

## 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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### Office hours:

Monday - Friday 9.00a.m - 1.00p.m.



**Our Lady of  
Lourdes**  
85 Te Mata Rd  
Havelock North

**Sunday Mass**  
9.30am

**Weekday  
Masses**

**Mon** 9am -  
Liturgy  
**Tues** 9am  
**Wed** 9am -  
Mass  
**Thurs** 9.30am  
**Fri** 9am -  
Exposition  
10am-Liturgy  
**Sat** 9am -  
Liturgy



**Immaculate  
Conception**

Paki Paki

**Sunday Mass**  
8am

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

### 19th December 2021

## Reflection for Today

The Gospel today tells us about the visit of the Virgin Mary to her cousin Elizabeth. This visit took place a short time after the "Incarnation of the Word of God" in Mary. It was the Angel Gabriel who invited Mary to visit her cousin, who was six months pregnant at the time. The Angel told Mary about the pregnancy of her cousin Elizabeth.

The beginning of the Gospel today tells us that "Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste" (Lk 1: 39). Mary was fully aware of the task given to her by God and prepared for her mission. As the Mother of God, the mission was to bring into the world a child who is God in person. Mary was in a hurry to see her cousin, bringing Jesus to them. The Gospel told us that Elizabeth recognised something great as soon as Mary entered the house of Zechariah and greeted her. Though both women are with child in their womb, it is Mary who takes the initiative to visit Elizabeth. In a sense, this is right and proper because Mary is the younger of the two. On the other hand, we know that the status of Mary is higher because she bears within her the Son of God. This is an act of humility that we can learn from our Lady as well as our Lord. We all know that Jesus said in the gospel "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20: 28). Through this gospel we can say that Jesus did it even before He is born. It is through serving that the world recognise Jesus as Lord. Just like Mary, we have received Christ through the Eucharist, therefore we have been asked to bring Him to the world, to our societies and our families.

**Fr. Trung Nguyen**



**St. Peter  
Chanel**  
817 Gordon Rd.  
Hastings

**Vigil Sat:**  
5.30pm

**Sunday Mass**  
10.30am

**Weekday Mass**  
**Tues** - 5.30pm  
**Thurs** - 5.30pm



**Sacred Heart**  
425 Heretaunga  
St East, Hastings

**Sunday Mass**  
9:00am  
5.30pm

**Weekday  
Masses**

**Wed** - 12.05pm  
**Fri** - 12.05pm  
**Sat** 8.30am

### PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Marcus Francis (On leave)  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Trung Nguyen ph.0220626726  
**Parish Secretary:** Steph Levy 0226317045  
**Hospital Chaplain:**

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Anthony Htun ph. 0273373356  
**Deacon:** Tevita Faka'osi ph. 0272757086  
**Finance & Property Administrator:** Jean-Ann Ferguson 0272448126  
**Youth Ministry:** Faaki Tuanaki ph. 0211644218  
**Passionist Family Co-Ordinators:** Graeme & Margaret Armstrong ph. 8777758

**Readings for Next Sunday: Year C:**  
**The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52;

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME...**

**ADORATION: Madonna** Tuesdays 9am—1pm  
**LOL** Fridays 9am

**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: Mission Centre** (room to left of front door). Wednesdays 7-8 pm. All welcome. 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

**MARIST THIRD ORDER: SH,** (room off Day Chapel) 1st Sunday of the month, 2pm.

**MARK'S GOSPEL STUDY: 60 Reynolds Rd., Havelock Nth**  
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 7.30pm Ring Diana 0226510946  
**(Resumes 8th February 2022)**

**MORNING PRAYER : SH Day Chapel** Mon-Fri 9am, except  
 Thurs 8.45am

**MORNING TEA: SH** Wednesdays 10-11.45am All welcome. Bring a friend  
**(on hold until Level 1)**

**RECONCILIATION: SH** - Friday 11.30am, Saturday 8.30am  
**SPC** - Saturday 5pm OR by appointment  
**LOL** - Wednesday 9.30am

**ROSARY: LOL** - 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

**Bishops believe parishes will welcome four-month local Synod extension**

The bishops believe dioceses and parishes will be welcoming the Vatican's four-month extension for the local phase of the Synod process. The deadline of the first (local) phase of the two-year international synodal process has been extended from next April to next 15 August. NZCBC Secretary Bishop Steve Lowe says the original timeframe was difficult for Southern Hemisphere countries because of our summer holiday period, with the Covid-19 restrictions making face-to-face contact hard. More information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/local-synod-timing/>



Please note there will be a Mass on Christmas Day at 9.00am Waimarama. Fr Mike Muller will be the celebrant.

**Christmas Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

To ensure a place in our Christmas newsletter, articles need to be into the office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Health & Safety Section:-**

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

**HEALTH AND SAFETY REFRESHER**

Please take note of the EXIT signs as you enter the church. Church aisles are to remain clear always during Mass.

