

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

Please note that the office will be closed every Wednesday morning between 10.a.m. and 12.p.m for staff meetings.

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

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

25th February 2024

Reflection for Today

"God put Abraham to the test."

What does it mean to be "put to the test"? The Oxford dictionary defines a test as "a critical examination or trial of a person's qualities." Abraham's qualities are put to the test when God asks him to sacrifice his son Isaac. It is a moment of supreme challenge for him. This is his only son, the son of his old age and his only chance of offspring. He does not meet this test with an easy heart but with raw, terrified obedience. His reward is equally great. Isaac is spared and Abraham is promised descendants "as many as the grains of sand on the seashore." [Gen 22:17]

The three disciples in the gospel are also "put to the test". First, it is a test of wonder. Peter, James and John see the face of Jesus shining like the sun, his clothes dazzling white. They also see Moses and Elijah and hear God's voice. Awestruck, Peter talks wildly about building tents! It is an experience beyond all their imagining. As with Abraham their faith is stretched to new limits. The second test for these beautiful and fleeting moments will come later, at the crucifixion. Is the broken, dying figure up on the cross the same as the one they saw up on the mountain?

What about our own moments of "critical examination"? As with tests at school there are questions. God asks, "Can you do this test?" We ask, "How can I do this test when it is so hard?" Mary herself asked, "How can this (child) come about?" She was told, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you." It means that grace to do the test comes with the test. The opening words of the psalm today hold the key. "I trusted even when I said I am sorely afflicted". So, pray for the kind of faith that can trust God even when to trust Him is the hardest thing of all.

[G.M.]

Readings Year B:

25th February -2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 22;1-2,9-13,15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk9;2-10

3rd March-3rd Sunday in Lent

Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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

HOLY HOUR, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament : SPC every Wednesday 6.30p.m.– 7.30p.m.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: SPC every Friday at 6.00p.m.

SYNODAL MEETINGS OVER LENT, hosted by the ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP to be held at the Mission Centre.

Please join us.

Topic: War in the Holy Land.

Wednesday 28 February 7pm-8pm,
followed by refreshments/informal discussion.

Topic: Climate Change.

Wednesday 6 March 7pm-8pm,
followed by refreshments/informal discussion.

Topic: Poverty and homelessness.

Wednesday 13 March 7pm-8pm,
followed by refreshments/informal discussion.



The Time is Now! Ko tenei tonu te Wā! The time is now to empower vulnerable families to thrive! Lenten Giving Envelopes for the **Bishops' Lent Appeal 2024** have been distributed throughout the communiites. This year, we are using a single giving envelope. By reducing costs, we ensure more of your donations go to those in need. You can give once or weekly, as is your preference. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly using the freepost option with the envelope. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post. Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2024 will be sent receipts for the 2023/24 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2024/25 tax year. Thank you for your generous support.

Week Two (Time for Encounter)

The transfiguration of Jesus in the Gospel reading for the second week of Lent reminds us that now is the time for encounter.

Instructors and students from Rural Training Centres in the Solomon Islands, supported by Caritas, experience a growth in skills, knowledge, and confidence through shared encounters with each other, and with Jesus through their learning and work.

Lenten Reflection Programme. If you would like to host a Lenten Reflection Group, it is not too late. Please contact Steph at the office for more information. Groups meet once a week at a time to suit you. All resources will be supplied.

Lenten Reflection Programme – Sacred Heart church. A Lenten Reflection Group gather on Tuesday mornings between 10am –11.00am. If you would like to be part of this group, please contact Richard Jennings on 0226510946

Lenten Reflection Programme

It is not too late to join our Lenten Reflection Group on Thursday mornings between 10am –11.00am. at 3/907 Dufferin Street, Hastings. Phone Janet 06 876 8682 or text 0210751149. Do come along. We would love for you to join us.

CONGRATULATIONS FATHER MARCUS.

Congratulations to Fr. Marcus on the 23rd anniversary of the Priesthood. We thank him for his dedication and commitment to this ministry, and our parish. We pray that God grants him the strength and courage to continue his work, with satisfaction and fulfilment.

YOUTH CORNER

Namaste everyone and welcome to our youth corner. On the first Friday of Lent, our Core Team walked up Te Mata Peak and reflect on the Stations of the Cross with Fr Vijay. It was challenging for most of us in the middle of the way up especially those steep hills, but as we reflected on the sufferings of Christ, our sufferings are nothing in comparison to His. This walk will happen every Friday during the Lenten season and if you are interested to join us, you are more than welcome.

HERE AND NOW: A LIFE NIGHT SERIES ON EUCHARIST is our first series for this year. Our first Life Night was "BEGIN AT THE END - WHY GOD HUMBLING HIMSELF IN THE EUCHARIST" which was a successful one last night. We would like to invite all 13-17 years of age to join us next Sunday as we all learn more about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We will have Adoration after every Life Night with the help of Fr Marcus and Fr Vijay.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Fridays during Lent: *Stations of the Cross, Te Mata Peak.*

Sundays: *Life Teen starts with Mass 5:30pm, Dinner 6:30, Life Night 7-8:15pm.*

Good Friday 29th March: *Stations of the Cross walk from OLOL-SPC-SHC. More details to come next week.*

As most of the team are away today, we wish you all a blessed weekend and a lovely week ahead.

Thank you everyone for all your prayers and supports for our youth ministry in multiple ways.

