

## 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:

The office is closed until further notice.

## 3rd SUNDAY of EASTER

### 26th April 2020

### Reflection for Today

The disciples on the way to Emmaus are not in "lockdown." Nevertheless, staying in their "bubble," they head off for an unknown future. I wonder if it is a married couple or is it a couple of friends who have been there with Jesus "from the beginning"? They do not keep a "social distance" from the stranger who joins them on the road. Instead, they open their hearts to him and relate their dashed hopes: "But we had hoped that He was the one to redeem Israel." (Lk 24: 21) They may not be confined with the rest of the disciples back in Jerusalem, in the Upper Room, but in their minds they remain imprisoned by fear and their insufficient/inadequate idea of who the Messiah is and what He could do. In fact, the Resurrection reveals that He is able not just to save Israel but to redeem the whole of humanity from sin and death. The disciples only get to grasp this, intellectually, when the stranger leads them once again through the Scriptures starting from the very beginning: "Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into glory?" (Lk 24: 26) Yet, the impact of the Resurrection and what it means for them as disciples is only brought home to them at the "breaking of the bread." (Lk 24: 35) Living in 2020 we, too, have heard of the Resurrection and we, too, have often had disappointments about the Church and our Catholic faith. In lockdown, with no access to the sacraments, we have had opportunity to reflect and even to read the Scriptures or to follow Masses on line as they are live streamed throughout New Zealand and the rest of the world. Throughout all of this we have had Christ walking with us through the gift of the Holy Spirit. I pray that when we get the chance, we will be able to gather with other disciples at Sunday and weekday Mass, as well as other sacraments, with a new perspective. In this light we will be able to see how our faith has guided us even in the lowest moments of boredom, anxiety or despair and how important our Communion is to each of us. We will then understand even more clearly the disciples when they said to one another: "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was talking to us on the road, while He was opening the scriptures to us?" (Lk 24: 32)

Fr. Marcus Francis



#### **Our Lady of Lourdes**

85 Te Mata Rd  
Havelock North



#### **Sacred Heart**

425 Heretaunga  
St East, Hastings



#### **St. Peter Chanel**

817 Gordon Rd.  
Hastings



#### **Immaculate Conception**

Paki Paki

### PARISH TEAM

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**Readings for Next Sunday: Year A:  
4th Sunday of Easter**

Acts 2:14, 14, 36-41, 1 Peter 2:20-25, John 10:1-10

**COVID-19 VIRUS UPDATE**

All churches remain closed and Masses and Liturgies in the Diocese are suspended until further notice.

**Masses continue to be screened on 'SHINE' television.** (Sky T.V. Ch. 201, Digital Free to Air T.V. Ch. 25) every Sunday at 1.35pm. Please share this info with anyone who does not connect to online streaming.

**Livestreaming of Masses:**

Here is a simple way to watch on computers etc.

**SCREENING MASSES FROM PALMERSTON NORTH CATHEDRAL -**

Go to [www.pndiocese.org.nz/covid19-united](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/covid19-united).

When this comes up, scroll down to MASS LIVESTREAMS. Click onto 'visit our You Tube' and you're there.

The **CATHOLIC PARISH OF WHANGANUI** is also live streaming Masses, daily, at 9.30a.m.. Visit their Face book page [www.facebook.com/whanganuicatholic](http://www.facebook.com/whanganuicatholic), or YouTube -Search 'Whanganui Catholic'

**PLANNED GIVING**

For those who use planned giving envelopes, please save these until the lock down has been lifted. If you wish to pay by direct credit, the Bank account number is as follows; D.P.N. Hastings Pastoral Area, BNZ, Palmerston North. 02-0630-0288045-022. **Please ensure to put your name and planned giving number in as a reference.**

**TAX RECEIPTS**

Tax receipts will be produced, and posted, once Level 4 lockdown restrictions have been lifted. We will get these out as soon as able and thank you for your patience.

Your Donation is tax deductible! 1/3 of what you give to your parish comes back to you through your tax donation return. If you don't need your Tax donation rebate you can in-turn gift this back to your parish. Once received by the parish your tax rebate will then be counted as a donation to your planned giving for the following year.

**A Prayer for Peace**

Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving, those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in times of war. We pray that their offering of their lives may not have been in vain. May your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

Amen

**BISHOP PETER CULLINANE**

Prayerful **congratulations** to Bishop Peter Cullinane celebrating 40 years as a Bishop on Thursday 23 April (1980-2020).



We pray, in thanksgiving, for Bishop Peter's ministry as priest then Bishop. This includes his outstanding leadership and contribution within the Diocese of Palmerston North as its first Bishop, and to the wider Church in New Zealand. He has also served on several International Catholic Committees. Bishop Peter gave many years of service on ICEL (the International Commission for English in the Liturgy) and has always shown a deep interest in liturgy and liturgical reform.

