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'

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 28th February 2021

Reflection for Toda

In our encounter and communion with Christ on a Sunday at Mass do we ever think: "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here." (Mk 9: 5)? Is the Mass a joyful experience that allows us through mystery to access spiritual realities? I hope so, but if not, perhaps we need to prepare more positively for our Sunday experience by reflecting on the Sunday readings through the week, discussing after Mass the homily with our children and/or spouse and/or fasting prior to Mass more than the minimal one hour. It is also the case that transfiguration moments in our lives can come not only in church but also through prayer and moments of spiritual intimacy with God. If we take time for guiet prayer, praying the rosary or reflecting on the beauty of creation the presence of God comes close to us. Nevertheless, these powerful experiences of grace do not endure indefinitely. It is true that life continues to be difficult and stressful and that this reality is not miraculously removed from us. In fact, like the disciples, we have to descend the "mount of transfiguration" and encounter failure. The other disciples, who were not with the other three, know failure as they find themselves powerless over the boy afflicted with an evil spirit (Mk 9: 14-29). Jesus is clearly exasperated with them saying: "Your faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you?" (Mk 9: 19) To this end we need to stay close to Jesus just as Peter, James and John did and thus get a privileged glimpse of his glory. In addition, during this time of Lent, we have an opportunity to increase our devotion since with the disciples we may well ask: "Why could we not cast it out?" (Mk 9: 28) and hear the reply: "This kind can only come out through prayer." (Mk 9: 29)



St. Peter Chanel 817 Gordon Rd. Hastings

Vigil Sat: 5:30pm Sunday Mass 10.30am Weekday Mass **Tues**– 5.30pm Thurs– 5.30pm Fri - Madonna 9.15am (during school terms)



Sacred Heart 425 Heretaunga St East, Hastings

> Sunday Mass 9:00am 5.30pm

Weekday Masses Wed - 12.05pm Fri - 8am & 12.05pm Thurs -9.15am Sat 8am

Fr. Marcus Francis

PARISH TEAM Parish Priest: Fr. Marcus Francis ph. 02102283349

Assistant Priest: Fr. Trung Nguyen ph.0220626726 Parish Secretary: Steph Levy Hospital Chaplain: Deidre Russ ph. 878 8109,1, ext. 2718 Passionist Family Co-Ordinators: Graeme & Margaret Armstrong ph. 8777758

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

Readings for Next Sunday: Year B: 3rd Sunday of Lent Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

ADORATION: Tuesday 9am-1pm Madonna, Friday 9am OLOL **BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a priest. No Baptisms during Lent.

BENEDICTION & Exposition every second Thursday of the month, at St Peter Chanel Church 7p.m.- 8p.m. Friday, 11am at Sacred Heart church. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Every Thursday at Sacred Heart 5.30p.m. New members welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP – every Wednesday at Sacred Heart day chapel, 7 – 8 p.m. All welcome. Enquiries please ring Paula ph. 878 3314.

HOSPITAL SINGING: 2nd Sunday 6pm (meet main entrance of Hospital) to be advised.

MARIST THIRD ORDER: Every 1st Sunday of the month, 2pm at Sacred Heart church in room off the day chapel.

MORNING PRAYER : Monday - Friday 9am Sacred Heart.

RECONCILIATION: SHC - Friday 11.30am , Saturday 8.30am SPC - Saturday 5pm (or by appointment)

ROSARY: Thursday 9.10am Our Lady of Lourdes, SUNDAY READINGS 4 U :Tuesdays 10 –11am at Sacred Heart. MARK'S GOSPEL STUDY: 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Ring Diana 974 9096

ALPHA COURSE

for adults 17+. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of this enlightening programme. We still have a few available spaces.

Next meeting Tuesday 2nd March



Register online or phone the office.

Alpha is a 10 week course for 17+ yr olds, starting 7:15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Havelock North- 85 Te Mata Rd Havelock North.

Coffee, food (dessert), video, discussion, connect & explore

Please invite your friends, family, colleagues, seats running out. No cost. Registrations essential

All details online including registration form http:// www.hastingscatholic.org.nz/alpha.html

Please continue to pray for the Alpha course leaders and participants. Also for the Sacramental programme an ongoing prayers request for the course leaders and participants.

