

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



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th January 2024

Reflection for Today

"Here is teaching with authority behind it."

Jesus had many titles in His life on earth. One of them was Rabbi or, in Aramaic, Rabbuni, which means Master or Teacher. Part of His mission was to teach. We do not know what He was teaching in the synagogue this day. That's not the point of the gospel passage. Rather it is to highlight the authority behind His teaching. **When Jesus taught it left a deep impression.** Others saw and heard something that marked Him out as greater than their other teachers. Who else could exorcise an unclean spirit with just two sharp commands? No wonder His reputation spread *rapidly and everywhere.*

Where does this authority come from? It comes from His Father. In John 12:49 Jesus says, *"What I have spoken does not come from myself; no, what I had to speak was commanded by the Father who sent me."* How, then, should we respond? All the readings today give the same answer. **Listen to Him** — with *"undivided attention."* To become good listeners requires 'homework'. Archbishop Paul Martin S.M. says that as Catholic people we need to do more spiritual reading because *"it helps us to reflect on our lives, to understand what we believe and to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to our hearts."* [Welcom August '23]

So, as we move away from summer holiday mode and get into the serious business of the year, let us resolve to give more time to our spiritual enrichment.. Keep it simple, persevere and be sure of this — God wants to be found and He will reward every little effort we make to come closer to Him.

[G.M.]

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

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

Readings Year B:

28th January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28;

4th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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. **(Resume 1st Feb)**

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 **(Resume 13th Feb)**

MORNING PRAYER : SH Day Chapel Mon-Fri 9am

MORNING TEA: SH Wednesdays 10-11.45am All welcome. Bring a friend **(resumes 7th Feb)**

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

FAREWELL for FR.TRUNG TODAY

Fr Trung's final Mass will be on Sunday 28th January, 5.30pm at Sacred Heart church, followed by refreshments at St Joseph's school hall. All are welcome to join us, especially to thank Fr. Trung for his involvement and wonderful influence in our Parish, and to wish him all the very best in his new Parish.

N.B - For those who cannot attend Fr. Trung's final Mass and refreshments on 28th January, there will be refreshments after the Vigil Mass at S.P.C. church on Saturday 27th January, so you can say farewell.

COMMUNION PYX

If you have a Pyx in your possession and not using it, could you please return it to the Parish office. Thank you



PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your palms to the office so they can be incinerated, in preparation for Ash Wednesday
14th February 2024

Feast Days & Upcoming Events

27th January **-Volunteers' Mass and Lunch**

28th January **- Farewell Fr. Trung**

31st January **- St John Bosco**

2nd February **-Presentation of the Lord & Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life**

6th February **- Waitangi Day**

11th February **- World Day of Prayer for the Sick**

13th February **-World Marriage Day**

14th February **-Ash Wednesday**

16th February **-Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims of Abuse and Violence**

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, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Maree McCracken, Livia Bairstow, Fr. David Gledhill, Elaine Campbell, Jaimee Gregory, Catherine Guilford, Kristen Hay, Beverley Morley, Natalie & Reg Corbett, Lauretta Ball, Louise O'Connor, Joyce Dawes, June Brunton, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan, Rita Yule, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Grant Evans, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Fiona Millar, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, Gavin Noonan, Mark Urlich (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, Veronica Telford, Vincenza Ercolano.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening, when you'd have preferred to talk.

YOUTH CORNER



Happy New Year to you all and welcome to another year of wonderful adventures with Christ!
We are thrilled to share some interesting news from the two youth camps earlier this month.

