

**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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**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  
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

## 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th February 2023

### Reflection for Today

The Gospel passage today is taken from the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus spells out exactly how a true disciple should behave, and how to be true holiness. Instead of fighting back with angry words or physical violence, we must remain calm and find a better way when someone hurts us. Through the example in the gospel today, Jesus gives His new law of love, grace, forgiveness, reconciliation, and no retaliation. We admit that this is not an easy task for us to do. Jesus asks us: "be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect". This obviously is ideal and a goal to be aimed for. The perfection intended is not total perfection but rather trying hard in all the things we do with the help of God's grace. To follow Christ, we need to have a forgiving heart. Jesus demands that we should forgive, pardon, and be generous whether or not our offenders deserve it, even if we are not loved in return. He demands us to still pray for them.

When the priest adds water to the wine he prays: "By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity". This prayer reminds us of the privilege given to us all who have been called to share in that divine nature of Christ. It is just like what Jesus tells us in the gospel today, that we become perfect when we know God's will and act accordingly. We can do so because the Holy Spirit has been given to us, and He dwells within us, empowering us to do God's will. Chapter five in Lumen Gentium reminds us that "the call to holiness is not limited to any one state in life, but is indeed universal, embracing all baptised Christians. It consists in the perfection of that type of love called charity or agape. Therefore, let us ask ourselves: Do I want to be a saint?"

*Fr. Trung Nguyen*

**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:**  
**1st Sunday of Lent**  
**Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11;**

**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: 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  
**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

**First Reconciliation and First Communion**

Registrations are now open.  
Enrolments forms are available at the Catholic primary schools, Parish office and on our website, under Sacraments. Please ensure your enrolment form is handed to the office, or school, by the end of March.



Preparation for Reconciliation will commence on 30<sup>th</sup> April for 3 weeks, held at Sacred Heart church, after 9.00am Mass. 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

Preparation for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will commence 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023 with the celebration taking place on the Feast of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

For any further enquires please contact the Parish office.

**KIDS BECOMING CATHOLIC**

The programme will be run through the schools. Teenagers, outside the Catholic schools, wanting to become Catholic should contact Fr. Trung or the Parish office.

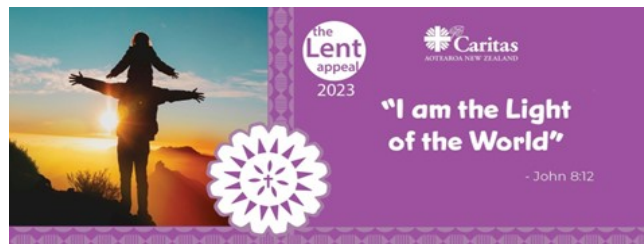
**Health & Safety Section:-**  
Please refer to noticeboards in each church

**OLOL LENTEN GROUP**

Starts on Ash Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 5.30pm, ½ hour Prayer & Readings then 1 hour Discussion. We finish at 7pm, and end on Wednesday before Holy Thursday.

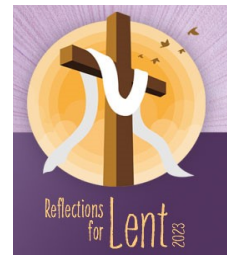
**Lenten Reflection Programme**

Lent commences 22<sup>nd</sup> February. If you would like to host a Lenten Reflection Group, 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.



**A Lenten Reflection Group**

Would you like to be part of a Group preparing for Easter? If yes – we would love for you to join us for the 6 weeks of Lent starting at 10am on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3/907 Dufferin Street, Hastings. All are most welcome. Phone Janet on 06 8768682 or text 0210751149.



**CYCLONE RELIEF**

There has been an urgent request for donations to help those who have lost everything. If you have blankets, mattresses, clothing for all ages, and food you can drop them off at the Parish office or Sacred Heart church between the hours of 8.30am and 4.30p.m. These items will then be forwarded on. Thank you in advance.

**PALMS for ASH WEDNESDAY**

Please bring your palms to the office so they can be burnt, in preparation for Ash Wednesday.



**Lenten Reflection Programme**

This year the theme for the Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme is "I am the light of the world." Lent invites us to a personal encounter with Jesus, to combat darkness in our world and the Lenten Reflection Programme supports this journey. Follow this link for resources: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent>

## YOUTH CORNER



Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone during this time of uncertainty with Cyclone Gabrielle. Please take time to look after yourselves and your families.

Life Teen Life Nights started last week, and we had a great fun social night. This was a time to gather and get to know each other and have some fun. The theme of the social night was Love. Thank you to all who made this a successful night.

This Sunday we will start with our first series of the year. The series is called Mood. A life night series on the Human Emotions of Jesus. The first topic is Literally Dead – Happiness. The goal of this life night is for teens to examine why they seek happiness and present knowing Christ as the true path toward joy and fulfilment.

Thank you, Vic, and family, for providing the meal for us all. If there is anyone who would like to sponsor the group with dinner, please get in touch with Faaki or a youth Core team member.

Please continue to pray for us and be assured of our prayers for you all.

Please stay safe and God Bless you all.

The Youth Core Team.

### Gardening Job Vacancy

Interested in working for a small locally owned garden business. Part time flexible hours, a variety of work in numerous locations around Hawkes Bay. Some gardening knowledge preferred. If so, please contact Chris and Christine on 0221911331.