**Emergency Procedures**

Evacuate the premises on the sound of an alarm or when instructed. Please familiarise yourself with all exits and assembly points. Assemble at the Assembly point until dismissed by your warden who will be your Priest or Mass Co-Ordinator.

**Accidents and Incidents.**

Accidents and incidents are to be reported to Mass Coordinator as soon as possible after they occur and are to be recorded in the Accident/Incident Log.

First Aid kit available in all churches. The location of kits are marked on church layout plan situated in church foyers.

**COVID REQUIREMENTS**

On arrival at Mass, please ensure you have your vaccine passport available, use your contact tracer APP/manual sign in and keep your 1m distance.



It is strongly recommended for Parishioners to wear masks, as this adds an additional level of safety to our gatherings and work. Our Priests must protect themselves as much as possible. They should wear masks whenever it is appropriate to do so. All workers and volunteers who are in close proximity to parishioners should also wear masks.

As part of the Synodal process, we have had three meetings to discuss the recommended topics. Our discussions have been vibrant and stimulating, so good in fact, we are still only about halfway through. We are planning to continue meeting in 2022 with our first meeting about 20th January in the Mission Centre. This will be advertised. Please consider joining us as the submission to the Palmerston North Diocese will be made on behalf of the Catholic Parish of Hastings. Thank you to all who have participated and contributed.



Bill & Lee Pepping

**MADONNA MARIA**

Adoration will finish on December 21<sup>st</sup> and restart First Tuesday in February 2022.

Friday Mass will finish on December 17<sup>th</sup> and restart First Friday in February 2022.

Thank you to those who supported these devotions.

**FOOD FOR FAITH** offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)



## YOUTH CORNER

Kia ora everyone and welcome to our youth corner. As we come to the end of this academic year for our young people, we would like to thank all of you for your continuous prayers and support. We are very grateful for all the love and care you had shown our young people as well as the youth team. Since lockdown, we couldn't hold any youth gathering for the rest of the year. We had been praying more for our young people as they really missed the weekly gathering. Most of them found that regular gathering helped them build their confidence and found joy when they are surrounded with same age group with same mind set to learn more about their faith. We pray that next year will be a good year so we can have our teens back.



On **14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> January**, we will have our Parish Youth Camp at Tukituki Christian Camp, Haumoana. Please pray that this will go well.  
On **18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> January**, some of our young leaders will attend Life Teen Camp in Hamilton. Please pray that this youth formation event will go ahead without any interruption from this current pandemic. If you would like to sponsor or support our young people to attend any of those events, you are most welcome, and all donations can be done to the Parish Office.  
Wishing you all a blessed preparation during this Advent for the coming of the Prince of Peace.

Nga mihi nui  
**Faaki Tuanaki (Youth Minister)**



### Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert December E-News

#### **A Christmas message from Sr Margaret Anne**

As the year comes to a close, I would like to send prayerful greetings from the Sisters and thank you for your on-going prayer support, and for journeying with us in promoting the **'spirituality and good works'** of Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert. In a particularly challenging year, I would like to leave you with a reflection from Meri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert that she wrote 100 years ago but is still very relevant today: **"Let us pray today for the grace to see in others, a little of what God sees, and the grace to be able to treat them always with the respect they deserve"**. God Bless you and your loved ones this Christmas. Click the link to view video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61WNbY613ZI>

#### **NO PARKING AT NEW WORLD**

At the request of New World Management please refrain from parking at New World during the month of December. There is parking available in Eastbourne Street and in the school grounds. We thank you for your co-operation.



#### **PARKING IN FRONT OF SACRED HEART CHURCH**

It would be greatly appreciated if, when you park your car, you endeavoured to get it as **near as possible to either the wall on the right or to the wall on the left**. This will enable us all to drive in or out down the middle, and is extremely important **even when, quote, "I am stopping ONLY FOR A MINUTE"**.

## **WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:**

Terry Longley, Gary Wattie, Joyce Jillings, Janet Frizzell, Moreen Monica Joyce Hoskin, Mary Imelda Taiaroa, Andy Joseph, Lorna Walsh.



### **Please pray for the Souls of:**

David J Martin 5/11, Joan Pedersen, Doris & Walter White, Francis McGrath A 29/11, Doug Matthews and Fr Pat Cooke, Sean Pollard A 7/11, Members of Marist Third Order, Reuben and Nancy Lange and their departed siblings. William, Pattie, David and Peter O'Keefe, Nida Ricafort A15/11, Carrem Koorey, Cecilia Barnes, George Barnes, Hall Jalns, Vanessa O'Neil, All deceased members of O'Farrell family, Brian Fennessy A 15/12, Bryan Yates A 21/12, Selwyn Begley & families, Allison families, Frank Percy A 21/12, Mary Sullivan A 27/12, Deceased members of Pollard & Sullivan families, Henry & Elizabeth Avison, Leslie & Gerardene Turfey, Kerry Bernadette McInnes.

