

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



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### 18th February 2024



## Reflection for Today



One of the key words in today's gospel is "repent" which in Hebrew is *shuv* meaning to "turn around." That if, as we hear in the Second Reading: "Christ suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God." (1 Pt 3:1:18), what is my response? What is the correct course of action to take? Once I take on board the offer of salvation, made to me in Christ Jesus, a primary emotion I should feel is gratitude. This manifests itself primarily in Eucharist. To gather for Eucharist is to give praise and thanks to God. Such gratitude results in a desire to conform myself to Christ Jesus and imitate him in his love. The sacramental mode for implementing this is baptism: "Baptism, which this (the ark) prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience through the resurrection of Jesus Christ..." (1 Pt 3: 21) Let us, this Lent, renew our baptism relationship with Jesus Christ and deepen our experience of the Mass so that the grace and love of God may be made ever more powerful in us.

Fr. Marcus Francis

A letter received from Bishop John Adams, to commemorate the first anniversary of Cyclone Gabriel, can be viewed on the Catholic Parish of Hasting's website, under News and Links, or copies can be obtained from the church foyers.

A Lenten message from His Holiness Pope Francis can also be viewed online, or copies available in the church foyers.

## Readings Year B:

**18th February -1st Sunday in Lent**

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**25th February -2nd Sunday of Lent**

Gen 22;1-2,9-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk9;2-10

### 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 6.30p.m.– 7.30p.m.

**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.

**SYNODAL MEETINGS OVER LENT, hosted by the ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP to be held at the Mission Centre.**

**Please join us.**

**Topic: The Treaty.**

Wednesday 21 February 7pm-8pm,  
followed by refreshments/informal discussion.

**Topic: War in the Holy Land.**

Wednesday 28 February 7pm-8pm,  
followed by refreshments/informal discussion.

**Topic: Climate Change.**

Wednesday 6 March 7pm-8pm,  
followed by refreshments/informal discussion.

**Topic: Poverty and homelessness.**

Wednesday 13 March 7pm-8pm,  
followed by refreshments/informal discussion.



**RESOURCE FOR LENT:** A copy of "The Little Black Book" for Lent is available to view in the parish office. This is an excellent way to enrich your Lenten journey – easy to read and just six minutes a day. We have one extra copy for purchase (\$9.00) or order through Pleroma Christian Bookshop.



**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 today at Mass. 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

### **Week One (Time for Preparation)**

In the Gospel reading for the first week of Lent, we begin in the desert with Jesus and His forty days of preparation. We are reminded of the importance of preparation through Caritas' work in Kiribati involving climate change adaptation and the work of Health Champions, fostering health and wellbeing in vulnerable communities.

To learn more, or support Caritas' Lent appeal visit [Caritas.org.nz](http://Caritas.org.nz)

**Lenten Reflection Programme.** If you would like to host a Lenten Reflection Group, it is not too late. Please contact Steph at the office for more information. Groups meet once a week at a time to suit you. All resources will be supplied.

**Lenten Reflection Programme – Sacred Heart church.** A Lenten Reflection Group gather on Tuesday mornings between 10am –11.00am. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Richard Jennings on 0226510946

### **Lenten Reflection Programme**

It is not too late to join our Lenten Reflection Group on Thursday mornings between 10am –11.00am. at 3/907 Dufferin Street, Hastings. Phone Janet 06 876 8682 or text 0210751149. Do come along.

We would love for you to join us.

## YOUTH CORNER

Kia ora e te whanau and a warm welcome to our youth corner. We all enter into the Lenten season with grateful hearts for God's endless mercy on us sinners.

Last Sunday was our first gathering for this year and was a successful one. Young people were very excited to have Fr Marcus join us at our meal time after Mass. We would like to express our gratitude to both our priests, Fr Marcus and Fr Vijay, for all their support in many ways.

On Friday, our Youth Team and Fr Vijay took our youth group for a walk up Te Mata Peak. The goal is to do the Stations of the Cross as we walked up and down, as well as reflect on the Passion of our Lord. If you wish to join us next Friday, please let us know and you are welcome to participate in this event during Lent.

Today, we are starting our first Series for this year which is known as "HERE AND NOW", A Life Night Series on the Eucharist.

**Theme:** "BEGIN AT THE END"  
Why God Humbled Himself in the Eucharist.

**Goal:** Begin at the End is for the teens to understand why God humbled Himself in choosing to come to us and remain with us sacramentally in the Eucharist.

Wishing you all a blessed journey during this wonderful season.



### PARISH MUSIC MEETING

A meeting will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> March at St Peter Chanel Hall, 10.00.a.m. It will commence with a tea, coffee and bikkies followed by the meeting at 10.30a.m. All parishioners – priests, musicians, cantors, and all those involved or interested, are invited to attend. If you have any suggestions for our agenda, please contact the Parish office or Moira Begley on 877 0437.



