

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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PARISH TEAM

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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

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

19th March 2023

Reflection for Today

While there may not be a lot of physical blindness in our society, there seems to be a lot of spiritual blindness that refuses to see the truths of God's revelation and even Christ's existence. In their pride, the spiritually blind claim that everything ends with death and that there is no life after death. The story of the man born blind reminds us to look a bit deeper into our spiritual life. The inner dynamic of the story shows the blind man and the process of receiving sight and having faith in God. While at the same time, the Jewish leaders move towards blindness. Jesus guides us through the story by indicating that man was born blind so the works of God may be made visible through him. Last week we were given the passage about the women at the well reminding us that Christ is the living water. This week is about Jesus being the light of the world. Next week is about Lazarus which reminds us that Jesus is the life. These powerful readings remind those preparing for baptism, as well as those baptised, what this baptismal life is about **receiving the water and the light of life**.

Lent is the time for us to look deeper into our spiritual lives and open our hearts and allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We need to ask Jesus to remove from us the root causes of our blindness. Also, our self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, and hardness of heart. We also need to be vigilant to cultural blindness in our society. This can only be overcome as each one of us enters the living experience of having Jesus dwell within us and within others. This is through personal prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and genuine Sacramental life. Let us pray for the grace to see and experience the presence of a loving and forgiving God around our lives and within our souls. Throughout this week we can ask ourselves **"what are the things that block our eyes and hearts from seeing and experiencing the love and mercy of God?"**

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:
5th Sunday of Lent
Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45;

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

Applications open for next funding round | Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group

Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group.

The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation and aligned with the diocesan goals.

We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria.

Applications are now open and are due by Friday 31 March 2023.
Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/catholic-charities-application> or please contact Ashley Dahl at adah@pndiocese.org.nz or ph (06) 354 1780 ext 842.

Cyclone Gabrielle

Please contact the office if you know of any parishioner who needs our support.

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

SEASON OF LENT

During Lent Season, there will be Adoration and Reconciliation Every Wednesday at St Peter Chanel between 7pm and 8pm. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross will be at Sacred Heart church every Friday at 7.00p.m.



The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial parish and personal Lent resources, as well as a link to the important Caritas Lenten Appeal. Go here for the resources for Week Four: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/lent-2023-week-four/three/>

Lenten Rite II in CPOH

The Lenten season is a good opportunity to avail ourselves of the wonderful sacrament of reconciliation especially, those who have not attended the sacrament for a long period of time. It is often only when we name our failings, in the presence to another, that God's grace can enter our heart to bring healing and peace. The Rite II will be held at **Sacred Heart church on Wednesday 29 March at 7pm.** Rite I continues to be available at the usual times and on request. Anyone who has an issue which requires longer treatment is advised to use Rite I as a forum so as to allow for a longer conversation to take place.



Cyclone Relief Appeal

The Cyclone Relief Appeal has received many generous donations to help those in desperate need following Cyclone Gabrielle. Donations have now surpassed \$100,000 and the process of distributing these funds to those most in need is now in progress, in collaboration with local leaders across impacted areas of the diocese. We are immensely grateful to all those who are providing support to those in need in many ways.

Donations can still be made directly online to the Catholic Charities Foundation by direct bank transfer to 02-0630-0237950-010 with references: "Cyclone" and "your surname and initials" (Please email reception@pndiocese.org.nz with your email details for a receipt.)

Donate today to help families and communities who have been affected at <https://pndiocese.org.nz/cyclone>

YOUTH CORNER



We have just completed the first series of the year. This series was very successful, and the teens participated fully growing closer to Christ and stronger in their faith. This week we will be having a social night. A night to be able to come together to have fun, games, and opportunity to get to know each other more.

A big Thank you to the family who cooked and prepared the meals for the youth on Sunday.

If you would like to help by sponsoring a meal for our youth Life Night, please get in touch with one of the Core Team Members. This would be to cater for around 40 people.

The youth will be starting to sell tickets for the Easter raffle. These will be sold outside after the 9am Mass and 5.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church. \$2 a ticket.

On Good Friday there will be the way of the cross, please keep an eye out for the posters for more details as these will be put up soon.

We thank you for your continued support for our young people within our parishes. Please continue to pray for us and be assured of our prayers for you all.

