

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

The HOLY FAMILY of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

26th December 2021

Reflection for Today

Yesterday, we celebrated the Birth of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Today, the Church invites us to honor the three people who make up the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The birth of the Savior of the world is a true mystery. Consequently, there is no doubt that the Holy Family is not like other families. In the Gospel of Luke, we learn that Jesus at the age of 12, indicated what His mission in life would be. It would be to do our Father's will in all things.

The loss of Jesus for those few days must have caused Mary and Joseph great anxiety. His answer to Mary's question must have perplexed her, and Joseph as well. The Gospel then said, "they did not understand what he said to them" (LK 2: 50). However, we need to remember that Jesus returned to Nazareth with them and lived as a dutiful son. We all know through the scripture that He remained there for 18 years until the Holy Spirit called him into the desert and then to the Jordan River to begin his mission.

Each one of us come from a family. We all know that there are many challenges in family lives. We are called to different roles in this unity. This is the time for us to reflect who we are in our family "the domestic church". With parents, God entrusted you the care of your children. To bring them up, showing them the beauty of our faith, educating them about Christ's love for them, and the sacrifice He made on the cross for our salvation. So, on this special day, let us pray that God will guide us in all our dealings with children and young people. Let us also pray that all spouses and parents become all that they must be. And for those who are without a spouse or children, may we always behave in a godly way towards everyone in the human family of God. For children, we have our roles as well. The command from the Lord is "Honor your father and mother". What have we done with that?

The Feast of the Holy Family ask us to reflect on who we are and what we have to do in our lives?



**St. Peter
Chanel**
817 Gordon Rd.
Hastings

Vigil Sat:
5.30pm

Sunday Mass
10.30am

Weekday Mass
Tues - 5.30pm
Thurs - 5.30pm



Sacred Heart
425 Heretaunga
St East, Hastings

Sunday Mass
9:00am
5.30pm

**Weekday
Masses**

Wed - 12.05pm
Fri - 12.05pm
Sat 8.30am

Fr. Trung Nguyen

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Marcus Francis (On leave)
Assistant Priest: Fr. Trung Nguyen ph.0220626726
Parish Secretary: Steph Levy 0226317045
Hospital Chaplain:

Parish Administrator: Fr. Anthony Htun ph. 0273373356
Deacon: Tevita Faka'osi ph. 0272757086
Finance & Property Administrator: Jean-Ann Ferguson 0272448126
Youth Ministry: Faaki Tuanaki ph. 0211644218

Passionist Family Co-Ordinators: Graeme & Margaret Armstrong ph. 8777758

Readings for Next Sunday: Year C:
The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12;

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME...

ADORATION: Madonna Tuesdays 9am—1pm **(Resumes 1st Feb '22)**
LOL 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 month, 2pm.

MARK'S GOSPEL STUDY: 60 Reynolds Rd., Havelock Nth

2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 7.30pm Ring Diana 0226510946

(Resumes 8th Feb '22)

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 Level 1)

RECONCILIATION: SH - Friday 11.30am, Saturday 8.30am

SPC - Saturday 5pm **OR** by appointment

LOL - Wednesday 9.30am

ROSARY: LOL - 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

St. Vincent De Paul Update

Grateful thanks to all parishioners, friends, St. Mary's, and St. Joseph's schools for your overwhelming response to our Christmas Appeal. Last week we delivered 71 Food Boxes and 50 Care Packages, touching over 450 people. Families that received a Food Box, also received a bag of Christmas gifts-according to family composition. This major project demanded a wonderful team effort in preparation, packing and delivery. All efforts, donations, time, enable S.V.D.P to continue to provide help where needed. God's blessings to you all. Merry Christmas.

S.V.D.P Team.



WE ARE THE CHURCH! LET'S GET IN ON THE ACTION!

The mission of John the Baptist was to prepare the way for the Lord; to level hills, fill in valleys and make rough roads smooth: to get rid of things that might get in the way of what God wants to do. What is getting in the way of what God wants to do in our church? The Synodality process gives the opportunity to seek answers to that question through deep, prayerful reflection. We can do this on our own, or with other people, but we must not miss this opportunity. The Holy Spirit is hankering to show us what needs to be said - and then done! D & R Jennings.

Health & Safety Section:-

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

HEALTH AND SAFETY REFRESHER

Please take note of the EXIT signs as you enter the church. Church aisles are to remain clear always during Mass.

Emergency Procedures

Evacuate the premises on the sound of an alarm or when instructed. Please familiarise yourself with all exits and assembly points. Assemble at the Assembly point until dismissed by your warden who will be your Priest or Mass Co-Ordinator.

Accidents and Incidents.

Accidents and incidents are to be reported to Mass Coordinator as soon as possible after they occur and are to be recorded in the Accident/Incident Log.

First Aid kit available in all churches. The location of kits are marked on church layout plan situated in church foyers.