### NEWSLETTER REFLECTIONS

Inquiries have been received regarding who writes the reflections written for the Sunday bulletin. These are intended to give an insight into the Scriptures of the day given by the clergy in their homilies and are usually done by the clergy of the parish. It is a form of preaching which is open to lay people. Gwen Mardle kindly responded to Fr Paul Finlayson's invitation to assist in this aspect of the bulletin and will continue to do so. The reflection is also an opportunity for catechesis, teaching in the faith, to deepen everyone's understanding of our Catholic practices and traditions. To this end, a number of reflections will address various aspects of the Mass as we progress through 2024.

Fr Marcus writes a Scripture reflection every week and occasionally for other special occasions. Sometimes these are published in the Sunday bulletin and sometimes not. If you wish to access all of his reflections they are available at: [My Weekly Blurb - Scripture for Today \(marcusfrancis.blogspot.com\)](http://myweeklyblurb-scripturefortoday.blogspot.com)

## WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Recently Deceased:

Benni Noetzli, Betty Sullivan, Jock McLaughlan, Bryan Tutty, Tom O'Connor. Thomas Ferguson, Lorna Woodham, Terry Durney, Maureen Horsefield, Colleen Taylor, Diana Helm, Bronwyn Durney.



### 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.

**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, 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, Laretta 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 Ulrich (USA), Fr Larry Barnett, Brian & Pauline Groves, Anne O'Kane, Epi Timu, Barbie Tarrega, Bernadette & Ross Chilton, Carol & Lawrie Wagner (Aust), Sue Godyre, Morgan Flynn, John Maryatt, Ann Amoravet, Kerry Walsh (Australia), Henry Crichton, John Anderson, Veronica Telford, Vincenza Ercolano.

### HOUSE VISITS FROM FR. VIJAY

Father Vijay would like to get to know our parishioners. If you would like a visit from Fr. Vijay please contact the office to arrange a suitable time.

### INTENT TO MARRY

Vanderlei Júnior and Patricia Vilela have announced their intention to marry on May 4, 2024, in Brazil. We congratulate them on this happy news. If anyone in this parish is aware of an impediment to this marriage taking place please notify Fr. Marcus Francis as soon as possible.

Please keep in your prayers our **RCIA** catechumens: Christian Chesswas, Tira Douglas, Neila Finlayson and Sue Tuliau and our candidates: Carteney Finlayson, Anthony Gilbert and Sian Remnant as they continue their journey to becoming Catholic. They will be receiving the Rite of Welcoming and Enrolment of Names at the Cathedral today.

## ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

A warm welcome to our 22 new students who have started with us last week!

May your time at St. Joseph's be filled with love, laughter and learning. We also welcome to our school community our two new staff members Mrs Angela Broome and Mr Sean Boston. We look forward to sharing the gifts and talents that you will bring to our school. Events coming up include a visit to Toitoti 16 Feb to hear the Navy Band, School Swimming Sports 19 Feb, and Tabloid Sports with St. Mary's 23 Feb.

God bless

Aaron O'Neill, Principal

## ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

After the busy activity of the first couple of weeks, things are beginning to settle down. This week saw the beginning of Lent which we celebrated with an Ash Wednesday liturgy where our students had the opportunity to understand the meaning and importance of Lent and also receive the ashes. At the same time we remembered those in our community whose lives were devastated 12 months ago by Cyclone Gabrielle. Our students wore black and white as a sign of solidarity with those affected.

On Thursday we had our athletic sports which was held at the Hastings Sports Park. The weather was fine and a great day was had by all. Conor Bolton (DRS)

## SACRED HEART COLLEGE

So much happening this week at our beautiful school on Mataruahou.

As we begin lent we marked Ash Wednesday with a school liturgy in our school gym. We also acknowledged the one year anniversary of Cyclone Gabrielle with a minutes silence to remember and pray for those who were affected.

On Thursday & Friday some of our year 11 drama students took part in the Matauranga Hikoi.

We're excited for our EIT Trades Academy students who start their respective courses out at EIT on Friday. Here they're able to have a taste of tertiary education while still attending school and also gaining valuable credits towards NCEA. Our attending students will study Animal Care Level 2, Hair & Beauty and Building & Construction Level 2.

Congratulations to our students who received 5 scholarships this year: Michaela Wilson (Classical studies), Eva Wright (Painting and Photography) Cara Kuzman/Tamar Aiken (Geography). We are delighted for you and your teachers on this outstanding achievement!

Pop it in your calendar, we have our combined St Johns & Sacred Heart College leaders Mass at Pakipaki, 8am on the 25<sup>th</sup> February.

God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster - Principal

### 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

8:00am – Pakipaki  
9:00am – Sacred Heart  
9:30am – Our Lady of Lourdes  
10.30am – St Peter Chanel.  
No 5.30p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart



## DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

*In the words of Pope Francis*

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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### HOLY WEEK -Please join us in Prayer

During Holy week **morning prayer** will be held at **Sacred Heart church** commencing 9.00a.m. and **evening prayer** at **St Peter Chanel** from 7.00p.m.

**HOLY WEEK** -The Parish office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. If you wish to advertise in our Easter newsletter, please ensure you have your article in early.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Don't carry your mistakes with you. Instead, place them under your feet and use them as stepping stones to rise above them.