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

Discovering the Jesus Mark wrote about

Claudia, Diana, Jenny, & Laura will be studying the Gospel of Mark on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month,



at 7.30 pm, and we'd be delighted if you would join us. Please phone Diana (Jennings, 9749096) if you would like to join us.

Exploring Genesis, Chapters 1 to 11, to discover what the Lord God is really saying

... because He isn't saying Planet Earth was created in seven days!

Jenny & I will be studying these chapters on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month, either morning or afternoon (to be decided). If you are interested, please contact Diana (Jennings, 9749096).

Sunday Readings 4 U

We meet to reflect on the Bible readings that are read at Mass.

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

A New Way Forward—He Ara Whakamua, He Ara Hou

Sacred Heart – Every Tuesdays at 10.00am, in the Eucharistic Chapel. All welcome. Every Sundays at 7pm, hosted by Pat Jonas, (Please ring the bell) at 311



Southampton St West. Phone 878 5738.

If you would like to join, or know more about these groups please contact the office.

Fr Marcus would like to recommend to parishioners, as part of their Lenten journey, the following link:

https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-throughscripture/parousia-the-bible-and-the-mass/

It is written by Scott Hahn who is a respected scholar who was originally a Protestant minister and now bring his knowledge of Scripture to the Catholic Church. He also encourages parishioners to join any of the Caritas Lenten groups as an integral way of growing in faith during this season.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for February 2021 - Joy Devassy, Salma Manet, Jasmin Joseph, Manju Mathew, Dona Shilin (Indian Community).

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Columban calendars are still available at the Parish Office. \$12 each. No eftpos.



YOUTH CORNER



Mingalaba everyone and welcome to your youth corner. Thank you so much for your continuous prayers and supports of our Youth Ministry. We experienced the outpouring of God's love into the hearts of our young people. On Friday 19th, we restarted the Youth Alpha course where we had 51

young people attended and 7 adults to help, including Fr Trung. Some of them live as far away as Westshore, who now commits to our group with their family and friends since last year.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and Youth Team for making sure this service runs well and being used well. Let's continue to accompany each other with prayers and reach out to those who are in need.

Sacrament of Confirmation: We need to take names now so we can have an idea of the numbers for resources purposes.

Next Youth Mass: Sunday 7th March, Our Lady of Lourdes, 9:30am.

Next Youth Night /Alpha: Fridays during school term, Mission Centre/Sacred Heart Church, 6-8pm.

God bless, Faaki Tuanaki Youth Minister

Please keep our RCIA candidates Heather and MJ van der Walt and their sponsors in your prayers, as they travel to Palmerston North today for the Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.

For the latest updates and news join up to '**The Catholic Parish of Hastings Facebook' page.** If you are unsure how to go about joining our Facebook page or to our APP, please contact one of the ladies in the office, as they would be more than happy to help you do this.



Wednesday Morning Tea at Sacred Heart Church All welcome! Bring a friend! 10am—11.45am



If you wish to receive your newsletter via email: Contact the parish office by emailing: admin@hastings.parish.nz. Thank you

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

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WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:



Lucy Hawkes, Lawrence ('Snow') Lavery, Judy Brocklehurst, Patrick Spurdle, Pauline King, Teuatabo Toaia, Nicola Green, Doug Matthews, Beverly Hodson, Patrick Green, Kevin O'Donnell, Richard Murray, Violet Bond, Janice Campbell, Lorna Ward, Shirley Mildenhall.

Please pray for the Souls of:

Bryan Yates A 21/12, Pieter Van Der Lee, Theo Janssen, Janssen & Beaumont family, Frances Morris & family 20/12, Selwyn Begley, Begley and Allison family, Pollard and Sullivan family, Francis and May Seed, John and Lorraine Seed A 22/12, Fearn family, Members of the Easton & Bailey family, Laurie & Nola Maloney, Patrick & Ivy Carroll, Pat & Alice Morris, Bertand and Catherine King, Members of the Maloney family, Brian Epplett, Ollie & Ernie Epplett, Michael & Dora Cowan, Helen Reid, Anne O'Farrell and the deceased members of the O'Farrell family, Tudor Morris (England), Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A10/1, Selwyn Begley A 23/01, Andrew and Elizabeth Jillings, Lou Jillings, William and Mary Stinson, Lewis Caldwell A 10/2.