COVID REQUIREMENTS

On arrival at Mass, please ensure you have your vaccine passport available, use your contact tracer APP/manual sign in and keep your 1m distance.



It is strongly recommended for Parishioners to wear masks, as this adds an additional level of safety to our gatherings and work. Our Priests must protect themselves as much as possible. They should wear masks whenever it is appropriate to do so. All workers and volunteers who are in close proximity to parishioners should also wear masks.

A Big Thank You!

We would like to acknowledge and say a very big thank you to those responsible for the revitalized gardens surrounding the CPH Office and the Sacred Heart Church. They are looking truly beautiful and are giving Parishioners and visitors so much pleasure. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Janet van Hooijdonk

I wish to thank Carmen Testa for the lovely Nativity and Karl Schroder & David Donnelly for the hay/straw. Thank you to our ever- beautiful Jean Ann, Steph, and Trish. Our great office staff. To Baylon Desouza, Shirley Costello, Stephen Bot. The team who Sunday after Sunday since Co-Vid turns up and man the desk! I am so proud of us and the Community of Sacred Heart who by the grace of God has so far weathered the storm! Last but not least a big hug to Fathers Marcus, Anthony, and Trung. Where would we be without you? Thank you for the cooperation of everyone in this trying time!

God love you all.

Bernadette Avison (Sacred Heart church).

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are available at the Parish Office. \$12 each. No eftpos.

YOUTH CORNER

Tēnā koutou katoa and welcome to our youth corner. Our heartfelt thanks to our Priests for all their supports throughout this year, especially their prayers and ongoing advice that had helped us grow in our spiritual lives. There were many downs in our roles, but you all lifted with your kind hearts and wise advice without judging. You are all true missionaries that had helped our youth ministry grow in different ways and had brought young people from all walks of life. Thank you to all parents, parishioners, parish staff and all youth members for your support and keeping this ministry going, even in time of uncertainty that had put off our weekly gathering since the last lockdown.

To our most generous youth team, your endless effort that had put into weekly meetings to organise youth camp for next month are very much appreciated. You all did this from your hearts because of the love you have for our young people. This season is all about the Love of God and you had lived out that love to complete another challenging year. Thank you so much for reaching out to our young people in your own time to make sure they are fine.

We are currently organising our youth camp which will be next month 14-16th at Tukituki Youth Camp, Haumoana. Please pray for a productive formation event and for everyone's safety. Thank you so much to all our generous parishioners who had sponsored some of young people to attend camp. May God pour out His Spirit upon you and your family during this season of giving. Our apologies for our youth raffle that supposed to be drawn last week, because we were not able to sell enough, the draw had been postponed to January 22, 2022.

May you all receive the Prince of Peace with joyful hearts with your dearest family and enjoy the celebration of His birth on Christmas Day.

Manaaki te Atua,

Faaki Tuanaki (Youth Minister)



At this time of year Christmas cards are received from loved ones afar. Please remember to keep the postage stamps and hand them into the office. They would be greatly appreciated.

NO PARKING AT NEW WORLD

At the request of New World Management please refrain from parking at New World during the month of December. There is parking available in Eastbourne Street and in the school grounds. We thank you for your co-operation.



PARKING IN FRONT OF SACRED HEART CHURCH

It would be greatly appreciated if, when you park your car, you endeavoured to get it as **near as possible to either the wall on the right or to the wall on the left**. This will enable us all to drive in or out down the middle, and is extremely important **even when, quote, "I am stopping ONLY FOR A MINUTE"**.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Moreen Monica Joyce Hoskin, Mary Taiaroa, Andy Joseph, Lorna Walsh, Ian Grenside.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Members of Marist Third Order, Reuben and Nancy Lange and their departed siblings. William, Pattie, David and Peter O'Keefe, Nida Ricafort A15/11, Carrem Koorey, Cecilia Barnes, George Barnes, Hall Jalns, Vanessa O'Neil, All deceased members of O'Farrell family, Brian Fennessy A 15/12, Bryan Yates A 21/12, Selwyn Begley & families, Allison families, Frank Percy A 21/12, Mary Sullivan A 27/12, Deceased members of Pollard & Sullivan families, 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 Epplert, Ernie & Ollie Epplert, Michael & Dora Cowan, Helen Reid, Bert & Catherine King.

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, Lindell Collier, 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, Daniel Wiley, Joyce Dawes, Pat McGehan, Toni Molloy, Des Kavanagh, Marie Tartere.

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.

A special **THANK YOU** to Cushla Thomas and her two girls who decorate the Christmas tree at S.H.C. year after year. You are much appreciated.

