OUR MISSION

TO WELCOME all who we encounter so that we can build a relationship with each other

> **TO LOVE** as Jesus loved



OUR VISION 'LIVING AS CHRIST'

TO ENGAGE

OUR MISSION

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

<u>Sunday Mass</u> 9.30am (PR) & 11.00am (NPR)

Weekday Masses Mon: 9.00am-Liturgy Tues: 9.00am Wed: 9.00am – Mass Thurs: 9.30am

Fri: 9am-Exposition 10am-Liturgy

Sat: 9.00am - Liturgy

St. Peter Chanel 817 Gordon Rd

Hastings

Vigil Sat: 5.30pm (PR) *Sunday Mass:* 10.30am (PR)

<u>Weekday Masses</u> Tues: 5.30pm

Thurs: 5.30pm

Sacred Heart

425 Heretaunga St East Hastings



Sunday Masses 9:00am (PR) & 5.30pm (PR)

Weekday Masses

Wed: 12.05pm Fri: 12.05pm Sat: 8.30am

Immaculate Conception

Paki Paki

Sunday Mass 8.00am (PR)



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th February 2022

Reflection for Toda

In last Sunday's gospel Jesus describes our enemies as those who hate us, drive us out, abuse us and denounce us as criminals. In the Gospel this week, we have been asked to love such people. Let's face reality. This is not easy to do. We sometimes find it hard to love our families or friends. However, in today's Gospel Jesus tells us that if we are truly to be his disciples, we must love our enemies. It is not just advice but an order to those who want to be closer to Christ. This does not mean that we cannot stand for truth and justice, or freedom and peace, but rather asking us to "Be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate". We all know what our natural tendency is. Treat people the way they treat us. Because of this, the cycle of hurt goes on and on. It is not intentional, but we are tempted to put them down in our hearts and in our conversation with others. Jesus asks each one of us to move away from that normal attitude. We need to remind ourselves what Jesus said in the Gospel today "Do to others as you would have them do to you"

However, because of our human weaknesses, it is not easy for us to fulfill what Jesus ask us to do. We need to remember, whenever we pray 'The Our Father' we proclaim, "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those whose trespass against us". Therefore, we need to ask the Lord to send us grace to help us overcome all the temptation in our minds. We must forgive because only forgiveness truly heals us. If we always remember what St Paul said in the letter to the Romans "Christ died for us, while we were still sinners" (Rm 5: 8) it will help us to forgive others easier.

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 C: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45;

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME...

ADORATION: Madonna Tuesdays 9am—1pm

OLOL 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

MARK'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

(on hold until further notice)

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 YOUNG ADULTS: Mission Centre. 1st & 3rd Sunday after 5.30pm Mass

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ.

Covid is well and truly on our doorstep. Trust in the Lord, keep calm and do all you can to protect each other and yourself. All have made choices based on what each person believes is right. Please be responsible for your choice by attending the appropriate Sunday Mass, wearing a mask, signing in with the Q.R. code or manually and maintaining social distancing. Please receive Communion in the hand as per the instructions of the Diocese so as not to put our Priests in the position of going against the directions of the diocese.

Show Christian love by not testing each other and by protecting each other as we are the hands of Christ in the world. Please keep the principles of infection prevention as when you do not, the compromised and unwell are afraid to come to Mass.

We are happy for all to come to weekday Masses providing they meet the infection control guidelines as above.

God Bless,

The C.P.O.H. Liturgy committee.

Maria Assumpta Parish in Beach Haven, Auckland is celebrating its Golden Jubilee over Labour Weekend. 22-24 October 2022. Register your interest and get updated details from patlythe@gmail.com / Ph 09.4839903. We'd love to hear from you.