He has also contributed significantly to both the Ecumenical and Inter-Faith dialogue within New Zealand and abroad, bringing closer relationships between differing denominations and faith traditions.

His many writings have offered a wide breath of knowledge and learning from which we have all benefited.

He continues to contribute generously of his time for ministry when called upon, for which we are all most grateful.

Bishop Peter, blessings, and good wishes to you at this time of celebration!

**DIocese's NEW WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
"UNITED"**

(visit website: [www.pndiocese.org.nz/united](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/united)).

The 'United' newsletter is sent out every Friday while we move through this COVID-19 pandemic. Each week it contains important updates, prayer resources to use at home, links to helpful information, and other ideas of how to stay united. Please sign up to receive this yourself and encourage others to sign up by visiting [www.pndiocese.org.nz/newsletter](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/newsletter).

**A Prayer of Remembrance**

Lord God, help us this day to remember the sacrifice of the first **ANZAC's**, Australian and New Zealander, and the generations of men, women and children who have died in the cause of liberty and peace.

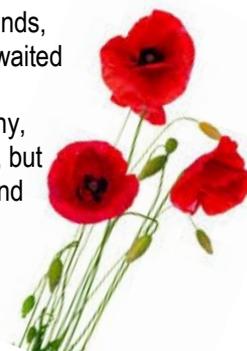
Help us to remember those who still bear the physical and mental scars and disabilities of their service.

Help us to remember the widows, girlfriends, parents and orphans and all those who waited in vain for the return of a loved one.

Help us to remember the mateship, agony, courage and compassion of war service, but save us from ever glorifying the horror and tragedy of war.

Lord God, help us to remember.

Amen.



## THE FEAST OF ST. PETER CHANEL SM - 28TH APRIL THE FIRST MARTYR OF OCEANIA

*His personal motto, 'To love Mary and bring others to love her.'*

St Peter Chanel was born on 12 July 1803, the fifth of eight children, in a farming family in south-eastern France. He was ordained on 15 July 1827, at the age of 24, as a priest for the Belley diocese and was already thinking seriously about applying for an apostolate in the foreign missions. In 1831, at 28, with his Bishop's agreement, he joined the small group of diocesan priests in the dioceses of Belley and Lyons, who had hopes of starting a Society of Mary. Its most prominent members were Jean-Claude Colin and Marcellin Champagnat, who were responsible for establishing a branch of teaching brothers. In 1832 Peter joined the staff, as a spiritual director, of a minor seminary in Belley, which also doubled as a college for boys who had no thought of a priestly vocation.



In 1833 Peter accompanied Fr Colin and another priest to Rome to ask the Pope's approval for their planned Society of Mary. They left Rome empty-handed, however, Papal approval of the priests' branch of the Society of Mary was finally given in April 1836 when the Marists accepted responsibility for new missions in the little-known south-west Pacific. Given his long interest in foreign missions, it is not surprising that Peter offered his name for Oceania. He was chosen to be one of the first band of missionaries, four priests and three catechist brothers, who had been trained by Champagnat, under the leadership of Bishop Pompallier, vicar apostolic of Western Oceania and later first bishop of Auckland.

After a year long journey, round Cape Horn and up to Valparaiso on the Pacific coast of South America, the missionaries sailed into the Pacific, fact-finding and considering possibilities. On All Saints Day 1837, Pompallier placed Fr Peter Bataillon and Br Joseph Luzy on Wallis Island, in an island group north of Fiji. A week later he founded a second mission, leaving Fr Peter Chanel and Br Marie-Nizier Delorme 170km away on Futuna, the smaller island of the two. By then the Bishop had decided to make his base in New Zealand and, via Sydney, landed in the Hokianga on 10 January 1838.

Peter and Marie-Nizier were well received by the king of one of the two factions into which the islanders were split and they were allowed to stay. Pompallier left, promising to return with another missionary in six months, a promise he proved unable to keep, and which seriously undermined the missionaries' position in the eyes of the islanders. On the island were also some English traders, including Thomas Boag, an English Protestant and widower of a Futunan woman, who helped the missionaries, especially with the local language. The missionaries tried to help the islanders with primitive medicine, to discourage tribal warfare and practices such as abortion, and to seize whatever opportunities arose for giving instruction and administering baptism. For three and a half years on Futuna, Peter and Marie-Nizier battled with language difficulties, strange customs and food, sickness, malnutrition, loneliness. Hardest to bear was the seeming lack of success in adult conversions. They persevered, living and preaching the Gospel, in spite of the king's tolerance wearing thin.