The office will reopen on 5th January and the next newsletter will be 9th January. To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by Wednesday lunchtime, 5th January. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS MESSAGES 2021



The Word became flesh and dwelt among us! The mystery of the Incarnation is at the very heart of Christian faith. The Christian believes that God became man, that *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us*. Christmas celebrates the historical event of Jesus' Birth in Bethlehem. It is a historical event because it is prophesied and professed by the prophets throughout the Scriptures. The historical story of Jesus' Birth begins with the Fall of humanity (cf. Genesis 3:15) and ends with the Fall of Satan (cf. Revelation 12:17). Although the Fourth Gospel does not contain a narrative of Jesus' birth like the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, it does mention his "coming into the world" "his being with God and himself as God" and "becoming flesh" saying, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.... And the Word became flesh and lived among us." (John 1: 1-14) The theology and spirituality of Christmas use a phrase to describe this event, they speak of an *admirabile commercium*, that is, a wondrous exchange between divinity and humanity. St Athanasius of Alexandria says: "The Son of God became man so that we might become God" (De Incarnatione, 54, 3: PG 25, 192). Christmas means pausing to contemplate that Child, the Mystery of God who became man in humility and poverty, but above all it means welcoming within us once again that Child who is Christ the Lord. Therefore, celebrating Christmas is showing the joy and the light that this Birth brought to the whole of our life so that we too may be heralds of joy, and the light of God to others. Wishing you all a Christmas Season blessed by God's presence!

Fr. Anthony Htun

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. He came robed in flesh as a message of 'good news' into a world of darkness. As we celebrate Christmas, we are thankful for the gift of faith, a gift of 'good news' that opens for us the beautiful message of this Holy season. "God loves us so much that he sent His only Son to redeem us and to show us the way to the Father in heaven". This is the time we give a gift to each other. As a catholic we also need to remember that the best Christmas gift we can give each other is to share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike. Proclaiming the joyous tidings that 'God is with us.' We all know that we have had a strange year. There are many people facing difficulties and hardship. We have dealt with loneliness and isolation. There could also be separation and division in families, communities, and societies. Despite all these things, we are called to be joyful as the Son of God come to give us life and bring us salvation. I want to say many thanks to all the people who contributed in different ways to the life of the parish this year. Thank you for all your care, love and help you have shown to me. I also want to apologize for any time that I failed to be a "Good Shepherd". Please continue to pray for me to be a "Holy Priest" to serve God and His people in this land. Be assured my prayers are for you all. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. God bless you.

Fr. Trung Nguyen

Mālō e lelei, 2021 has been a difficult year for many. Dealing with the presence of Covid in New Zealand has shaken us, and the thought of contracting Covid makes us aware of our own vulnerability. In my job, people I deal with in Family Violence (victims) often talk about being vulnerable. We can all be vulnerable at some stage in our lives, but what we have, is our intimate relationship with God in faith. Faith in God provides us with the strength to conquer the different emotions and feelings of hurt and what is in our lives and turns our vulnerable state into a state of true meaning. May this Christmas be a time to be responsible and accountable for the decisions and choices that we make for the safety of everyone. I pray that you and your family have a Blessed and Safe Christmas. Mālō aupito!

Rev. Deacon Tevita Faka'osi

Today, the Child is Born! Talofa lava to you all fellow parishioners especially our young generation, the future of the church. Today the child is born within the world, our families, within you and me. It is a season of FAITH, HOPE and LOVE. My heartfelt gratitude to all those who took part, participated, and donated in different ways within our Parish and so forth throughout this challenging year. Thank you also to those who silently contributed their time and effort in prayers for the betterment of our Parish. Not forgetting our leaders whom our Priests for the unconditional service to keep that child born within each and everyone. Manuia le Kerisimasi ma le Tausaga Fou.

Steph Levy

Thank you to the parishioners of the "Catholic parish of Hastings" for the support and kindness you have shown to the office during this challenging year. To all the volunteers, we are blessed to have you. You have worked tirelessly this year, thank you.

Fr Marcus, Fr Anthony, and Fr Trung, thank you for your guidance, support, and kindness. I am blessed to be part of this parish.

Have a safe, happy, and blessed Christmas.

Jean-Ann Ferguson

The power of prayer! Thank you to everyone for your prayers and well wishes during my illness, and a special thank you to Fr. Marcus and Fr. Trung for their support during that time. I am now back working at the office, on a casual basis, to assist where needed. (And loving being back!) I wish you all a very blessed Christmas and a safe and happy 2022.

Trish Sharp

It was God's love that's caused Jesus Christ to come into the world and to be born. But the second reason was that the purpose of that coming, the purpose of that love, was to reunite us with God. Our relationship with God that had been broken by sin is now restored in Jesus Christ. (Dr. K. Howell). Let us celebrate the commemorate of our Saviour's birth as He came to reunite us with God. We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone's support especially our dear Priests, parents, young people, and Youth Team. May all that is beautiful, meaningful and brings joy be yours this holiday season and throughout the coming year. Merry Christmas everyone and be blest always.

Faaki Tuanaki