

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

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



CHRIST THE KING

26th November 2023

Reflection for Today

Today's feast concludes the Church year with the proclamation: Jesus Christ is King. He is the King of Kings. His Kingdom might not be like what we have in our minds. He is a conquering Messiah, but His army is spiritual, not physical. He battles to restore life, not destroy life. He came down from heaven to bring us to heaven. In today's Gospel, we are presented with a profound image of Christ the King. Unlike earthly rulers, adorned with crowns and sceptres, our King identifies Himself with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. His throne is not one of luxuriousness but of compassion, and His kingdom is revealed in the acts of mercy we extend to the least among us.

As Jesus paints this vivid picture of judgment, He reveals a crucial truth - we encounter Him in the faces of those in need. The hungry child, the lonely elderly person, the refugee seeking shelter - they are not just recipients of our charity; they are the very presence of Christ in our lives. To see the face of Christ in the marginalized, is to recognize the essence of His kingship. We need to ask ourselves "Did we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick?" In these acts, we participate in the building of Christ's kingdom, where love is not a sentiment but a self-giving way of life. Christ's words are a challenge to the very core of our Christian identity. It's a call to move beyond the comfortable boundaries of our lives and reach out to those who are in need.

As we reflect on this Gospel passage, let us recommit ourselves to living out the values of Christ's kingdom - values of love, compassion, and selfless service. In recognizing the face of Christ in the least among us, we not only encounter the King but become active participants in the unfolding of His reign. May our lives reflect the transformative power of Christ's love, and may we hear His words one day: "Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (Matthew 25:34).

Fr. Trung Nguyen

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

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

Readings Year A:

26th November - *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17, 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Matt 25:31-46

3rd December - *1st Sunday of Advent*

Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37

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

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

Feast of Christ the King | 26 November 2023

The Feast of Christ the King on Sunday 26 November marks the end of the liturgical year. The National Liturgy Office has prepared prayers and other resources, including Pope Francis reflecting on the Gospel reading from Matthew in which Jesus tells his disciples about the second coming, when the Son of Man will separate the sheep from the goats. Go here for the resources: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/jesus-christ-king-of-the-universe-2/>

Our gifting tree is up again this year.

This is to provide Christmas cheer for children who otherwise would miss out. We are asking for gifts or gift vouchers for children from 0 to 13 years. We have found that it makes distribution to the appropriate child easier if the gifts are not wrapped when donated. We need the gifts dropped off at the church or into the SVDP shop in Hastings by December the 10th. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.

Saint Vincent de Paul Area Council.



Invitation to the Priests' Jubilee Mass

Tuesday 28 November 2023

All parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass to celebrate the **Jubilees of Priestly Ordination**. The Jubilee Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 28 November 2023 at 12.05 pm in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. The presider will be Bishop John Adams. The priest celebrating a Jubilees this year is Fr. Chris Martin (40 years).

S.V.D.P Update



1. Grateful thanks to all who managed to donate funds with our Annual Appeal.
2. Planning underway with our Christmas Food Box. Please notify Fr Paul, Fr Trung, Parish Office, members of S.V.D.P. of families, solo parishioners, that need this Christmas gift.
3. This year our Christmas Gifts will be for under 12s. We welcome donations of suitable gifts – no need to wrap. Place in the S.V.D.P. basket in your church.
4. Thank you for your weekly food donations. We need marmite, peanut butter, milo and coffee.

S.V.D.P. Team

The Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection - Sunday 3 December 2023

The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for 'overseas priests', retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated, especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes in the foyer of each church or you can credit our bank account. "Catholic Parish of Hastings" BNZ 02 0630 0288045 23. Please include your name.

Mons Brian Walsh (Chairperson)

Clergy Trust Fund

Diocese of Palmerston North

OLOL Sunday Rosters for December, January and February have been printed and are available from the church porch.

Please note that updated phone lists are attached to this roster.

YOUTH CORNER

Warm greetings to you all dear parishioners and visitors.