### **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 Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Lindell Collier, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldey, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Mark Lissington, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, John Janssen, Mark Rice, Noreen Pakinga (Laracy), Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Ararepa Riki, Denny Hona, Tiffany Wong, Mary Hamilton, Jan Skinners, Maree McCracken, Anthony Allen Ron, Livia Bairstow, Fr. David Gledhill, Elaine Campbell, Jaimee Gregory, Rawinia Barlow, Catherine Guilford, Eve van Bohemen, Denyse Cornelius, Kristen Hay, Leo Baltussen, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Malakai Lyford, Natalie & Reg Corbett, Lauretta Ball, Rita Yule, Louise O'Connor, Evelyn Curtin, Xavier Allen, Daniel Wiley, Joyce Dawes, Pat McGehan, Toni Molloy, Des Kavanagh.

**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.

Please save your stamps for Lepresy Mission. Just tear off envelopes, do not cut. Thank you. Two Catholic Lepresy hospitals benefit from the sale of used stamps. It can be left at Parish Office.

**There is no Tongan Mass now until February next year.**

**ADVENT PREPARATION** — Adoration and Reconciliation will be held at Our Lady Of Lourdes church from 7pm to 9pm on Wednesday 22nd December.

### Christmas Offering

There are envelopes in the foyer of each church, or you can credit our bank account. **"Catholic Parish of Hastings"** BNZ 02 0630 0288045 23. Please include your name.

**PLANNED GIVING SPECIAL ENVELOPES** - If you are paying by direct credit for your planned giving and required a pack of "Special Envelopes", please contact the Parish Office.

### **SOUND SYSTEM – SACRED HEART**

We are in need of people to operate the sound system at Sunday Mass. Full training will be given. Please contact the office if you are available.

### **VOLUNTEERS SAFEGUARDING OUR FUTURE**

*"Working Together for a Safe Church"*

Thank you to those who have completed and returned their Volunteer and Code of Conduct agreement forms. If you are a volunteer and have not completed these forms, please contact the Parish office. This is a requirement of the National Office for Professional Standards. If you are involved with children/elderly/vulnerable a police vetting form is also required, along with a copy of your driver's license or passport.

If you have any queries concerning this procedure please contact Matthew Balm, Safeguarding Officer, Diocese of Palmerston North ph. 06 3541780

We thank you for your cooperation and support to assist our Parish in becoming fully compliant with Diocese and National Policy.

### **Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy**

Muffin Talk Radio Programme recordings and video clips on religion, interfaith and community available at <https://www.studyjoy.nz/category/resources/muffin-talk/>

Interview with Pat Lythe on Synods: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/12/09/pat-lythe-on-muffin-talk/>

### **2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

Columban calendars are available at the Parish Office. \$12 each. No eftpos.



### **Christmas Cards are now on sale.**

They are packs of 8 for \$5.00 per packet. (These will need to be paid for in cash). It can be purchased from The Hastings Parish Office, the Hastings St Vincent's Shop or contact Joan Thompson 06 876 7265 at St Peter Chanel church.

### **HASTINGS PARISH**

### **SUMMER HOLIDAY MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS 2021**

<u>St Peter Chanel</u>	817 Gordon Road, Hastings
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Carols from 6.15pm)	7.00pm (PR)
<b>Christmas Day</b> (Carols from 10.00am)	10.30am (NPR)
SATURDAY VIGIL:	5.30pm (PR)
SUNDAY:	10.30am (PR)
<u>Sacred Heart</u>	425E Heretaunga St, 8787774
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Carols from 9.45pm)	5.30pm (PR) 10.30pm (PR)
<b>Christmas Day</b> (Carols from 8.15am)	9.00am (PR)
SUNDAY:	9.00am (PR) & 5.30pm (PR)
<u>Our Lady of Lourdes</u>	85 Te Mata Road, Havelock Nth
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass (Carols from 6.45pm)	7.30pm (PR)
<b>Christmas Day</b> (Carols from 8.45am)	9.30am (PR)
SUNDAY:	9.30am (PR) & 11.00am (NPR)
<u>Immaculate Conception Paki Paki</u>	
Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	10.00pm (PR)
SUNDAY:	8.00am (PR)
<u>St James Church Waimarama</u>	
Christmas Day Mass —	9.00am
*(PR) Pass Required	** (NPR) No Pass Required

**Note: These Mass Times are totally different from the original Mass timetable two weeks ago.**

### **SPC CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

We invite any parishioners to join us, to enjoy the thrill of singing and praise to Jesus at Christmas. It will held at St Peter Chanel church after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

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

The **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed, for the Christmas break, from Thursday 23rd December and will re-open on the 5th January.

### **COLLECTION OF BATTERIES for RECYCLING**

Due to Health and Safety regulations we are no longer able to have collection containers left in the church foyers. If you have batteries for recycling, please drop them at the Parish office. Please do not leave them in the foyers.