

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. Marcus Francis (On leave) **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Trung Nguyen 0220626726

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Our Lady of Lourdes

85 Te Mata Rd
Havelock North



Sunday Mass
9.30am

Weekday Masses

Mon: 9.00am-Liturgy

Tues: 9.00am

Wed: 9.00am – Mass

Thurs: 9.30am

Fri: 9am-Exposition 10am-Liturgy

Sat: 9.00am – Liturgy

St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd
Hastings



Vigil Sat: 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Weekday Masses

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



Reflection for Today

The sign that God revealed to us on this 4th Sunday of Advent is highly significant. God's choice of the Messiah was from the house of David, however, Mary's child belongs **to all nations**, so we all form part of the nation. This is through **God's love**, and God's **invitation to share** in Christ's heritage. Therefore, Christ is coming for the sake of **all of us**.

In the **first reading**, God gave us the greatest and most definitive signs about the Messiah. It is important to note that this sign was given to King Ahaz only after he **humbled** himself by refusing to put God to test.

Both the **second reading** and the **gospel** of today are the story about the birth and life of Christ. They remind us the signs that God gave to us, through the prophets, (that is, the signs which are the foundation of our hope this season), are not **empty words**, rather they are **true and fulfilled in Christ**.

The lessons here include that, **firstly**, we must **allow** God to be God without trying to assume/ take over him. **Secondly**, we must learn to **trust** in God's judgment and His good will for us. **Thirdly**, we need **not** run after signs anymore because God has given us the **fullness of revelation in Jesus Christ**. The **fourth**, if we **humble** ourselves God will reveal to us, "the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ" (Eph 1, 9).

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 for Next Sunday: Year A:
The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME...

ADORATION: Madonna Tuesdays 9am—1pm
BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a priest.
BENEDICTION & Exposition: SH Fridays 11am
CHOIR PRACTICE: SH Thursdays 5.30p.m. NEW MEMBERS WANTED!
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
HOSPITAL SINGING: Hospital main entrance 2nd Sunday 6pm
 (on hold)
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, except
 Thurs 8.45am
MORNING TEA: SH Wednesdays 10-11.45am All welcome. Bring a friend
RECONCILIATION: SH - Friday 11.30am, Saturday 8.30am
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
YOUNG ADULTS: Mission Centre. 1st & 3rd Sunday after 5.30pm Mass

The Catholic Parish of Hastings
Christmas Mass Times

ST. PETER CHANEL CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 6.00pm
 (Carols from 5.30pm)
 Christmas Day 10.30am

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Vigil Mass (Carols from 10.30pm) 11.00pm
 Christmas Day (Carols from 8.30am) 9.00am
 No Christmas evening Mass
 New Year's Day - Sunday 9.00am

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 7.00pm
 (Carols from 6.30pm)
 Christmas Day 9.30am
 (Carols from 8.30am)

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 10.00pm
 No Christmas Day Mass

WAIMARAMA 9.00am



Health & Safety Section:-

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



SVDP Council thanks our Parish for their wonderful support with our Christmas Project. Your generosity has enabled us to provide 70 Christmas boxes, 60 Care packages, 20 bereavement gifts, and 40 gifts for our Communion ministers to give those they visit in the rest homes and homes. Your contributions of Christmas gifts will be welcomed by the many families who receive them. May God bless you and your families for your wonderful support throughout 2022.

The Avenue Road shop will be open on Saturday mornings, pre Christmas, from 10.00 am –12.00pm. We will close for the holiday break, at 12 noon, on 21st December and reopen on 24th January. If you have donations for St. Vincent de Paul please contact the shop when it reopens in January.

URGENT -Do you know of anyone who can provide a lock up shed for our small truck? We have limited storage at our Hastings shop and need the space to display our stock. If you can help please contact the Hastings shop.

We wish you a Holy and Happy Christmas, and every blessing for the coming year.

SVDP Team

The Parish Office will be closed, for a well earned break, from midday Wednesday, 21st December 2022 and will re-open on Monday, 16th January 2023.

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

Christmas Dues Special Collection

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Christmas Dues/Offerings collection. The "special" planned giving envelopes gifted on Christmas Day belong to this collection. The money is then given to the Clergy Trust Fund to help support the priests serving in the parishes of the Diocese as well as retired priests. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer or alternatively please pay by direct credit (**BNZ 02-0630- 0288045-023**) and add your name and Dues number as references. Your support and help is always appreciated!

We are pleased to have seminarian **Dung (Zung) Phan** with us over the holiday period. Dung is in his first year at the Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland. Please continue to pray for him and for more vocations for our diocese.



TO ALL OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Please pencil in this date - **Saturday, 28th January 2023.** To show our gratitude for all you do for our parish, a Mass will be celebrated at St. Peter Chanel church at 11.00am., followed by a shared BBQ lunch. We look forward to seeing you all there.

thank you

YOUTH CORNER

Thank you so much for all the donations and support given to us towards our Christmas concert. Even though the weather wasn't on our side, this did not stop us and moved into the church. Everyone who attended had a great night and enjoyed themselves. We will announce the total raised once confirmed.

A big thank you to Father Trung and Fr Marcus for all the support, prayers and guidance you have given towards our youth. It means so much to our youth team and young people. We appreciate all you do for us. Thank you to all our wonderful and amazing young people for the time and commitment you have shown over the past year and for everything you do for the youth group. We, as a team and parish, are truly blessed and proud to be apart of your faith journey and appreciate your hard work and service within our church community.

Lastly, our thoughts and prayers are with Father Anthony's family and friends here in New Zealand and Myanmar. Father Anthony was an inspiration to our young people and our youth team and we thank him for all his support, guidance and prayers. We will miss you Fr Anthony and will continue to pray for you. May you rest in eternal love and peace. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. God Bless from the Youth Team.



