

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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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



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

19th November 2023

Reflection for Today

In today's Gospel reading, we are confronted with a message that challenges us to reflect deeply on our lives and the choices we make. Jesus often used parables to convey profound spiritual truths, and today's reading is no exception. The theme of stewardship and accountability is prevalent in the parable presented by Jesus. In it, a master entrusts his servants with talents, each according to their abilities, before going away. The servants who invested and multiplied their talents are commended, while the one who buried his talent, out of fear, is reprimanded. This parable invites us to consider the gifts and resources God has given us. Our talents, time, energy, and material possessions are all on loan from God. The question we must ask ourselves is, "How are we using these gifts for the growth of God's kingdom?"

Just like the servants in the parable, we have a responsibility to invest and multiply what we've been given. God desires that we actively participate in the building of His kingdom on earth. This involves using our unique talents and resources for the service of others, for acts of kindness and generosity, and for the spreading of God's love. However, the parable also speaks about the reality of fear and risk. The servant who buried his talent did so out of fear of losing it. This fear can resonate with us at times. We might hesitate to step out of our comfort zone, fearing failure or rejection. Yet, the Gospel challenges us to overcome this fear and take risks for the sake of the Gospel.

We are not meant to just keep and bury our gifts but to invest them in the world. This requires courage, trust in God's providence, and a willingness to embrace the uncertainties that come with stepping into the unknown. As we reflect on this Gospel passage, let us examine our hearts. Are we being good stewards of the talents and resources God has given us? Are we actively investing in the Kingdom of God, or are we burying our gifts out of fear? We have received the gift of faith freely and there are many people who have sacrificed their lives to hand it over to us, so we need to ask ourselves what we have done with that gift.

Fr. Trung Nguyen

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

For urgent matters please contact the priests. Contact details above.

Readings Year A:

19th November - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31, 1 Thess 5:1-6, Matt 25:14-30

26th November - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Matt 25:31-46

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

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



SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST



Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacraments today.

We pray that they continue on their faith journey, with the support of family and friends. We thank those involved in the running of this important programme, especially Bruce and Teresa Hutchins, Trish Sharp and Hollie Chesswas.

The Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection - Sunday 3 December 2023

The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for 'overseas priests', retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated, especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Mons Brian Walsh (Chairperson)

Clergy Trust Fund

Diocese of Palmerston North

FR. ANTHONY HTUN 16.3.71 – 25.11.22



A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Fr. Anthony on Saturday 25th November '23, at St. Peter Chanel church, 11.00am.

Please bring a plate to share your cultural cuisine. A BBQ lunch will also be provided, following the Mass. All welcome.

Invitation to the Priests' Jubilee Mass Tuesday 28 November 2023

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass to celebrate the **Jubilees of Priestly Ordination**. The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 12.05 pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The presider will be Bishop John Adams. The priest celebrating a Jubilee this year is Fr. Chris Martin (40 years).

S.V.D.P Update



1. Grateful thanks to all who managed to donate funds with our Annual Appeal.
2. Planning underway with our Christmas Food Box. Please notify Fr Paul, Fr Trung, Parish Office, members of S.V.D.P. of families, solo parishioners, that need this Christmas gift.
3. This year our Christmas Gifts will be for under 12s. We welcome donations of suitable gifts – no need to wrap. Place in the S.V.D.P. basket in your church.
4. Thank you for your weekly food donations. We need marmite, peanut butter, milo and coffee.

S.V.D.P. Team

Our gifting tree is up again this year.



This is to provide Christmas cheer for children who otherwise would miss out. We are asking for gifts or gift vouchers for children from 0 to 13 years. We have found that it makes distribution to the appropriate child easier if the gifts are not wrapped when donated. We need the gifts dropped off at the church or into the SVDP shop in Hastings by December the 10th. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.

Saint Vincent de Paul Area Council.

A Vigil for Peace is being held on Sunday 19th November at 6pm at St Luke's Anglican Church, Te Mata Road, Havelock North. All welcome.

Bishop Peter's autobiography – Knowing My Place is now available for purchasing in the parish office. The book is \$20 per copy, which helps recover costs.