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and communities who are sick especially:

Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), Kristen Hay, Leo Baltussen, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Jack van Bohemen, Eve van Bohemen, Denyse Cornelius, David Ward, Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Lindell Collier, Zoe Le Lievre, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldey, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Jan Campbell, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turfrey, Mark Lissington, Chris McHardy, Sally Wilson, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, Graham Hill (London), John Janssen, Mark Rice, Iona Nilsson, Noreen Pakinga (Laracy), Lauretta Pall, Richard Puanaki, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Maureen Newrick, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre.

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.

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by <u>Wednesday lunchtime</u>.

If you have a celebration or special occasion you would like shared, phone the office or email

admin@hastings.parish.nz to include in the newsletter.



St Mary's Primary School

At St Mary's we have had busy weeks. Our Ash Wednesday liturgy was led by our School leaders and representatives from each class were involved also. We enjoyed learning some new things about Art Deco and especially enjoyed dressing up and having some very special cars come into school so we could see them up close. We even learned how to do the Cancan dance. Our Senior and Junior Teams have been pleased we could get together for our Team Masses at Madonna Maria. Thank you to the Parents', friends and family along with parishioners who support us.

We are looking forward to our Home and School Welcome Picnic and Mihi Whakatau where we will welcome new staff and families. Classes are busy at work learning about Jesus along with learning through Lent with Caritas. God Bless.

Rachael Quinney DRS St Mary's School Hastings

Sacred Heart College

On Sunday 28 February Sacred Heart College and St John's College students will celebrate 8am Mass with the community at Paki Paki. Our Year 9 students will spend Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on camp at the Guthrie Smith Arboretum & Education Centre at Tutira. Our Year 11, 12 and 13 Maori students will attend the annual Hawke's Bay Hikoi on Wednesday 3 March at Napier Girls High School. This event is overseen by our school Careers Department and is offered to students of Maori decent only. The presentation is aligned to inspire our Maori students to think seriously about their future, covering differences between tertiary and high school, benefits of a tertiary gualification, finances i.e. scholarships, student loans, staircasing i.e. entry requirements and where they can go.

Nga mihi Maria Neville-Foster, Principal

St John's College

Last week we the College had an Ash Wednesday Liturgy to begin Lent. On Thursday we held a successful and enjoyable Athletics sports at Hastings sports park and this week our students of Te Reo spent 3 days in Mahia learning about Maori Tikanga. The boys have easily slotted back into the groove of being back at school at our Year 9 students are settling well.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

Conor Bolton (DRS) Hastings Choral first concert of 2021 Mendelssohn and Mozart Saturday 13 March, 4pm Hastings Choral Society and Gisborne Choral Society Venue: St Matthew's Church, Cnr King St & Lyndon Rd, Hastings Conductor: Gavin Maclean Organist: Tom Chatterton Soloists: Catherine Macdonald, Elizabeth Gawler, L J Crichton and Joseph Christensen Tickets: Adults \$25, Schoolchildren \$5 Discounted adult tickets available from Choir members and from Eileen von Dadelszen: emvond@outlook.com or 027 600 0987 Hastings Choral Schoolchildren States Schoolchildren Schoolchildren States Schoolchildren Schoolchildr



To Fr Marcus, Anthony, and Trung.

On behalf of the Volunteers of the Catholic Parish of Hastings, I wish to sincerely thank our priests, who opened their lovely warm home to us last Saturday for a great luncheon? The setting was perfect. Hospitality bar none! The occasion was to thank those people who work tirelessly to keep the wheels well-oiled and tuned and moving in our respective Churches. Thank you, for being our spiritual directors and for continually striving to prepare us for the Journey Home. We are so fortunate to have vou! May vou be forever blessed. Bernadette Avison.



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