God bless, Youth Core Team

PARISH MUSIC MEETING

A meeting will be held on 9th March at St Peter Chanel Hall, 10.00 a.m. It will commence with a tea, coffee and bikkies followed by the meeting at 10.30 a.m. All parishioners – priests, musicians, cantors, and all those involved or interested, are invited to attend. If you have any suggestions for our agenda, please contact the Parish office or Moira Begley on 877 0437.



OLOL Sunday Rosters for March, April, May are available now from the church porch and on the parish website from next week.

Stations of the Cross will be held at St Peter Chanel church every Friday at 6.00 p.m. during Lent



Video of NZ experiences of the Synod on Synodality

Archbishop of Wellington Paul Martin, SM, Wairarapa parish Priest Fr Dennis Nacorda, and Auckland Vicar for Māori Manuel Beazley have shared their experiences of the Holy Father's Synod on Synodality in Rome last October. This YouTube video is a recording of a Zoom session they held with a live audience on Thursday 15 March 2024.

Watch it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=COKdE6mlojU>

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Benni Noetzli, Betty Sullivan,
Fr Jock McLaughlan, Bryan Tutty,
Fr Tom O'Connor. Thomas Ferguson,
Lorna Woodham, Terry Durney,
Maureen Horsefield, Colleen Taylor,
Diana Helm, Bronwyn Durney, Patricia Bowen



Please pray for the Souls of:

Patrick & Alice Morris, Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A10/01,
John A Sullivan, Lewis Caldwell (husband of Trish) A10/2.

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, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Maree McCracken, Livia Bairstow, Fr. David Gledhill, Elaine Campbell, Jaimee Gregory, Catherine Guilford, Kristen Hay, Beverley Morley, Natalie & Reg Corbett, Lauretta Ball, Louise O'Connor, Joyce Dawes, June Brunton, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan, Rita Yule, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Grant Evans, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Fiona Millar, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, 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, Veronica Telford, Vincenza Ercolano, John Moriarty.

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.

Gathering for Ministers of Holy Communion.

There will be a meeting for all Ministers of Holy Communion, either to the sick or within the Mass, at 10am Saturday 2 March at St Peter Chanel Hall. I encourage everyone who participates in this ministry to attend. It will deal with a range of issues regarding this ministry as well as responding to any queries that ministers have. There will also be an acknowledgement/renewal of this ministry as part of the Holy Thursday Mass, to which all ministers are also invited.

Thank you,

Fr Marcus.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

What a great start to the year we have had! It has been a busy start to the year with children catching up with old friends and establishing new friends in their classes. We have honoured the 1year anniversary of the cyclone, dressed up for Art Deco and are now about to enjoy Junior School tabloid sports with some of our other special character schools in our area. All teams have attended Mass at Madonna Maria. We have Mass there usually every Friday at 9.15am if any parishioners wish to attend. God bless for a lovely fortnight ahead.

Rachael Quinney (DRS)

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

This week saw the start of our weekly house Masses which are held in our school chapel at lunch times. It is much appreciated that the priests from the Hastings and Napier parishes make themselves available to say mass for our students and teachers. Members of our wider Catholic community are welcome to attend these masses if they wish. On Sunday, we had a combined mass with Sacred Heart College held at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Paki Paki. Thanks to the Paki Paki community for making us feel so welcome. On Thursday, a commissioning Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church for all teachers in Catholic schools in Hawkes Bay. Thanks to Aaron, Elsie, and the team at St Joseph's School for organising this Mass and providing the hospitality afterwards.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

We have our St Johns and Sacred Heart College Leaders mass this Sunday 25th February at Pakipaki. Athletics Day is coming up on the 1st March. On the 4th March, Pūhoro STEMM begins. Pūhoro is an award-winning programme for Maori to build engagement and confidence in STEMM. (STEMM being science, technology, engineering, maths and Mātauranga) This is the 4th year of partnership between our kura (school) and Pūhoro STEMM and we've had really great feedback from students and their whanau.

The Enhanced Learning Centre at SHC is looking for **volunteers** to assist students with learning differences. This could include reading information to the student/reading back what a student has said and/ or writing (or typing) the student's responses. No prior knowledge of subject content is required as this is not the role of a reader/writer. All you need is empathy, kindness, patience and legible handwriting. At the end of the year, you might want to assist with the NCEA exams and there is remuneration for that role.

Please contact Liz Molony: lmolony@shcn.school.nz

God bless,

Maria Neville-Foster - Principal

Easter Triduum Celebrations

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm - Sacred Heart

GOOD FRIDAY - 3:00pm Service

Our Lady of Lourdes
St Peter Chanel
Sacred Heart

EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 pm

Sacred Heart.
No Saturday Vigil at SPC.

EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am — Pakipaki
9:00am — Sacred Heart
9:30am — Our Lady of Lourdes
10.30am — St Peter Chanel.
No 5.30p.m. Mass at Sacred Heart



RESOURCE FOR LENT: A copy of "The Little Black Book" for Lent is available to view in the parish office. This is an excellent way to enrich your Lenten journey – easy to read and just six minutes a day. We have one extra copy for purchase (\$9.00) or order through Pleroma Christian Bookshop.

RCIA Elect and Candidates

Last Sunday our RCIA Elect and Candidates travelled to Palmerston North, with their sponsors, for the Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names. This was celebrated by Bishop John Adams. It was a very special time for everyone to meet the Bishop and visit the beautiful cathedral.



HOLY WEEK -Please join us in Prayer

During Holy week **morning prayer** will be held at **Sacred Heart church** commencing 9.00a.m. and **evening prayer** at **St Peter Chanel** from 7.00p.m.

HOLY WEEK -The Parish office will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday only. If you wish to advertise in our Easter newsletter, please ensure you have your article in early.