(Copies are also on sale at Bruce McKenzie Booksellers, PN, and Pleroma Christian Bookshop, Otane).

Please email +Peter on pjculinane@xtra.co.nz or phone 06 326 9368.

Sister Eveleen Retreat House

...is a spiritual haven nestled among the native trees on Scarborough Hill, Sumner, Christchurch. It is owned by the Anglican Diocese but is run ecumenically. It was bequeathed to the church by Sister Eveleen who asked for it to be used as a 'house of spiritual prayer.'

The team around Sister Eveleen Retreat House invites you to stay with us here at Sister Eveleen to rest, recharge your spirit, and experience a deeper connection with your faith.

What does Sister Eveleen Retreat House offer?

Themed retreats throughout the year. The new retreat calendar for 2024 is taking shape. We offer retreats from 1 to 7 days, weekends or during the week, silent or quiet. These are led by experienced retreat leaders or spiritual directors from various Christian denominations.

Be a guest at Sister Eveleen and [book a room](#) (within the retreat house, including use of lounge, kitchen and chapel) for your own stay or self-guided retreat day(s).

Book Sister Eveleen Retreat House for a retreat-day for your pastoral, parish team, your prayer or committee.

Attend our [regular prayer rhythm](#) at Sister Eveleen or come up for a visit if you are in the area.

If you would like to know more, explore our [website](#), follow us on [facebook](#), get in touch (via email or phone) or just come up for a visit. We look forward to welcoming you here at Sister Eveleen Retreat House.

Manaakitia te Atua

If you have any questions or would like further information please contact SERH: (ph) 022 563 6879 (e) enquiry@sistereretreat.com

Feast of Christ the King | 26 November 2023

The Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 26 November marks the end of the liturgical year. The National Liturgy Office has prepared prayers and other resources, including Pope Francis reflecting on the Gospel reading from Matthew in which Jesus tells his disciples about the second coming, when the Son of Man will separate the sheep from the goats. Go here for the resources: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe-2/>

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Marg Moore, Louisa Cumberbeach Talbot, Brian Dennis (Cheryl Eccleton's brother-in-law), Frank Adamson (Brother of Joan McIntyre & Veronica Telford), Heine Soer.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Catherine McGrath (Kitty) A6/10, Mervyn Bright A6/10, Tom Mouldey A16/10, Bill Logan A17/10, Michael Broderick A18/10, Vanessa O'Neill A18/10, Tai Cullinane A19/10, Jose M.O and Mary Jose departed souls, Gerard Brady A22/10, Michael (Mick) Carr A22/10, Joan Robison A22/10, Joyce Jillings A23/10, Lou Jillings, Jim Molloy A24/10, Josephine (Jo) Brady A27/10, Annie Gibbs A30/10, Andres Galapon, Juanita Galapon, Basilic Galapon, Homer Galapon, Julie Alonzo, George Barnes A31/10, Mike Timu, Cecilia Barnes, Carrem Koorey, Douglas Matthews A4/11, Sean Pollard A7/11, Fr Pat Cooke A15/11, Dorothy Rae A24/11, Fr Anthony Htun A25/11, Francis McGrath A29/11, O'Malley/Maher, Dodson/Fitzpatrick, Purcell/Cullinane, Bernie Doherty (UK), John & Theo Jenssen, Peter Van DeLee, Jessen & Beaumont 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, Des Sutton, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Jo Ramsay, Mark Rice, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, 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, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Fiona Millar, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, Maureen Horsefield, Gavin Noonan, Mark Ulrich (USA), Fr Larry Barnett, Brian & Pauline Groves, Anne O'Kane, Epi Timu, Barbie Tarrega, Bernadette & Ross Chilton, Carol & Lawrie Wagnor (Aust), Sue Godyre, Morgan Flynn, John Marryatt, Ann Amoravet, Kerry Walsh (Australia), Henry Crichton, John Anderson, Terry Durney.

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.

If you wish to receive your newsletter via email:

Contact the parish office on 8787774 or email admin@hastings.parish.nz

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available at the Parish office and on sale \$12.00. No eftpos available.