Thank you and God Bless

The Youth Core Team.

(Young) Christian Mothers

Anyone who was a member of this group is invited to a social gathering / catch up on Saturday 25th March 2023.

St Peter Chanel Hall

11.30am start

Finger food luncheon

\$15 per head

Please register and pay by **Monday 20th March** for catering purposes.

To register and pay online, please deposit \$15 in account # 03 0642 0766016 000 with your name as reference and email confirmation to russell.m503@gmail.com Or in person at the Hastings Parish office.

It would also be great if everyone, including those who cannot be there on the Saturday, to be at the 9am Mass at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 26th.

Any queries please contact either Carol Wahl 878-2945 or Marie Russell on the email above or 021 123 2828.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

John Bourke (Jillian Frizzell's brother), Simon O'Kane, Stellas Netto, Bede Houlahan, Betty Koorey, Anthonius (Ton) Ham, Aidan Sargison, Margaret Koorey-Faulkner (Waiuku).



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, Emmanuel George A06/02, John Francis Pyke A07/02, Joe O'Boyle A09/02, Lewis Caldwell A10/02, Grace Cullinane A07/03.

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.

URGENT!!

Volunteers urgently required to help with church cleaning and Altar Guild (cleaning of brass and silver) at Our Lady of Lourdes church. The more we have on the rosters, the less times you will be required. We look forward to your consideration for these roles.

Please contact Cathy McGrath 877 7188 or Parish office 878 7774.

To keep the Parish records up to date please advise the office of any change in phone numbers and/or email addresses. Thank you.

St. Mary's Primary School

It has been business as usual at St Mary's these past 2 weeks. Our middle team and Senior Team are involved in their PAT assessment within classes. We had a non-uniform day to raise money and donate cans for those affected in Hawkes Bay by the recent flooding. Thank you to everyone for your kind generosity. We are looking forward to celebrating St Joseph's Feast Day here at school and celebrating our Whole School Mass at St Peter Chanel on Sunday at 10.30am. God bless. Bless.

Rachael Quinney (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

Four of our leaders travelled with Mrs Neville-Foster to the RNDM leaders retreat in Waikanae. They spent 2 days connecting with other RNDM schools and learning more about the charism of Euphrasie Barbier and the leadership shown by Mary the Mother of Jesus. For the teacher strike on Thursday some of our teachers chose to volunteer in the community to help with the cyclone recovery along with raising awareness for the need for improved conditions and resources to allow them to meet the needs of our young people today. We continue to support them in their endeavours. God bless.

Nga mihi, Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

The Enhanced Learning Centre at Sacred Heart College is looking for **volunteers** to assist students with learning differences. This could include reading information to the student/reading back what a student has said and/ or writing (or typing) the student's responses. No prior knowledge of subject content is required as this is not the role of a reader/writer. All you need is empathy, kindness, patience, and legible handwriting. At the end of the year, you might want to assist with the NCEA exams and there is remuneration for that role. Please contact Liz Molony: lmolony@shcn.school.nz

St. John's College

Sport has started up again with our young men playing cricket, basketball, and canoe polo. Winter codes have also started training with senior rugby and soccer teams out practicing. On Friday a group of Y10 students headed out to Esk Valley to help with the clean-up. Please go to the College web page for upcoming school events.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

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

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

Monday 20 March is the start of a nation-wide campaign aimed at raising awareness of how everyone can stay safe on our Catholic social media platforms. Check our Facebook and Instagram pages each day during the week of 20-26 March for tips on how to keep yourself safe. More information here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/socialmedia-safety/>

CARE OF CREATION

March Highlights

This week:

- Tuesday March 21st – International Day of Forests (See Board in SH Gathering Space)
- Wednesday March 22nd – World Water Day (Leaflets available)



Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

Genesis – In the Beginning... (Repeat on Special Request)
The Creation Stories (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.
Monday, 20 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/in-the-beginning/>

YouTube Recording

The Notion of 'Church' with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/02/muffin-talk-with-prof-thomas-oloughlin/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

Feast Days & Events

19th March - **Schools Mass at 9am SH & 10.30am SPC**

20th March - **St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)**

25th March - **The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)**
- **Day of Prayer for Family Life**

26th March - **5th Sunday of Lent**