

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21st March 2021

Reflection for Today

Lent: A Time to Walk in the Way of Light

Today, in the last part of Lent, the Church proposes this Gospel to help us attain Palm Sunday, ready to live up to these mysteries, so outstanding for our Christian life. The Via Crucis, or the Way of the Cross, becomes for us Christians a "Via Lucis", or the Way of Light, because *dying is to be born again* or, even better, we must die so that we can live the Truth in the Light.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Apostles: "*Unless the grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit*" (Jn 12:24). In this respect, St. Augustine comments: "Jesus said He was 'grain', that was to be mortified, to multiply afterwards; He was to be mortified by the infidelity of the Jews and He was to multiply for the faith of all the people."

The Gospel ends with an exhortation to walk in the light of the Son lifted from the earth: "*And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.*" (Jn 12:32). Let God's light shine always through us to help us dispelling all darkness. It is God's moment now, let us not lose it! "Are you sleeping? The time granted to you goes by fast!" (St. Ambrose of Milan). We must not stop being a light to the world. As the moon gets its light from the sun, we are to be seen reflecting God's light in us so that our way of life will truly be *Walking in the Way of Light*.

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

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Deacon: Tevita Faka'osi ph. 0272757086

Finance & Property Administrator: Jean-Ann Ferguson

Youth Ministry: Faaki Tuanaki ph. 0211644218



Readings for Next Sunday: Year B: *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*



Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1—15:47

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a priest. **No Baptisms during Lent.**

BENEDICTION & Exposition every second Thursday of the month, at SPC 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. Please ring Paula ph. 878 3314.

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.

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

ROSARY: Thursday 9.10am Our Lady of Lourdes,

SUNDAY READINGS 4 U : Tuesdays 10 – 11am at Sacred Heart in room off the day chapel.

MARK'S GOSPEL STUDY: 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Ring Diana 974 9096

PALM SUNDAY UPDATE

Next Sunday, 28 March, is Palm Sunday. The procession with palms will take place at the following Masses:

St Peter Chanel 5.30pm Vigil Mass and 10.30am Sunday - parishioners are requested to gather on the grassed area in front of the church.

8am Immaculate Conception, Pakipaki - parishioners will gather in front of the marae at 7.55am.

9am Sacred Heart - parishioners will gather in the school grounds to the right of the church

9.30am Our Lady of Lourdes - parishioners will gather outside of the main entrance.

There will be no procession at the 5.30pm Mass at Sacred Heart where there will be a simple blessing of the palms at the start of Mass with the Gospel.

Parishioners are warmly encouraged to arrive in good time for the Mass so as not to delay the start of the liturgy.

Chrism Mass 2021



The Chrism Mass will be celebrated for the Palmerston North Diocese, by Cardinal John Dew, at noon on Monday 29 March. This is a different time than usual however it does give an opportunity to those who are not

constrained by paid work commitments to participate in this beautiful ceremony. I encourage anyone who has not yet attended a Chrism Mass join with the others from around the diocese on that day.

Health & Safety Section:-

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

Liturgical Celebrations

We are heading towards the highlight of the Church's liturgical year. The celebrations which mark these days are central to our identity as Catholics. I encourage all parishioners to make attending church a priority at this time. It is through enacting these mysteries that we can know and understand our vocation as the baptised and the glorious patrimony of faith and tradition that has been handed on to us. We have:

Palm Sunday - enacting the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. This prophetic action announced the fulfilment of the Old Testament prophecies regarding the Messiah who would save the people from their sins. It also helps us to understand why the Jewish authorities felt they needed to kill him.

Chrism Mass (noon at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palmerston North) - Cardinal John will bless the holy oils we will use at the Easter Vigil and for the rest of the year. As a diocesan event it witnesses to our unity and mission to bring the Good News to the people of this region.

Holy Thursday (7pm at Sacred Heart) - The washing of feet speaks of Jesus enacting the leadership through service that he desired to be imitated by his disciples. With the institution of the Holy Eucharist we also affirm all those who have ministry to distribute Holy Communion or to take it to the sick.

Good Friday Cross Walk - There will be the usual ecumenical cross walk in Hastings city. An addition this year will be a walk organised by the Youth Ministry starting at 9am at Our Lady of Lourdes and proceeding to Saint Peter Chanel and Sacred Heart, concluding with the 3pm service.

Good Friday (3pm at all churches) - The Passion of our Lord is enacted with the reading of the Passion according to the Gospel of John. We experience something of the desolation and loss the disciples endured on that day and venerate the cross thus acknowledging the saving power of Christ's sacrifice in our own lives.

Easter Vigil (8.15pm at Sacred Heart) - The whole mystery of Creation and salvation is celebrated as we bless the Easter fire and rejoice in the victory of Christ over darkness, sin and death so as to make it our own.

Easter Sunday (usual Mass times) - Please note that there is no 5.30pm Sunday evening Mass at Sacred Heart) - The rejoicing in the resurrection continues as it does for the whole of Eastertide. The celebration of baptisms speaks of the new life given us through the resurrection such that we are adopted as brothers and sisters of the Risen Christ.

Please continue to pray for the Alpha course leaders and participants. Also, for the Sacramental programme an ongoing prayers request for the course leaders and participants.



