

## 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 20th December 2020

### Reflection for Today

#### 'Saying YES to God'

"Follow your Dream" is a slogan that has become popular in our times. The slogan seems to suggest that happiness lies in self-fulfillment and having one's own needs met, rather than in self-giving where true fulfillment and happiness are to be found. This is the last Sunday of Advent, and our time of preparation is reaching its conclusion. On this last Sunday of Advent, the Church reminds us of that holy day nine months earlier when Jesus was conceived in his Mother's womb. There are two great mysteries connected with that day. The first is *the mystery of God becoming man - the Incarnation*. The second mystery is that God didn't - and doesn't - work out that plan of salvation for us all by himself rather he asks for our cooperation, *the mystery of Economy of Salvation*.

In this Mary gives us a great example. She didn't say to the Angel, 'Sorry, but I have my own plan. I want to follow my own dream.' But she said, 'Be it done to me according to your word.' Mary made a complete gift of herself to God and accepted the task God gave her. "Mary's 'Yes' finds its fulfillment in an attitude of offering: in faith, simple trust in God, Mary did not hold on to her Son for herself; she gave him to the world. We too wish to find our fulfillment in trusting and in the spirit of praise by giving all that God gives to us." (Bro. Roger of Taizé)

"Therefore, to prepare for Christmas means to commit oneself to build 'God's dwelling with men.' No one is excluded; everyone can and must contribute so that this house of communion will be more spacious and beautiful." (Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 12 December 2006, Vatican City)

Fr. Anthony Htun



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

**Vigil Sat:**  
5.30pm  
**Sunday Mass**  
10.30am

**Weekday Mass**  
**Tues** - 5.30pm  
**Thurs** - 5.30pm  
**Fri** - *Madonna*  
9.15am (during  
school terms)



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

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

**Weekday  
Masses**  
**Wed** - 12.05pm  
**Fri** - 8am &  
12.05pm  
**Thurs** - 9.15am  
**Sat** 8am

### PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Marcus Francis ph. 02102283349

**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Trung Nguyen ph. 0220626726

**Parish Secretary:** Steph Levy

**Hospital Chaplain:** Deidre Russ ph. 878 8109,1, ext. 2718

**Passionist Family Co-Ordinators:** Graeme & Margaret Armstrong ph. 8777758

**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Anthony Htun ph. 0273373356

**Deacon:** Tevita Faka'osi ph. 0272757086

**Finance & Property Administrator:** Jean-Ann Ferguson

**Youth Ministry:** Faaki Tuanaki ph. 0211644218

### Readings for Next Sunday: Year B:

#### The Holy Family Feast Day

Gen 15:1-6,21:1-3; Heb 11:8,11-12,17-19;; Lk 2:22-40;

**ADORATION:** Tuesday 9am-1pm Madonna, Friday 9am OLOL

Resumes 2nd February 2021

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a priest.

**BENEDICTION & Exposition** every second Thursday of the month, at St Peter Chanel Church 7p.m. - 8p.m. Friday, 11am at Sacred Heart church.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Every Thursday at Sacred Heart 5.30p.m.

New members welcome.

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP** – every Wednesday at Sacred Heart day chapel, 7 – 8 p.m. All welcome. Enquiries please ring Paula ph. 878 3314. Will resume on Wednesday 13th January.

**HOSPITAL SINGING:** 2nd Sunday 6pm (meet main entrance of Hospital) to be advised.

**MARIST THIRD ORDER:** Every 1st Sunday of the month, 2pm at Sacred Heart church in room off the day chapel.

**MORNING PRAYER :** Monday - Friday 9am Sacred Heart, to be advised.

**RECONCILIATION:** SHC - Friday 11.30am , Saturday 8.30am  
SPC - Saturday 5pm  
(or by appointment)

**ROSARY:** Thursday 9.10am Our Lady of Lourdes,

**SUNDAY READINGS :** Tuesdays 10 – 11am at Sacred Heart, to be advised.

### Health & Safety Section:-

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

#### St Vincent de Paul - 'A Tribute' Kevin O'Donnell

St Vincent de Paul, Hastings Parish, has lost an esteemed member of our fraternity.

A holder of many positions of responsibility Kevin gave his time freely and served St. Vincent de Paul with total dedication. Of particular note was his response to those who needed help some urgently and others long term, his liaison with the schools and his wealth of knowledge in all things Vincentian.

Kevin has left St. Vincent de Paul Hastings with a sound structure and a desire by its members to build on his legacy, he remains in our prayers.

We offer our sympathy to Kevin's family and to thank them for the service and dedication the family has given to St. Vincent de Paul for many years.