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

CATECHISM

Criterion of True Christian

This "as" is not unique in Jesus' teaching: "You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect"; "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful"; "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another." (Mt 5:48; Lk 6:36; Jn 13:34) It is impossible to keep the Lord's commandment by imitating the divine model from outside; there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, in the holiness and the mercy and the love of our God. Only the Spirit by whom we live can make "ours" the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. (Cf. Gal 5:25; Phil 2:1,5) Then the unity of forgiveness becomes possible, and we find ourselves "forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave" us. (Eph 4:32) (Catechism of The Catholic Church, No. 2842)

Fr. Anthony Htun

YES, IT'S THERMAL TIME AGAIN!!

Lee Pepping and I are once again fundraising for the "Thermals for Needy Children" project. For those of you who don't know, this project was started by Mary and Peter Fama. Their hope and goal were to provide any primary school child in need in the Hastings, Flaxmere and Havelock North area with a set of thermals. This includes a merino/ thermal top and a pair of fleecy trackpants. The thermal clothing is versatile and multi-purpose. The children will be able to wear them for sport, for school, home or even as pyjamas. For some children this is the only new item they get each year.

Last year we provided 28 schools with up to 50 sets each of thermals and 2 schools received a set for each child in the school. We are once again starting our fundraising and hope to raise enough money to provide the same number of children (and more if we are successful with fundraising) with warm clothing for the winter. We believe that warm children are happier, healthier, and learn better.

If you would like to contribute to this project, please make an online payment to the following account.

Account name: Diocese of Palmerston North-CPOH

Account number: 02 0630 0288045 23

Using Thermals as a reference.

A tax receipt will be available on request.

THANK YOU, Suzanne Rose

If you change your address, email or phone number.

Please contact the office so they can amend your details.

YOUTH CORNER

Kia ora everyone and welcome to some of our youth ministry's highlights for the week. Planning to run our new program for our young people known as Lifeteen, is well underway with the help of our volunteers who are on board to support. The core team are catching up regularly while youth group gathering is still on hold due to Covid-19.

We are asking you for your prayers as we will have our first Lifeteen training on Saturday 26th-Sunday 27^{th} of this month. Some from Lifeteen NZ Team will be here to run this for us and we open this event for any 15 years and over.

We would like to ask if you can help us with your delicious baking for our morning/afternoon tea. Please let us know how you can help, and we really appreciate all your supports. Our raffle tickets are still available, please buy ticket/s to support our young people.

God bless, Faaki Tuanaki (Youth Minister)

CTC Online courses starting soon

Want to know more about your faith?

Study a course online anywhere in Aotearoa with the Catholic Theological College.

Courses starting soon are:

Interpreting the New Testament

What Catholics Believe

For more information contact Ann King a.king@ctc.ac.nz

Or visit our website at www.ctc.ac.nz

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women invite all women to an afternoon of celebration, reconnecting with Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, and with each other in a safe, gentle, and welcoming community of Christian love. As we begin this new year, we especially invite any woman who is looking to deepen her personal relationship with Jesus, grow her faith, and experience new friendships, to give Dove Fellowship a go. Our first meeting will be at **St Mary's Centre, February 26**th, **2-4pm.** Vaccine passes will be required.

Blessings, Gloria Stafford.

Thank you to the busy choristers of Our Lady of Lourdes for the wonderful and vital sharing of their music and voices for our Christmas Vigil. God bless, Maree and Moira.

"FREE Fitness for all every Saturday 7am - 8.30am at St John's college Hastings. Don't forget to scan. Bring a towel, water bottle and proper exercise footwear, and a friend/family member. https://www.facebook.com/ SJCPasifika/"

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:

Tom Paku, Prudencia Presbitero (Phil), Sr Catherine Anne Shelton, Donald Vincent Brebner, Lyndell Collier, Sadie Wong.

Please pray for the Souls of:

Henry & Elizabeth Avison, Leslie & Gerardene Turfey, Kerry Bernadette McInnes, Anton Bot, Nicholas Bot A 10/01, Deceased members of the Hannan families, Laurie & Nola Maloney, Patrick & Ivy Carroll, Deceased members of the Maloney family, Brian Epplett, Ernie & Ollie Epplett, Michael & Dora Cowan, Helen Reid, Bert & Catherine King, William Dias, Margaret Sloane A 04/01, Jones/O'Kane families, Lewis Caldwell A 10/02 (husband of Trish), Emmanuel George A 06/02.