It was an exciting event to witness 13 teenagers and 2 adults received the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 12th November, from our new Bishop, John L. Adams. We experienced the presence of the Holy Spirit within the Church as Bishop laid hands on them and the whole congregation were praying for those new adults in our Catholic Church. It was a good crowd as we had the confirmands families and friends supporting their son/daughter which made their Pentecost Day more special.

Our sincere thanks to everyone involved in the sacramental program since term 3. May God's Spirit fills your heart as we continue to lead teens closer to Christ through the Sacraments. Last but not the least, huge congratulations again to all the confirmands, and thank you for your yes to take further steps on your faith. May you all take your mission in the Church with courage as you allow God's Spirit to lead you.

A kind reminder of our Youth Christmas Concert on Saturday 2nd December, St Joseph School ground, from 5pm. Raffle ticket sales after Sunday Masses and is available at the parish office.

Thank you so much to all those who had offered to sponsor some teens to attend youth camps next year. Your supports are very much appreciated and prayers for you all.

God bless, Youth Core Team.



Bishop Peter's autobiography – Knowing My Place is now available for purchasing in the parish office. The book is \$20 per copy, which helps recover costs.

(Copies are also on sale at Bruce McKenzie Booksellers, PN, and Pleroma Christian Bookshop, Otane). Please email +Peter on pjculinane@xtra.co.nz or phone 06 326 9368.

Thursday 14th December after 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. We will have a Christmas theme morning tea & fellowship. Please bring a small plate. Everyone welcome.

General clean of Church and Grounds for Christmas at OLOL on December 9th. Start at 9am. Please join us. Many hands make light work.

The women of St Columba's Church Havelock North invite the women of your church to a Christmas Advent Service at St Columba's, cnr Napier Road & Columba Way, Havelock North on Wednesday 13 December at 10 am. Advent Service followed by morning tea. We will have a collection of non-perishable food for Nourished for Nil.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Marg Moore, Louisa Cumberbeach Talbot, Brian Dennis (Cheryl Eccleton's brother-in-law), Frank Adamson (Brother of Joan McIntyre & Veronica Telford), Heine Soer.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Catherine McGrath (Kitty) A6/10, Mervyn Bright A6/10, Tom Mouldey A16/10, Bill Logan A17/10, Michael Broderick A18/10, Vanessa O'Neill A18/10, Tai Cullinane A19/10, Jose M.O and Mary Jose departed souls, Gerard Brady A22/10, Michael (Mick) Carr A22/10, Joan Robison A22/10, Joyce Jillings A23/10, Lou Jillings, Jim Molloy A24/10, Josephine (Jo) Brady A27/10, Annie Gibbs A30/10, Andres Galapon, Juanita Galapon, Basilic Galapon, Homer Galapon, Julie Alonzo, George Barnes A31/10, Mike Timu, Cecilia Barnes, Carrem Koorey, Douglas Matthews A4/11, Sean Pollard A7/11, Fr Pat Cooke A15/11, Dorothy Rae A24/11, Fr Anthony Htun A25/11, Francis McGrath A29/11, O'Malley/Maher, Dodson/Fitzpatrick, Purcell/Cullinane, Bernie Doherty (UK), John & Theo Jenssen, Peter Van DeLee, Jessen & Beaumont family, Frank Crist, Tom & Essie King, Derek 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 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, 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, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, 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 Tarrega, Bernadette & Ross Chilton, Carol & Lawrie Wagnor (Aust), Sue Godyre, Morgan Flynn, John Marryatt, Ann Amoravet, Kerry Walsh (Australia), Henry Crichton, John Anderson, Terry Durney, Veronica Telford.

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.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available at the Parish office and on sale \$12.00. No eftpos available.

St. Mary's Primary School

We have enjoyed the Nativity performance of our Junior School. Thank you to the children for their wonderful performance, the adults who helped in many ways and those who came to support and watch. We wish our Kapa Haka children all the best for the upcoming festival! They have been working so hard throughout the year! We look forward to our celebration assembly next week where all the children who have taken on leadership roles throughout the year are acknowledged and celebrated. Thank you! Blessings on a wonderful fortnight.

