OUR MISSION

TO WELCOME all who we encounter so that we can build a relationship with each other

> TO LOVE as Jesus loved



OUR VISION 'LIVING AS CHRIST'

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Our Lady of Lourdes 85 Te Mata Rd Havelock North



<u>Sunday Mass</u> 9.30am

Weekday Masses Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy Tues: 9.00am Wed: 9.00am - Mass Thurs: 9.30am Sat: 9.00am - Liturgy

St. Peter Chanel 817 Gordon Rd Hastings



<u>Vigil Sat</u>: 5.30pm <u>Sunday Mass:</u>10.30am

Weekday Masses Tues: 5.30pm Thurs: 5.30pm

Sacred Heart 425 Heretaunga St East Hastings

<u>Sunday Masses</u> 9:00am & 5.30pm

Weekday Masses Wed: 12.05pm Fri: 12.05pm Sat: 8.30am

Immaculate Conception Paki Paki

<u>Sunday Mass</u> 8.00am



1st SUNDAY OF LENT

26th February 2023

Reflection for Today

The gospel of the first Sunday of Lent reminds us of the reality that we must face in our daily lives. We must admit there is a war within us. The fight between good and evil. For this reason, St Peter reminds us, "Be sober and keep alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Pet 5: 8). What the devil tempted Jesus with, in the gospel today, the devil also tempts us with in our daily lives. As the scripture mentions: "What has been, will be again, and what has been done, will be done again and there is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9). Satan asked Jesus to turn stones into bread, jump off the Temple, and worship satan instead of God. All the temptations can be summed up as temptations of power, pride, and glory. These temptations of Jesus should help us to better understand those that we face in our own time.

In the history of human beings, there are many people who have sold their souls for wealth and power. The devil tempts us to join those who do evil, tune down or turn off our conscience, and reap wealth beyond our imaginations. The temptations in the gospel today can be summarized: A suggestion of shortcut by Satan to be unfaithful to the call and mission of the Father. Jesus had the mission to save the world by his suffering and the cross. Satan shows the easy way and indicates how the same end can be met, but he will not be following the way of the Father. Lenten season is the time for us to reflect on the purpose of our lives. What we are called to be. With Christians, the goal of our lives is to live for God and with God. Indeed, it is not easy. Through the gospel, we know that if we open our hearts to receive grace from the Lord through our prayer and sacraments, we can defeat the temptation in our lives.

Fr. Trung Nguyen

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9.00a.m - 1.00p.m. For urgent matters please contact the priests. Contact details above. **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



Readings for Next Sunday: Year A: 2nd Sunday of Lent Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9;

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, except Thurs 8.45am MORNING TEA: SH Wednesdays 10-11.45am All welcome. Bring a friend RECONCILIATION: SH - Friday 11.30am, Saturday 8.30am SPC - Saturday 5pm OR by appointment OLOL - Wednesday 9.30am 1. ROSARY: OLOL - Thursdays 9.10am 2. SH - Saturday 8am SUNDAY READINGS 4 U: SH room off day chapel. Tuesdays 10 -11am 3. 4. **First Reconciliation and First Communion** 5. Registrations are now open. Enrolments forms are available at the Catholic primary schools, Parish office and on our website, under Sacraments. Please ensure your enrolment form is handed to the office, or school, by the end of March. Preparation for Reconciliation will commence on 30th April for 3 weeks, held at Sacred Heart church, after 9.00am Mass. 1st Reconciliation will take place on 20th May 2023. Preparation for 1st Holy Communion will commence 21st May 2023 with the celebration taking place on the Feast of the Holy Body and Blood of Christ – 11th June 2023. For any further enquires please contact the Parish office. KIDS BECOMING CATHOLIC

The programme will be run through the schools. Teenagers, outside the Catholic schools, wanting to become Catholic should contact Fr. Trung or the Parish office.

Health & Safety Section:-Please refer to noticeboards in each church



Lenten Reflection Programme

It's not too late to join a Lenten Reflection Group Preparing for Easter. You are welcome to join us on Thursday mornings 10am 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.

Season of Lent at Pakipaki

Come and join us for quiet time and meditation with Jesus every Sunday of Lent.

06:30am Morning Prayer with Caritas Lenten reflections and Eucharistic Adoration

07:15am Holy Rosary meditation on 25 mysteries over five weeks with scripture readings. This week's mysteries are:

- 1. Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem
- 2. The Last Supper
- 3. The Agony in the Garden
- 4. The Surrender of Jesus
- 5. Jesus led to the High Priest

08:00am Mass in the Māori Language

During Lent Season, there will be Adoration and Reconciliation Every Wednesday at St Peter Chanel between 7pm and 8pm. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross will be at Sacred Heart church every Friday at 7.00p.m.



Lenten Reflection Programme

This year the theme for the Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme is "I am the light of the world." Lent invites us to a personal encounter with Jesus, to combat darkness in our world and the Lenten Reflection Programme supports this journey. Follow this link for resources:

https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent

OLOL SUNDAY ROSTERS

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

YOUTH CORNER

What a successful night we had on Sunday at Life Teen Life Night. We had a great night, and everyone had a lot of fun. Thank you for the teens who attended, and our thoughts are with everyone during this time with Cyclone Gabrielle.