WEDNESDAY MORNING CUPPA at Sacred Heart Gathering Space 10.00am– 11:45am Time to get together with others to enjoy a muffin or a biscuit, to celebrate the birthdays. All welcome. Our last gathering for 2022 will be on 21st December and restart in February (date to be advised)



2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available at the Parish office and on sale after Mass at S.H.C., S.P.C. and O.L.O.L. churches. \$12.00. No eftpos available.



Thank you to FujiFilm for sponsoring our Christmas newsletter in colour.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Rev Michael McVerry SM, Josephine (Jo) Brady, Stanley Fincham, Marilyn Nesbit, Joan Robinson (Auckland), Sue Slade (Peter Slade's sister), David Ingram, Maria Atanikakia. Fr. Anthony Htun, Dot Rae, Laurie Cantwell.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Margaret Doggett & her deceased family members, Durney family and Byford family, Francis McGrath A29/11, deceased members of the Easton and Bailey families, Jim Elliston, Helena McEntee A21/12, Bryan Yates A21/12, Frank Percy A 21/12, Brian Fennessy A15/12, Mary Sullivan A27/12, deceased members Pollard & Sullivan family, Toni Molloy A26/12, Nola & Laurie Maloney, Ivy & Patrick Carroll, Alice & Pat Morris, Catherine & Bert King, Brian Epplett, Ollie & Ernie Epplett, Michael & Dora Cowan, Maloney family. Francis & May Seed, John & Lorraine Seed A22/12, Fearn family.

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, Lily Walsh, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, John Janssen, 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, James Minehan, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan, Mike Timu, Rita Yule, Tovi'o Levy, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Lorna Woodham. Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Rawinia Barlow, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Patricia Bot,

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.

STILL YOUNG AT HEART

The (sometimes young) Christian Mothers group which met regularly through the '70s and '80s is planning to have a gathering in March 2023. If you were a member of this group or know someone who was, we would really appreciate hearing from you particularly if you have details of anyone who has moved from Hastings. To register your interest or to pass on information, please call or message: Carol Wahl 8782945 or Marie Russell 0211232828 or russell.m503@gmail.com. Confirmed date and venue will be advised when we have an idea of the number involved.

Christmas Messages 2022

Many families and friends gather at this time of the year to show their love for each other, however, as people of faith, we need to remember the 'reason for the season'. We have been caught up with different things such as buying presents and food, planning the holiday, and decorating the house. We sometimes forget the real meaning of Christmas, "the celebration of the Incarnation of the Son of God".

Throughout this year, we may have experienced some difficulties in our lives. For our parish, it is still a shock with the death of Fr. Anthony. Those moments of life raise a big question for us all: What is the meaning of our lives? Perhaps we need to spend more time looking within, experiencing the love that people have for us through their presence. We need to be grateful for the gift of life, of our faith, of families and friends around us. The Christmas message proclaimed to the shepherds, the three kings, and all of us that we are not alone in the world and that "God is with us". He shares our joys and our sorrows, supports us and helps us when we feel we have failed, and lifts us when we fall. He accepts us and forgives us when we have sinned. Christmas reminds us that Christ, Son of God, was born of the Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the Father. He continues to invite us to come and experience His love and mercy for us in the Mass and sacraments. God will fill us with his peace if there is room in our lives for Him. I want to say many thanks to all the people who contributed, in different ways, to the life of the parish over the year. Thanks for all your support, caring, loving, and help in my ministry. Please continue to pray for me, to be worthy of my call to serve the people who the Lord entrusted to me. Be assured of my prayers for you all.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

God bless you

Fr Trung Nguyen

It has been a difficult year indeed. Firstly, the sudden passing of our Parish Administrator, Fr Anthony. May his soul rest in peace. Secondly, the illness of my dad in Samoa. For that, I humbly extend my gratitude to our priests, Fr Marcus & Fr Trung and our parishioners for all your prayers & well wishes whilst I was absent from the office. I believe by the love of God and the birth of Jesus Christ for this festive season, we will all find comfort, peace, forgiveness, joy and love in our hearts.

Ia mau e outou uma se Kerisimasi Fiafia ma se Tausaga Fou Manuia.

Soifua,

Steph Levy (Parish Secretary)

Thank you to everyone for your support and kindness over the last year. I am blessed to work in such a caring environment.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Jean-Ann Ferguson (Finance & Property Administrator)

A season of hope, a season of love, and a season of blessings. May the Divine Light of Christmas shine in your life this season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New year. " [Ko e taimi 'o e 'Amanaki, ko e taimi 'o e 'Ofa, mo e taimi 'o e Tapuaki. Fakatauange ke huhulu mai e maama faka-'Otua 'o e Kilisimasi, 'o nofo 'i ho mou mo'ui lolotonga 'a e taimi ko 'eni. Fakamonu'ia'i atu e Kilisimasi pea ke mou ma'u ha ta'u fo'ou fiefia foki.]

'Ofa lahi atu mo e hufaki;

Rev. Deacon Tevita Faka'osi

2022 has been a year of ups and downs. The passing of my mother in September, and then Fr. Anthony, made me realise the importance of my faith and being part of this community.

I have a new hat now -Parish administrator, gardener, and in the past few weeks, relieving secretary. I have enjoyed being back, playing different roles in the Parish community. I wish to thank you all for your prayers and support over the last couple of challenging years for me and wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Trish Sharp

It has been an extremely busy year, especially with the Life Teen programme which was very beneficial for our young people. Thank you to the Parish team and the Youth team for your support over the year, as we could not do this without you. I wish you and your families a safe and joyful festive season. God bless and see you in 2023.

Faaki Tuanaki (Youth Minister)

