waipukurau will be joining us at St. Joseph's School Hastings to celebrate St. Joseph's Day 2024. Our day will start with Mass, followed by Tabloid Sports and a Tug-o-War while St. Joseph's Waipukurau will swim. As we honour St. Joseph - Patron Saint of workers and protector of the family it is a perfect opportunity for our schools to come together in unity and fellowship. Parent/Teacher interviews will also be taking place on Monday 18th/Tuesday 19th March. Saint Joseph pray for us and guide us in all that we do.

Aaron O'Neill - Principal

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

This week our senior canoe polo team participated in the national tournament held in Palmerston North. We had a visit from an award-winning New Zealand poet, Te Kahu Rolleston, who ran a poetry workshop with Y12 and Y13 students on Thursday. Our 1st XI cricketers were in action during the week and the weekend, so far winning three out of three games. Again, we extend an invitation to members of our community to join us for Mass in our school chapel on a Tuesday at 1:20 pm.

Conor Bolton - DRS

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

Our Senior A Futsal team took the title in the final of the Hawke's Bay Futsal Challenge Cup on Sunday, playing a strong game against Havelock North High School to win 4 – 0. Congratulations to them all. Next week they travel to Wellington to compete in the New Zealand National Futsal Championship. This week our leaders will travel with Mrs Neville-Foster to the RNDM leaders retreat in Waikanae. They will spend 2 days connecting with other RNDM schools and learning more about the charisma of Euphrasie Barbier and the leadership shown by Mary the Mother of Jesus. We pray for safe travels for all our staff, students, and whanau as they journey around the country. 10.00am on Sunday 24th March we have our St Johns and Sacred Heart College combined Mass at St Patrick's Church.

God bless, Maria Neville-Foster - Principal

Good Friday Collection – 29th March 2024

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land.

Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year, it is very much appreciated.

Easter Sunday Special Collection – 31st March 2024

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and the care that they receive. Your support and help is always appreciated!

If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes in the foyer of each church or you can credit our bank account.

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Please include your name.

Hopefully all parishioners are alert to the impending conclusion of the 2023 financial year and that donations to the parish can receive a 33% rebate from the government. The parish is grateful for all your hard work, ministries and generous contributions that make CPH such a vibrant parish. Nevertheless, I would like to remind everyone of the following:

1. Being on automatic payment and/or donating by planned giving envelopes is the best way to generate a receipt for tax purposes.
2. One off payment to the parish can receive a receipt and will be treated as planned to give which includes 27% that goes towards the Clergy Trust Fund.
3. Specified donations, for example, for the Hastings Catholic Youth, also obtain receipts but do not provide the 27%.
4. Cash is still welcome, and the collection basket is handed around to express our solidarity as we support the parish which is owned by us all.
5. It is an option to re-donate your tax rebate back to the parish - this is much appreciated.
6. Inflation, as we can see everywhere, eats into the value of your donations. Please consider a small increase to your automatic payment and/or envelope giving.
7. Please do not forget about the special appeals which turn up from time to time, such as the collection for the Holy Places on Good Friday.
8. The Easter and Christmas collections go to the Clergy trust Fund which sustains the clergy of the diocese. If you wish to make a gift to an individual priest or deacon, you will need to do this in person.
9. Mass intentions, which bind a donor to the Mass in a special way by having it offered for his or her specific intentions, can be for the living or the dead. A financial offering is not essential; however, it is customary. The sum of \$10 for a Mass intention is considered suitable.
10. Please consider putting CPH in your will for a part of your estate. This, again, would be much appreciated.