### St. John's College Old Boys

Old Boys are invited to a social time to be held at St. Peter Chanel Hall on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, commencing at 5.30pm and concluding at 8.00pm.

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

### PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

Can you help? We are looking for people to come on the roster for writing 'The Prayers of the Faithful' for Sunday Mass. This ministry requires just one month a year and involves about 6 simple prayers of petition each week. Resources are available and training is offered to newcomers. We welcome your enquiries.

Please contact Steph at the Parish office 878 7774 during the week.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Recently Deceased:

Fr. Anthony Htun, Dot Rae, Laurie Cantwell, Peter Heeneey (Tauranga), John Bourke (Jillian Frizzell's brother), Simon O'Kane, Stellas Netto, Bede Houlahan, Betty Koorey.



### Please pray for the Souls of:

Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A12/1, Fearn family, Deceased relatives of Jones/O'Kane families, Deceased members of the Hannan & Sullivan families, Reuben and Nancy Lange and their departed siblings; William, Pattie, David, Peter and Patrick O'Keefe, Margaret Doggett and her deceased family members, Joe O'Boyle A09/02, John Fracis Pyke A07/02, Emmanuel George A06/02.

### 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 .**

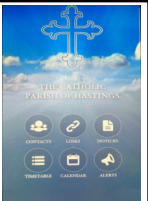
Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldey, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, John Janssen, Mark Rice, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, 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, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan, Rita Yule, Tovi'o Levy, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Rawinia Barlow, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Patricia Bot, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Nathan Hutchinson.

**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.

**S.P.C. cleaners** at St Peter Chanel church are **urgently required** for one month a year. Please contact the office on 06 - 878 7774 if you can assist.

### Catholic Parish of Hastings Church App

For communications from the Parish download the Church App. Go to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search 'ChurchAppsNZ' then search "The Catholic Parish of Hastings".



**This is an excellent way for all our parishioners to receive important notices .**

Should you have any queries, or require any assistance, please call by the Parish office, or phone the office on 878 7774.

## Emergency Appeal | Flood Response

With heavy flooding continuing to batter the Auckland diocese, Bishop Steve Lowe has launched an emergency flood response appeal to help families in desperate need. His foundation, the Catholic Caring Foundation, is accepting donations to help agencies in the Diocese deliver vital help to the many families severely impacted by the floods.

Donations received will be used for food, shelter, clothes and other essential supplies and support services. Donations can be made directly online to the Foundation so that assistance can get to families quickly. Many of the Foundation's partner agencies mobilised early to ensure that people were safe, and they are now working quickly to get help to those who need it.

Donations can be made online <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-3/> Or by direct bank transfer to BNZ 02-0100-0242648-000 (With your surname and initials as reference. Please email [info@caringfoundation.org.nz](mailto:info@caringfoundation.org.nz) with your email details for a receipt.)

## National Liturgy Office Resources for Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday 22 February and marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is the first of the 40 days of Lent leading up to Easter. The 40 days refer to the time Jesus spent in the desert after being baptised in the Jordan by John and before beginning his public ministry. The ashes used in the liturgy on Ash Wednesday are traditionally made from the palms used on Palm Sunday the previous year.

The National Liturgy Office has resources for Ash Wednesday here:

<https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/ash-wednesday-4/>

## St Joseph's Catholic School, Stratford | 125<sup>th</sup> Jubilee

18 March 2023. Registrations are now live for the 125th Jubilee which is to be held 18th March 2023. We will leave the registrations open for now, so please, if you can, share our registration link to anyone who would be interested in coming along. For those that have registered and paid, thank you. If our original plan does not go ahead, we will organise something on a smaller scale at school.

Please join our Jubilee Facebook page for more information, or email. [admin@stjosephs-stratford.school.nz](mailto:admin@stjosephs-stratford.school.nz) or <https://www.facebook.com/St-Josephs-Catholic-School-Stratford-125th-Jubilee-2023-105382145087004> or <https://forms.gle/PMhewcRiT8zqDv7c7>

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## Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania Concluding Statement

The Catholic bishops of Oceania recently gathered in Suva, Fiji for a week-long assembly. The assembly focused on three themes: care for the oceans, becoming a synodal Church, and formation for mission. The bishops issued a concluding statement expressing joy at the gathering and noting that the COVID-19 pandemic had delayed their opportunity to meet. The next assembly will be held in Australia in 2027.

The Concluding Statement from the FCBCO Assembly is available online: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/FCBCO-Assembly-2023-Concluding-Statement.pdf>

## Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand Current Vacancies

### Executive Assistant

We are looking for an Executive Assistant / Office Manager who will be responsible for supporting our Chief Executive (CE). This role will also provide support to other Senior Leaders as required and work collaboratively across the Organisation. For more information on this role and details for applying, please visit the Caritas website; (<https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>).

### Advocacy Advisor

Caritas is on the look-out for an Advocacy Advisor to support the Engagement team in delivering high-quality research, analysis, and communications to advocate for justice, peace, and development. To find out more about this role and details for applying, please visit the Caritas website; (<https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>).



## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

***“Do what you can, for whom you can, with what you have, and where you are”.***

## Feast Days & Events

22nd Feb – Ash Wednesday

23rd Feb – St Polycarp (Memorial)

26th Feb – 1st Sunday of Lent

27th Feb – St Gregory of Narek

5th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

7th March - Sts Perpetua & Felicity

8th March - St John of God

9th March - St Frances of Rome.