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 Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, 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, Joyce Dawes, Pat McGehan, Des Kavanagh, Marie Tartere, June Brunton, James Minehan, David Neilson, Martin Levy, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan

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.

PLANNED GIVING.

Due to covid restrictions, the income to the parish has been impacted. Combined with the increase of administrative/maintenance costs we want to ensure that parishioners have an opportunity to support their parish. If you have not received your planned giving envelopes or would like assistance with setting up a direct credit, please ring the office 06 8787774.

Blessings & Gratitude.



St. Mary's Primary School

We would like to congratulate our school leaders for 2022 - Ngaio Van Hooijdonk (Head Girl) and Zoe Taylor (Deputy Head Girl), Reid McGuigan (Head Boy) and Isaac Te Whaiti (Deputy Head Boy). Well done!! We are sure you will lead our school well!! Life back at school is busy, busy, busy, busy. The children are hard at work getting routines within their new classes established. As we all know life is dull if it's all work and no play, so we also enjoyed having a Pool Party for each class at different times throughout the day last week. Many thanks to Mrs Hutchins and our Leaders and Senior students in support. All the children had FUN!! We loved remembering the Art Deco period by dressing up in clothes of that era. Many thanks to those who supported our Tonga Day where the children dressed in red and white - the colours of the Tongan flag and brought a coin donation to support the relief fund through Caritas.

Blessings, Rachael Quinney (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

We were delighted with the achievement of our photography students this year in gaining 4 scholarships. Congratulations to Mrs Jamieson and her students on this outstanding achievement. Art Deco was celebrated at school on Friday with dress up and morning tea and a gold coin donation in aid of the Tongan relief fund. Our 2021 Year 13 students are in our thoughts and prayers as they embark on university life. May God guide and bless them on their travels.

Nga mihi

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

St. John's College

The last two weeks have been very busy at SJC with the welcoming of our new staff and Y9 students happening on the first day back to the commissioning Mass held for our prefects and new ministers of the Eucharist held last Thursday. This is in addition to all the start of the year busyness that comes with students settling in, confirming course, etc. Summer sport has started with cricket matches for junior and senior teams on the go, basketball, and canoe polo.

School Masses and general meetings have been complicated by the Red light Covid settings which saw us have our commissioning Mass at school, outside, with sadly no parents in attendance (yet again). We are however thankful that we were able to start our year as a St John's College community with Mass. Thanks to Fr Trung for his support of our College and his continued involvement with our young men.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

In 2014 the parish staged a Christmas Pageant during the Thursday night shopping at the Cenotaph in Hastings.

We intend to repeat the Pageant this year; COVID permitting.

Now, Christmas is a long way off you are thinking, but we have started planning already! The **lead character** we'll be needing is:

A BABY

(Preferably less than three months old!) Final auditions will be held in December.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions (Evening):

The Holy Spirit – A Driving Force with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 21 and 28 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. \$25/session or \$50/series.

https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/the-holy-spirit-a-driving-force-3/

For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

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

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

A Prayer for the Blessing of Married Couples

Loving God, thank you for the richness of your creation.

You are loving and kind in all you do.

In your tender care, you give us the wonderful gift of marriage.

Bless all married couples.

With patient understanding, may they love and support one another.

May their friendship be deep and true,

Offering consolation in times of sorrow,

Sharing gladness in times of joy.

May their love for each other lead them to be present in their communities.

Not isolated or aloof but involved in the events of their times,

Loving their neighbour,

Supporting those in need,

Extending care to the downhearted.

May they come to old age in peace and contentment.

May they remember that God is love and those who abide in love, abide in God, and God in them. Through Christ we pray.

Amen

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