We at Council, our Staff and Volunteers realise we have travelled a path together with an exceptional Vincentian, one who is now at peace.

God bless you Kevin

On behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Council

Paul Bailey, President.

**Christmas Offering** envelopes available in the foyer. If you require a tax receipt, please place your name on the envelope.

#### Madonna Maria

Mass recommences Friday 5 February 2021

Adoration recommences 2 February 2021



#### 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.



#### Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic Christmas tradition where mass is celebrated for nine consecutive days.

This year, we invite you to join us as we keep the tradition of "Simbang Gabi" from the 16<sup>th</sup> of December at the Sacred Heart Church at 7pm. Mass will be celebrated in English.

20 December – 5.30pm SH

21 December – 7pm SH

22 December – 7pm SH

23 December – 7pm SH



### The Catholic Parish of Hastings CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

#### St. Peter Chanel -

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass -7.00pm (Carols from 6.15pm)

Please note there will be **NO** Mass on Christmas Day

#### Sacred Heart -

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - 9.00am

#### Our Lady of Lourdes-

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass-8.00pm (Carols from 7.15pm)

Christmas Day - 9.30am (Carols from 8.30am)

#### Immaculate Conception -

Midnight Mass

Please note there will be **NO** Mass on Christmas Day

#### St James Church Waimarama

Christmas Day Mass—9.00am



#### Christmas Choir

A very big welcome to all Parishioners to join our Christmas Choir at Our Lady of Lourdes. We practise each Wednesday evening from November 25<sup>th</sup> – December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5.30pm. We have an interesting programme. Hoping to see you there.

Regards, Moira – 877 0437.





## YOUTH CORNER

Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Talofa lava, Namaste, Mabuhay, Bula Vinaka, Kam na mauri, and welcome to your youth corner. Our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners, families and friends for your ongoing prayers and support that made our first Youth Christmas Concert a success. Thank you to our Priests - Fr Marcus, Anthony and Trung for always supporting the team. You all made us strong to take the risk and do new things this year. Your presence, as well as Fr Nathaniel, gave us more energy to do more for our young people.

Thanks so much to our cultural groups' performances - Indian, Filipino, Samoan/Fijian, Maori, Cook Island, Tongan, and others. You all made a difference and added value to the event. We are looking forward to having you back next year with your beautiful cultural dances.

A huge thanks to all sponsors - St Vincent de Paul Society Napier & Hastings, St Joseph & St Mary's Primary schools, St John & Sacred Heart Colleges, Dr Alma del Rosario, Tumu Transport Ltd, Placemakers Napier, families and friends who donated our raffle prizes.

We would like to acknowledge everyone who offered their time to look after our food stall, security, raffle tickets sales, set up and packing after the event, sound technician, etc. It was a long day and night for the team, but your help made things fall into place.

Thank you to all parents and families for your trust and support of our Youth Ministry in different ways. Your children are ours too and we try to do our best to make them feel at home when they are under our care.

Last but not the least, to my hard-working team with big hearts. You all poured out your love, gifts, time and PRAYERS to accompany our young people throughout this challenging year. Words can't explain how grateful we are to have you all on board with your multi-tasking gifts to inspire each other, especially our young people. Thank you for putting in the long hours at meetings and practices to make the event a memorable one for the group and our communities.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful festive season.

Aroha nui

Faaki Tuanaki  
Youth Ministry.



As we are soon to once again celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. I wish sincerely to thank all the people of the Sacred Heart community for their service and commitment. A special thanks to Des, Carmen, Steve, Baylon and the Indian and Filipino people who willingly give of their time and talents to Sacred Heart. Thank you and may God bless you and your families. Happy Christmas. Bernadette Avison.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Recently Deceased:

Lucy Hawkes, Lawrence ('Snow') Lavery, Judy Brocklehurst, Patrick Spurdle, Pauline King, Teuatabo Toaia, Nicola Green, Doug Matthews, Beverly Hodson, Patrick Green, Kevin O'Donnell, Richard Murray.



### Please pray for the Souls of:

Brian Fennessy A 15/12, Keith Wilson A 18/12, Frank Percy A 21/12, Henry & Elizabeth Avison, Les Turfey, Kerry McInnes, Bryan Yates A 21/12, Pieter Van Der Lee, Theo Janssen, Janssen & Beaumont family, Frances Morris & family 20/12, Selwyn Begley, Begley and Allison family, Pollard and Sullivan family, Francis and May Seed, John and Lorraine Seed A 22/12, Fearn family, Members of the Easton & Bailey family, Laurie & Nola Maloney, Patrick & Ivy Carroll, Pat & Alice Morris, Bertand and Catherine King, Members of the Maloney family, Brian Epplett, Ollie & Ernie Epplett, Michael & Dora Cowan, Helen Reid, Anne O'Farrell and the deceased members of the O'Farrell family.

### Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and communities who are sick especially:

Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), Vi Bond, Kristen Hay, Leo Baltussen, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Jack van Bohemen, Eve van Bohemen, Denyse Cornelius, David Ward, Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Lindell Collier, Zoe Le Lievre, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldley, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Diane Masterton, Jan Campbell, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turfey, Mark Lissington, Chris McHardy, Sally Wilson, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, Graham Hill (London), John Janssen, Mark Rice, Iona Nilsson, Noreen Pakinga (Laracy), Lauretta Pall, Richard Puanaki.

***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 . 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.

### Working Bee Thank You

Many thanks to our workers who turned up to the Saturday Working Bee at OLOL to help clean the church and gardens. The good numbers made the workload quick and easy. Your help was greatly appreciated.

Ricky & Des.

## Alpha Feb-Mar 2021 Registrations open now

A 10 week course for 17+ yr olds,  
starts 7:15pm Tuesday 2nd February 2021  
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Havelock  
North- 85 Te Mata Rd Havelock North.  
Coffee, food, video, discussion, connect, explore & question  
Invite your friends, family, colleagues, don't miss out on a seat. No cost.  
Registrations essential



All details online including registration form  
<http://www.hastingscatholic.org.nz/alpha.html>

## CALLING ALL BAKERS

2021 is shaping up to be busy with events that require good quality hospitality. With four Alpha adult courses planned and a new sacramental programme schedule, we are in need of your help. These courses are large and require many regular helpers. A commitment to bake on a rostered basis for one or more of these events would be greatly appreciated. This is an essential Ministry in an invitational Church. Please sign up by sending an email to [admin@hastings.parish.nz](mailto:admin@hastings.parish.nz)

## REMINDER

Fr. Marcus would like to remind all parishioners, especially those who do not have their children or grandchildren at Catholic schools, that it is necessary to register NOW for the sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion in 2021. We will have a new way of doing things involving families coming to the 9am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart followed by refreshments in the Mission Centre with catechesis for children and small groups for adults to follow for approximately 30 minutes. This programme is for all families in the parish and begins on the First Sunday of Lent, 21 February 2021. Those children who do not register are at risk of having to postpone these sacraments until 2022.



The 'Catholic Parish of Hastings' APP is an excellent tool for keeping up to date with what's happening in our Parish, especially with changes happening. You will be alerted to any notifications relating to the Diocese.  
Go to the Play store and install the App to be informed.

**The office will be closed from the 23rd December and will reopen on 18th January 2021.**

## NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by Wednesday 20th January.

If you wish to receive your newsletter via email: Contact the parish office by emailing: [admin@hastings.parish.nz](mailto:admin@hastings.parish.nz).  
Thank you

**Wednesday Morning Tea  
at Sacred Heart Church**  
**Christmas Celebration Wednesday  
December 23rd from 10am—11.45am**

**All welcome! Bring a friend!**

**Morning Tea begins again in  
February 2021.**

## **Congratulations Tevita!**

Tevita has won the "Best Community Show" on Radio Kidnappers for the third time. This is a significant accolade for the tireless work he does. *Tevita is the Voice of Kainga Pasifika Services* which is brought by DOVE Hawkes Bay. He is on the airwaves every week between 6-8pm, on a Friday night, or via podcast. The show is all about creating safe and healthy family relationships as well as sharing great Pasifika music with the listeners. Tevita, great work indeed, and a fitting tribute for your unstinting work, for which you have so much passion.

## **St. Joseph's School**

As a successful term ends, we thank God for His blessings. We also thank the wider Parish Community for their support throughout the year and especially St. Vincent De Paul Society who have generously assisted us with families in need. We wish everyone a safe, Happy and Holy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all at the beginning of Term 1 on February 3rd 2021.

Aaron O'Neill  
Principal



For the latest updates and news join up to  
**'The Catholic Parish of Hastings  
Facebook' page.**

If you are unsure how to go about joining our Facebook page or to our APP, please contact one of the ladies in the office, as they would be more than happy to help you do this.

## **GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.**

Have you thought of giving an  
**ALTERNATIVE GIFT THIS  
CHRISTMAS?**

Caritas offers, gift of Life Cards, Fred Hollis Foundation offers, gift of Sight Cards, make a statement against consumerism, give a life-giving gift.

More ideas on the ESJ Board,  
Sacred Heart Gathering Space.