

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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Our Lady of Lourdes

85 Te Mata Rd
Havelock North



Sunday Mass

9.30am

Weekday Masses

Tues: 9.00am - *Liturgy of the word & Communion*

Wed: 9.00am - *Liturgy of the word & Communion*

Thurs: 9.30am

St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd
Hastings



Vigil Saturday:

5.30pm

Sunday Mass:

10.30am

Weekday Mass

Tues: 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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
23rd July 2023

Reflection for Today

The Gospel reading for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time gives us great lessons through three parables: the parable of the weeds among the wheat, the parable of the mustard seed, and the parable of the yeast. These parables give us a valuable message about God's kingdom and the nature of faith.

In the parable of the weeds among the wheat, Jesus speaks of a field where wheat and weeds grow together. The owner decides to let them coexist until the harvest, to avoid uprooting the wheat along with the weeds. This parable teaches us about patience and the coexistence of good and evil in the world. It reminds us that God allows both the righteous and the unrighteous to live side by side until the appointed time when He will judge and separate them.

As individuals and as a community, we may encounter situations where it is difficult to discern between good and evil, right and wrong. This parable reminds us to be patient and trust in God's ultimate plan, knowing that He will separate what is righteous from what is not in due time. Sometimes, we may feel that our efforts to spread God's love and build His kingdom are insignificant or go unnoticed. However, the parable of the mustard seed reminds us that even the smallest acts of faith and kindness can have profound and far-reaching effects over time.

Just as the yeast works quietly but effectively, let us engage in acts of kindness and compassion, knowing that they can have a profound impact on others' lives. May these parables inspire us to build a society where every individual is welcomed, valued, and loved, reflecting the true essence of God's kingdom. As we nurture God's kingdom in our hearts and communities, let us be the seeds of hope, the yeast of transformation, and the bearers of unity. Throughout this week we can ask ourselves "What can I do to build up God's kingdom in this world around and within my life? "

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:
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52;

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
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

***Bishops urge all Catholics to study Synod's working document
Instrumentum laboris***

All Catholics are being urged to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the Instrumentum laboris (Working Document) published by the Synod Secretariat is another step towards the future, not its final word. "This working document is the product of the process of the Church listening to and hearing what the People of God have said during the parish, diocesan, national and continental stages of the Synod process that Catholics here and around the world have been part of," says Bishop Steve. "It is a document that reflects the Holy Spirit speaking to people throughout the world. As such it is a document for the whole Church, and I invite everyone to prayerfully read and reflect on it, and to pray for the Synod's work over the next 18 months."

More information including links to Instrumentum laboris:
<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>

Sunday 30 July - Day of Prayer to End Trafficking and Slavery.

Resources from the National Liturgy Office are here:
www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/day-of-prayer-to-end-trafficking-and-slavery/

A Conversation with Bishop Owen Dolan

Sunday 23 July is the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme this year is "His mercy is from age to age," from the Gospel of Luke (1:50). The Diocesan Comms Team sat down with Bishop Owen Dolan, the oldest priest in the country, to talk about his experiences of growing older and his reflections on the theme for this year's celebration.
<https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2023/06/a-conversation-with-bishop-owen-dolan/>


**SACRAMENT OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND
EUCHARIST 2023**



The next Sacramental programme will commence on Sunday 10th September 2023, with 1st Reconciliation preparation. The Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation will take place on 23rd September 2023. 1st Communion preparation will commence Sunday 22nd October 2023, with the celebration taking place on 12th November 2023.
If you wish your child/children to receive these Sacraments, registration forms are available at the Catholic schools or the Catholic Parish of Hastings's website, under Sacraments. Please return your form to the Parish office no later than 25th August 2023. Thank you.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

An **enquiry evening** will be held on Wednesday 23rd August 2023, 7p.m. 
at **St. Peter Chanel Hall, 817 Gordon Road, Hastings**. If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a catholic, please come along.

To register your interest contact Lee Russell 876 7385 or 021 560071 or the Parish office 878 7774.

Prison Chaplaincy Director sought by NZCBC: Can you help us show the love of God inside the prison walls?

Applications are invited for the position of Prison Chaplaincy Director for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC). This national role gives pastoral and professional leadership and support to the Catholic chaplains who provide chaplaincy services in the country's prisons. It is also a critical role, leading an important national ministry of the Church. If you or someone you know has experience as a prison chaplain (or in other pastoral or chaplaincy roles) and team leadership experience combined with theology and pastoral qualifications, please visit: www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"For every minute you are angry with someone,
you lose 60 seconds of happiness that
you can never get back."**

YOUTH CORNER

Mabuhay and greetings to you all from our youth corner. Our prayers and trust that our young people had settled well as they start tackling the third term of this academic year. We hope that there will be less interruptions this term after facing many challenges in the last two terms.

We are back with our youth gathering today and we would like to thank all those parents of teens who handed in their forms for the Sacraments of Confirmation. The sessions will be held throughout this term during our youth gathering. The celebration will be confirmed later.

We would like to acknowledge our music team for their generous giving and offer themselves to carry on serving those Masses during the school holidays. May you all be filled with those gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit required for your ministry.

If anyone would like to sponsor meals for our Sunday youth gathering, please contact the parish office or one of our core team. Thank you so much to all those who shared their blessings with our teens by sponsoring meals during the last two terms. Your giving meant a lot to us and may you all be blest in everything that you are doing for the glory of God.