Rachael Quinney (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

There's a lot of great things happening for our students at this time of year! This week our year 10 students had a great couple of days immersed in the world of careers, exploring a workplace of their choice followed by a careers workshop learning skills on C.V writing, interviews and some wonderful guest speakers to inspire them on some great career pathways. Such a valuable programme for our young people. We're praying for fine weather as our Duke of Edinburgh Bronze students head to Mangatainoka hot springs on Saturday 25th November and the silver/gold students are off to do the Abel Tasman. May the lord protect them on their travels.

Another exciting week for the year 10's as they head off to camp on *Monday 4th December*.

Tuesday 5th December is the Year 9 retreat. *Friday 8th December* 10.30am prizegiving in the school gym followed by our Thanksgiving Mass at 6.30pm at St Patrick's Church. Final day for all students.

Nga mihi, Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

St. John's College

After the hustle and Bustle of the last few weeks, we have had a quiet week. Junior reports are in the process of completion, teachers are busy planning for the Year 9 and Year 10 camps, and we will have 6 students out next week doing the Awa run to raise money for students on the East coast in conjunction with the Young Marist Trust. Along with other students from Marist Colleges around the country, our young men will run 50 km's over three days along the Whanganui River.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

GOSPEL of MARK Workshop: Presented by Dr Sarah Hart
Lecturer: Biblical Studies Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College
Thursday, 7th December 7pm to 9pm Mission Centre, Sacred Heart
There will be NO CHARGE. To register, phone/text Diana 022 651 0946 or phone Steph (06) 878 7774.

Pleroma Christian Supplies: New Manager Sought

Pleroma Christian Supplies is in search of a new Manager as the ministry, established in 1978 by Shirley and Ian Duthie, looks to continue its legacy. The organisation is seeking an individual eager to embrace the opportunity, based in Central Hawkes Bay, and lead this well-established and respected business. Pleroma Christian Supplies is a not-for-profit Catholic Christian resource supplier (retail and wholesale) serving our dioceses and faith communities.

Additional details about this exciting role can be found in the position advertisement <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271>

Advent | National Liturgy Office

The First Sunday in Advent is 3 December. The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial resources for all four Sundays of Advent, a time during which we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection.

Go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/dec-2023-come-lord-jesus/>

The priests will be away on Tuesday 28th November. There will be no Masses but there will be liturgy of the word and Eucharist.

Sister Eveleen Retreat House

...is a spiritual haven nestled among the native trees on Scarborough Hill, Sumner, Christchurch. It is owned by the Anglican Diocese but is run ecumenically. It was bequeathed to the church by Sr Eveleen who asked for it to be used as a 'house of spiritual prayer.' The team around Sr Eveleen Retreat House invites you to stay with us here at Sr Eveleen to rest, recharge your spirit, and experience a deeper connection with your faith. What does Sr Eveleen Retreat House offer?

- ◆ **Themed retreats throughout the year.** The new retreat calendar for 2024 is taking shape. We offer retreats from 1 to 7 days, weekends or during the week, silent or quiet. These are led by experienced retreat leaders or spiritual directors from various Christian denominations.
- ◆ **Be a guest** at Sr Eveleen and [book a room](#) (within the retreat house, including use of lounge, kitchen and chapel) for your own stay or self-guided retreat day(s).
- ◆ Book Sr Eveleen Retreat House for a retreat-day for your pastoral, parish team, your prayer or committee.
- ◆ Attend our [regular prayer rhythm](#) at Sr Eveleen or come up for a visit if you are in the area.

If you would like to know more, explore our [website](#), follow us on [facebook](#), get in touch (via email or phone) or just come up for a visit. We look forward to welcoming you here at Sr Eveleen Retreat House. Manaakitia te Atua. If you have any questions or would like further information please contact SERH: (ph) 022 563 6879 (e) enquiry@sistereretreat.com