This week our theme is Lowkey Upset – Sadness. The Goal for this week is for teens to understand the emotion of sadness through the lens of Christ, His suffering, and ultimately, the hope of our redemption and resurrection.

We continue to pray for all those affected by the floods and the damage this has caused. We pray for courage and strength at this time. We pray for the catholic parish of Hastings and all the emergency services working around the clock to help protect those severely affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Thank you for all your continued support for our youth, it is greatly appreciated.

Thank You and God Bless - The Youth Core Team



As you will understand St Vincent De Paul's services are in demand at present. The resources we have are being sent out as and when required. We are coping with the immediate needs, but we know that once things have settled down. There will be a prolonged need for further help.



Clothing is no longer being accepted at the emergency centres as they have been overwhelmed.

If you would like to help, a financial donation is appreciated. This enables a targeted response to actual need.

A donation using any of the following account numbers with the reference "Cyclone Relief" is appreciated.

Tax receipts will be available. Some envelopes are also available in the church foyers.

Please keep all those affected in your prayers. Also, please contact SVDP if you know of anyone in need.

Our Lady of Lourdes SVDP Conference	;	03 0658 0095448 00
Sacred Heart SVDP Conference		03 0642 0802590 00
St Peter Chanel SVDP Conference		03 0642 0733599 00

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:

Fr. Anthony Htun, Dot Rae, Laurie Cantwell, Peter Heeney (Tauranga), John Bourke (Jillian Frizzell's brother), Simon O'Kane, Stellas Netto, Bede Houlahan, Betty Koorey, Anthonius (Ton) Ham.

Please pray for the Souls of:

Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A12/1, Fearn family, Deceased relatives of Jones/O'Kane families, Deceased members of the Hannan & Sullivan families, Reuben and Nancy Lange and their departed siblings; William, Pattie, David, Peter and Patrick O'Keefe, Margaret Doggett and her deceased family members, Joe O'Boyle A09/02, John Fracis Pyke A07/02, Emmanuel George A06/02.

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, Lily Walsh, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldey, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, John Janssen, Mark Rice, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Jan Skinners, 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, Nathan Hutchinson.

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.

S.P.C. cleaners at St Peter Chanel church are **urgently required** for one month a year. Please contact the office on 06 - 878 7774 if you can assist.

STILL YOUNG AT HEART

The (sometimes young) Christian Mothers group which met regularly through the '70s and '80s is planning to have a gathering in March 2023. If you were a member of this group or know someone who was, we would really appreciate hearing from you particularly if you have details of anyone who has moved from Hastings. To register your interest or to pass on information, please call or message: Carol Wahl 8782945 or Marie Russell 0211232828 or

<u>russell.m503@gmail.com</u>. Confirmed date and venue will be advised when we have an idea of the number involved.

Sacred Heart College



We welcomed our students back to school on Wednesday and it was a wonderful day of reconnecting and supporting one another. We continue to hold those who have been affected in any way by the cyclone in our prayers. We have had support come through from the Palmerston North Diocese and other Catholic schools in New Zealand. We have a wonderful community who are offering support and help to those in need. We will organize a schoolwide response to the need in our community in the coming weeks. In this season of lent we are asked to be the 'Light of the World'. We are not alone and will get through this together by showing care, compassion, understanding and kindness towards each other. God Bless

Nga mihi, Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

St. John's College

It has been a difficult couple of weeks at St John's as we deal with the fallout from Cyclone Gabriel. The school has been open for all students from Tuesday. We have been running a modified timetable to adjust for the transport issues affecting our Napier based students and teachers. All calendared events, athletics sports, Y9 camps, etc. have been postponed. We are grateful for the support of our parish and diocesan communities and very thankful for the food, clothing and bedding delivered by the Palmerston North Diocesan team. We look forward to the next few weeks with hope and ask for your prayers for those in our community negatively impacted by the cyclone.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

Feast Days & Events

26th Feb – 1st Sunday of Lent

27th Feb – St Gregory of Narek

5th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

1st March - Adoration & Reconciliation at SPC 7pm-8pm

3rd March - Station of the Cross at SH 7pm

7th March - Sts Perpetua & Felicity

8th March - St John of God

9th March - St Frances of Rome.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for MARCH Rebecca & Dean Lyall

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted **by Wednesday lunchtime**. If you wish to receive your newsletter via email:

Contact the parish office by emailing: <u>admin@hastings.parish.nz</u>. Thank you.

Please follow our Parish social media platforms like Facebook, Website, and the APP for latest updates.

If you change your address, email or phone number please contact the office so they can amend your details.

POPE FRANCIS' Advice for Lent

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from **sadness** and be filled with **gratitude**.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from **pessimism** and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and trust in God.

Fast from **complaints** and **contemplate** simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from **bitterness** and fill your heart with **joy**.

Fast from **selfishness** and be **compassionate** to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from **words** and be silent so you can **listen**.