The eventual conversion of the king's son proved to be Peter's death warrant. With the king's approval, a small group of his tribal leaders clubbed Peter to death while Marie-Nizier was absent visiting elsewhere. It was on **28th April 1841**. When he heard the news of Peter's brutal death, Pompallier sailed to Wallis, accompanied by Fr Philippe Viard, later to be the first Bishop of Wellington. Viard went ashore on Futuna, refusing any armed escort, and gathered Peter's remains, which were then brought to New Zealand. These were kept reverently at Kororaraka (Russell) until 1849 when they were returned to France. They are now once again on Futuna, venerated in a shrine that has become a pilgrimage centre for the whole Pacific.

Because of the difficulty of getting reliable eye-witness evidence, it took the Church a long time to be satisfied that Peter died because of hatred of the Catholic faith, and not for some other reason. He was officially declared a martyr and beatified in 1889. He was declared a saint by Pope Pius XII in 1954 and, because of his connection with New Zealand, St Peter Chanel is honoured here with a feast day.

*Excerpts taken from an article written by Fr. Justin Taylor SM, Marist Messenger 30.3.17*

### KINDNESS

Suzanne Aubert wrote:

***"Let us always be kind and devoted, one to the other."***

Suzanne Aubert always showed kindness and treated everyone the same no matter who they were. Suzanne was touched to the core by the suffering of those who were sick, poor or disabled.

***' Lord God, help me to gently do little things***

***for the people I live with' Sr. Josephine Gorman***

## St. Mary's Primary School

At St Mary's our online learning is going well, and being accommodated for, in the family environment. Our reflections this week will be on our ANZAC's - the sacrifices they made and those who continue to make sacrifices currently to keep us safe.

God bless. Rachael Quinney (DRS)

## St. Joseph's Primary School

As online learning goes on, our families are working hard on the tasks set for their children.

We have had lots of positive feedback, and staff are enjoying seeing their students, and photos of their work. Management have been meeting to discuss the way forward once we drop to Level 3.

All parents are being surveyed as to whether they will send their child/children to school. Their response will determine the set-up for classrooms/teaching. Government regulations are quite clear. If you can keep your child at home, you should and continue learning from home. We want to ensure that what we do will keep our community as safe as possible.

## Sacred Heart College

Our school opens on Wednesday for year 9 and 10 students who cannot learn from home as per Ministry guidelines. The main message continues to be if you can stay home do. Our site is being prepared and teachers are continuing to work hard ensuring all students are catered for as we settle into a new way of learning. We are encouraging our school community to follow the RSA recommendation and celebrate Anzac Day on Saturday 25 April at 6 am by standing at your letterbox, at the front door, in your lounge rooms, balconies, in your driveway. Stand and take a moment to remember – while staying in your bubble.

Any enrolment inquiries for 2021 please email the school office [admin@sacredheartnapier.school.nz](mailto:admin@sacredheartnapier.school.nz).

God Bless, Maria Neville-Foster, Principal

## St. John's College

We are in week two of term two. Our students, teachers and parents continue to adapt to learning in an online world. Many of our teachers are using a mixture of email, video and Microsoft OneNote to communicate with their students and set work. They are in daily communication with students in one form or another. Parents and students are responding well, with some of our teachers saying they are as busy as ever with students submitting work online and looking for quick feedback. At this stage learning online for our senior students will continue for the foreseeable future. What the face-to-face school environment will look like is still to be seen, but we look forward to having some of our young men back at school next week.

**Enrolments for 2021:** We are working on enrolment packages for 2021. Once we come out of Level 4 and are back at the College we will be able to start the enrolment process for 2021. Any parents of Year 8 students wanting information please contact Deb Smith – [dsmith@stjohns.school.nz](mailto:dsmith@stjohns.school.nz).

Connor Bolton (DRS)

### WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

**Recently Deceased:** Gary Broome, Margaret Carmine (Fr. Brian's aunty), Joan Corlet (Lee Russell's sister), June Ward.

**Please pray for the Souls of:** Lewis Caldwell A10/2, Grace Cullinane A7/3, Anne Thomson A25/3, Michael Dalton A13/3

**Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and communities who are sick especially:** Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), Vi Bond, Kristen Hay, Greg Sloane, Leo Baltussen, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Jack van Bohemen, Eve van Bohemen, Denyse Cornelius, David Ward, Elaine McGrath, Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Lindell Collier, Zoe Le Lievre, Colleen McHardy, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldy, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Diane Masterton, Doug Matthews, Roy Gardiner, Jan Campbell, David Mapu. Claire Lambert, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turefry

**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.

#### The 'Catholic Parish of Hastings' APP

is an excellent tool for keeping up to date with what's happening in our Parish, especially at this time. You will be alerted to any notifications relating to Diocese.

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#### **NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER**

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