YOUTH CORNER

Dia duit everyone and welcome to our youth corner. We trust that you all had great celebrations of two of our great Saints, Joseph, the foster father of Jesus/Patron of the universal Church, and Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland. As we all try hard to be better Christian Warriors, we would like to acknowledge you all for your prayers and support for our Youth Ministry. As the number grows, the Youth Team feel strong and active as we see new faces each week. The positive ripple effect of the Alpha course has released and changed the attitude of everyone who attended, which inspired others to attend too.

We would like to kindly ask your help with baking or any kind of food that can help feed our group each Friday. Thank you so much to those who always drop food to the office and Mission Centre.

Confirmation: We are taking names of those Year 11 and older who wish to take this Holy Sacrament. Please pray that young people will make that further step in their faith journey for a lifelong adventure with Christ.

Faaki Tuanaki, Youth Minister



If you have a celebration or special occasion you would like shared, phone the office or email admin@hastings.parish.nz to include in the newsletter.

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.



Wednesday Morning Tea
at Sacred Heart Church
All welcome! Bring a friend!
10am—11.45am



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

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.

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, Violet Bond, Janice Campbell, Lorna Ward, Shirley Mildenhall, David Ward, Eileen O'Fiaherty.

Please pray for the Souls of:

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, Tudor Morris (England), Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A10/1, Selwyn Begley A 23/01, Andrew and Elizabeth Jillings, Lou Jillings, William and Mary Stinson, Lewis Caldwell A 10/2, Grace Cullinane A 7/3, Ron Thornton A 10/3, Alma Stinson A 9/04.

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

Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), 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, Jan Campbell, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turfrey, 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, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Maureen Newrick, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Ararepa Riki, Denny Hona, Paora Crawford, Krystyna Fennessy.

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.

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by **Wednesday lunchtime.**

St Joseph's Primary School

What a great breakfast for St. Patrick's Day we had, with wonderful support from our school community. I would also like to thank our parents for their support and participation at the Junior Triathlon and Parent Interviews. It is heartening to have such a response and enthusiasm. St. Joseph's Day was a great fun day with our older students being great role models in the activities that took place.

Aaron O'Neill
Principal

Sacred Heart College

Sacred Heart College will connect with our brother school St Johns at our combined school Mass at St Mary's 5pm March 21. We will join together for a pizza supper afterwards in the parish hall. Home school meetings take place on Wednesday here at Sacred Heart College.

Several of our girls will attend the Caritas Justice Leadership Day happening in our Diocese on 25 March to be held at the Palmerston North Diocesan Centre. Our DRS Tom Silverwood and Whea Hillman will attend the first ever Māori Educators hui in our Diocese on 26 March at Hāto Pāora College Feilding. St John's College will host this year's combined Fia Fia on Friday 26 March at 5.30pm.

Nga mihi
Maria Neville-Foster, Principal

St John's College

This week we had the college workday where our students find a job for the day and donate an amount of their earnings to the school. All the money raised is used to improve the learning environment and the facilities for our young men.

Today we join with our sister school, Sacred Heart College, to celebrate Mass at St Mary's Church in Taradale. These combined Masses give our two schools the opportunity to come together with the wider Catholic communities to express our faith.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places

Every year a collection is taken up for the Holy Places on Good Friday. Parishioners are encouraged to contribute to this and to bring along cash to put in the retiring collection. Last year there was no collection due to Covid so we have a special obligation to contribute to the suffering Christians in the land of Jesus' birth.

General Clean up of Church & Grounds on March 27th at Our Lady of Lourdes starting at 9.30am. Many hands make light work.

New Recycling: "Tui Motu Exchange" An opportunity to: Take, Read, Return earlier copies of this excellent magazine. See Sacred Heart gathering space.

Bob Barber is most grateful for all the prayers and support he received during his recent ill health. He's very pleased to say he's well on the way to a good recovery but your continued prayers would be much appreciated.

"Special envelopes" are available in the Church foyer: **Holy Places, Easter Offerings, Vocation Sunday, Peters Pence, Maori Pastoral Care.** Please write your name or planned giving number on the envelopes.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women, invite all ladies to an afternoon of prayer and fellowship. Mrs Cheryl Sugden will be speaking to us. Her topic is the invitation to "Go up to the mountain of the Lord".
Inquiries: Gloria Stafford, ph 0272456742

"Phasing out Cheques" The banks are phasing out cheques this year. If you want to make a donation by direct debit to the Parish account, please phone Jean-Ann at the office.

Lenten Rite II in CPH and CPN

Fr. Marcus encourages parishioners to use the Lenten season as an opportunity to avail themselves 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 for Hastings will be held at **Sacred Heart church on 24 March at 7pm.** The celebration in Napier will take place at **St Patrick's church on 31 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.



TONGAN MASS – Fr. Vince will be back to celebrate Mass on **Friday 26th March** at St. Peter Chanel, 7pm.

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

A New Way Forward—He Ara Whakamua, He Ara Hou

Sacred Heart – Every Tuesdays at 10.00am, in the Eucharistic Chapel. All welcome.

Every Sundays at 7pm, hosted by **Pat Jonas, (Please ring the bell) at 311A**

Southampton St. Phone 878 5738.

If you would like to join, or know more about these groups please contact the office.