Sacred Heart College

We look forward to hosting our 2024 Year 9 co-hort at our Induction Day on Monday 20th November. Our Year 10 students have a busy week ahead. They go on Work Experience on Wednesday and will spend Thursday in the Mission Centre at a Career Workshop that will include CV preparation, mock interviews, and guest speakers. We look forward to hosting Sr Helen at our Year 10 retreat on Friday. This year's theme is Equity. Our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze students head to Mangatainoka hot springs on Saturday. Congratulations to those who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Sacred Heart Church in Hastings last Sunday. It was lovely to share it with our new bishop.

Nga mihi, Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

St. John's College

This week was another busy week at SJC. On Tuesday we had Gumboot Tuesday and a mufti day to raise funds to support young peoples' mental health. On Wednesday and Thursday our Year 9 students were out on historical trips where they look at the history of the Catholic Church in Hawkes Bay and on Thursday evening we had our senior, academic prize giving ceremony. We continue to have house masses at lunch time on a Tuesday, and thank our parish priests in Napier and Hastings for always supporting us in providing an opportunity for our young men to experience Mass and the Eucharist.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

GOSPEL of MARK Workshop: Presented by Dr Sarah Hart
Lecturer: Biblical Studies Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College
Thursday, 7th December 7pm to 9pm Mission Centre, Sacred Heart
There will be NO CHARGE. To register, phone/text Diana 022 651 0946 or phone Steph (06) 878 7774.

Pleroma Christian Supplies: New Manager Sought

Pleroma Christian Supplies is in search of a new Manager as the ministry, established in 1978 by Shirley and Ian Duthie, looks to continue its legacy. The organisation is seeking an individual eager to embrace the opportunity, based in Central Hawkes Bay, and lead this well-established and respected business. Pleroma Christian Supplies is a not-for-profit Catholic Christian resource supplier (retail and wholesale) serving our dioceses and faith communities.

Additional details about this exciting role can be found in the position advertisement <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271>

LOLOL Sunday rosters for December, January and February are being processed now. For alterations, please email Susan Doohan deepdee@xtra.co.nz or phone (06)877 7733.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS SACRED HEART CHURCH

We are in urgent need of someone to arrange the altar flowers. *You don't have to be a florist*, and silk flowers are provided, if no fresh flowers available. If you have a flair for flower arranging, please contact the office. A roster would be organised if we get a good response.

Notice to all Parishes | World Day of the Poor | 19 November 2023

For the last seven years, Pope Francis has asked us to contemplate the Poor around us on the World Day of the Poor, being the Sunday before the Sunday we celebrate Jesus as King of the Universe. We gather, says Pope Francis, "to receive once more the gift and strength to live lives of poverty and to serve the poor."

Material poverty can be obvious, but Pope Francis prompts us to seek out other – less obvious -forms of poverty and address their causes. We are called to not only acknowledge every poor person but also every form of poverty.

Men and women devoted to care for the poor do more than give charity; "they listen, they engage, they try to understand and deal with the difficult situations and their causes." Getting to the causes of poverty can be difficult. Archbishop Helder Camera of Brazil was praised when he gave food to the poor but ridiculed and dismissed when he asked why the poor had no food.

Pope Francis suggests other forms of poverty arise from war, from economic and ecological speculation, inadequate wages, unsafe work places, a sense of hopelessness especially among our young. We surely meet Christ in the poor and so we are cautioned "not to turn our face away from anyone who is poor" and not to turn away from many situations causing poverty.

In the absence of a Diocesan Commission for Justice Peace Development and Ecology (JPDEC) the JPDEC Steering Group is asking all Parishes to mark Sunday 19 November, the World Day of the Poor, with an examination of the Poor and forms of poverty in each parish area. Parishes are also asked, importantly, to determine the causes of such poverty.

Pope Francis' Letter for the 7th World Day of the Poor and other excellent resources can be found at <https://www.caritas.org.nz/world-day-of-the-poor>. As always Caritas provides us with some great ideas, liturgy and action plans and even some tips for homilies – listen out for them. According to the Caritas website, don't be surprised if your priest checks-in with you while he prepares the homily.

All parishes are encouraged to share with the Steering Group their findings, before the end of November.

Please email pndiocesejpssc2022@gmail.com

Kevin Campbell