Wishing you all a joyful week ahead.

*Pagpalain ka ng Diyos,
Youth Core Team*



Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship

While Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024 has now sold out, we are excited to announce the opening of the inaugural Bishop Basil Meeking Hearts Aflame Scholarship! There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before August 15, 2023.

FLOWER ARRANGING AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

We urgently require volunteers on a casual basis, short and long term to do flower arrangements. If you can assist, please contact the office on 06 - 878 7774. Thank you.

Sacred Heart Church Cleaners Urgently Required

Can you spare one hour approximately once a month? The Altar Society clean the Altar, Baptismal and Holy Water Fonts, polish candlesticks, Incense boat and Thurible and trim candles. Cleaners of the main church are rostered weekly and depending on numbers would determine how often you would be required. This can be done on any day of the week. Please contact Steph at the office to offer your services. Thank you.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Lorraine Roberts, Trevor Layton, John McCormack, Loyola Mouldey, Fr Maselino Kolio (Samoa), John van Ruitenbeek, Doug Begley, Geraldine Suan (Malaysia), Patricia Greenough (Moran)



Please pray for the Souls of:

Joseph Moran A01/06, David Weir A06/06, John A. Sullivan A13/06, Patrick McGrath A19/06, Lynda Devoy A19/06, Janina Melgies A21/06, Antonius Bot A05/07, Elaine McGrath A05/07, Anna Forbes A08/07, Rose Devlin A19/07, Margaret Broderick A21/07, Bernard O'Kane A21/07, Deceased relatives of Jones/O'Kane families, Des Kavanagh A25/07, Martin Taylor A30/07 (Kathy Kavanagh's brother), Terry Lynn, Brien McAuley & Tucker families, Wal Laracy A18/7, members of Laracy, Thompson, Butler and McCormack families, Eileen Spenser, Patrick Watson, Amalia Jones.

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, Teresa Griffin, 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, 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 Fanilag.

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.

St. Vincent De Paul are in need of:

- ◆ **Shopping bags**
- ◆ **Bric a brac kitchen goods**
- ◆ **Good quality second hand towels, blankets and duvet inners.**
- ◆ **Cans of spaghetti**
- ◆ **Cornflakes & Rice bubble**
- ◆ **Jams**

Please drop off at the office or the SVDP store.



St. Mary's Primary School

The children have come back refreshed and ready for learning this term. Our Year 8 boys have enjoyed the day at St John's College experiencing "A Taste of St John's". This is a great opportunity for our children to experience some of the many wonderful and rich opportunities for learning that St John's College has to offer. Our Year 3 up to Year 8 have the opportunity to go to swimming lessons at the pool at the Sports Park this term. We are looking forward to the children improving their water confidence and swimming skills. We ask you to keep those families from our school whose children will be receiving the Sacrament of Baptism this term.

Nga mihi, Rachael Quinney (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

Manawatia a Matariki! Welcome back to term 3, it's so lovely to hear all the laughter and chatter around the school grounds as we all enjoy this gorgeous weather we have longed for!

9.30am Sunday 30th July, we have our St Johns College and SHC combined school mass at Our Lady of Lourdes in Havelock North.

11th/12th September are our senior examinations. Maria and her whanau have landed safely in Ireland as she begins her sabbatical, and I look forward to stepping into the role as principal for Term 3. God bless.

Nga mihi, Marysia Airey (Principal)

St. Joseph's Primary School

Welcome back to what has been a chilly start to Term 3. It's been wonderful to see our children excited to be back at school and quickly settling into their routines. A special welcome to our new families and whanau. Events coming up - 21 July School Photos, and Fundraising Disco. 7/8 August Parent interviews, 10 August Ki-o-Rahi tournament, 13 August Full School Mass. Also advance notice that the school will be closed 13, and 17 November (Staff Only Days) to explore and deepen our understanding of the refreshed New Zealand Curriculum.

Aaron O'Neill (Principal)

Sunday 6th August morning tea after 9.30am Mass in the OLOL church hall.

In order to raise some money for the Youth of the Hastings Parish, Lourdes Passionist Family Group will provide morning tea and ask that you attend and bring a donation which will be given to the Youth Team.

Feast Days & Events

24th July - St Sharbel MakhluF

25th July - St James, Apostle (Feast)

26th July - Sts Joachim & Anne (Memorial)

29th July - Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus (Memorial)

30th July - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st July - St Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial)

1st August - St Alphonsus Ligouri (Memorial)

2nd August - St Peter Faber (Memorial)

3rd August - St Dominic (Memorial)

4th August - St John Mary Vianney (Memorial)

5th August - The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Blessed Virgin Mary

Production

The term is racing by, and twenty-five of our rangatahi from Sacred Heart and St John's are busy rehearsing for our combined production of 'Godspell'. The music, action, and set are taking shape with rehearsals after school and in a series of weekend workshops. Performances will be at Theatre Hawke's Bay in Hastings on 25, 26, 27 & 28 July.

Tickets are on sale now through www.trybooking.co.nz - the details are on the SHC Facebook and Instagram accounts, or you can contact the school office.

Thank you to the following companies who have helped sponsor SHC to enable this event to happen:

Alexander Construction, Clean Planet, Conroy Removals, Jackson Flooring, Ian Dick Concrete, Geary Painting, Napier Parish, Paladin Sports Ltd, PC Plumbing and PTA.