Youth Bay Camp - El Rancho

On Friday 5th January, we took 33 people, including seven adults/leaders, to this wonderful camp for the 4th time since 2021. The theme was "BELONGING" where we broke down to four different parts: Alone, Inviting, Accepting and Needed. We started our programme at Our Blessed Mother's statue on the hill, Paraparamu, by praying the Holy Rosary for a successful camp and fine weather. Then we headed to the camp site, arriving just after 3pm, and straight to the Chapel for our first activity which was a Mass celebrated by Fr Marcus Francis. That Mass set out the tone for the rest of our time at that lovely camp site. Fortunately, we were blessed with fine weather for our outdoor activities which we will be forever grateful for a loving God that always granted the desires of our hearts. We had adoration on the first night where most of us experienced some amazing moments with the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The rays of the Divine Mercy of the Lord appeared during Adoration which reminds us of God's endless Love and Mercy for us poor sinners when we repent and return to him as the prodigal son did. We had been touched by the strong presence of the Holy Spirit in many ways throughout the duration of camp. On the second evening, we welcomed a new member to our Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. What a joy to watch Fr Trung saying part of the celebration in his mother tongue.

On our last day we celebrated one of our teens' 18th birthday which made her day more special to be surrounded by our faith community.

Life Teen Summer Camp - St Peter College, Cambridge.

We took 20 people, including five young adults and two adults/core team members. We also sent three young adults as Summer Missionaries and we are grateful for how they grew deeper in their faith and offered themselves to serve as part of the Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Staff. Thank you so much Stephanie Allen, June Sheardown and Christian Josh Villanueva for being role models to our young people. The theme of this year's camp was "REAL PRESENCE" where the host, from the States, Maggie, broke down how Jesus is present to us in many ways, and most importantly, in the EUCHARIST, which is the summit of our faith. Everyone had witnessed the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist at camp through Masses as there was a teaching Mass by five priests who were on site for the whole five days. One of the campers' highlights was Adoration where most of them experienced that amazing strong presence of Christ in an unexplainable way. Our group were blessed to lead the first ever Multi-Culture Mass at camp on the last night where everyone was asked to wear their cultural attire. This was one of everyone's highlights too, when we all embraced our cultures. As the camp came to an end on Saturday 20th, all campers were sad as they wished there would be a few more days. There were lots of powerful messages that our young people learnt and we pray that they will hold onto those teachings as they search more of our loving God.

Those two wonderful youth formation events couldn't have eventuated without many people's generous support.

Our sincere thanks to our priests: Fr Paul Finlayson and Fr Trung, for their on going spiritual guidance and prayers. Thank you Fr Marcus for joining us to do our first Mass and we know that your prayers too have helped us in many ways. We are looking forward to welcoming you back to our Parish. Thank you to all our youth sponsors: Laura Bakker and her Foundation Trust; St Vincent de Paul Society of both Napier and Hastings; St Joseph & St Mary's Primary Schools; Sacred Heart & St John's Colleges; Mahony Amusements Company; Sushiya; and lots of families who contributed financial support but wish to remain anonymous. There are lots of families in our faith community and out side our Parish who had donated to our youth ministry and would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to them. Thank you so much to our parish staff for all your support and to the amazing team in our Diocese office for their wonderful remote assistance in different ways. Last, but not the least, a heartfelt thanks to our Youth Core Team, for always offering yourselves to make those events available for our rangatahi. Without your giving hearts our young people would not be able to experience some wonderful moments to learn more about their faith/God and what a wonderful holiday program for them.

Wishing you all a great year and best wishes to all students as they go back to school next week.

God bless

Youth Core Team

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Fr Paul Shannahan, John Brian Fitzgerald, John Gilbertson, Benni Noetzli, Betty Sullivan, Fr Jock McLaughlan, Bryan Tutty, Fr Tom O'Connor. Thomas Ferguson, Lorna Woodham, Terry Durney, Maureen Horsefield, Colleen Taylor, Diana Helm.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Brian Fennessy A15/12, Helena McEntee A21/12, Bryan Yates A21/12, Frank Percy A21/12, Toni Molloy A26/12, Mary Sullivan A27/12, Hal Jonas, Deceased members of the O'Farrell and Jonas family, Elizabeth & Henry Avison, Geraldine & Les Turfrey, Kerry Bernadette McInnes, McGrath, Broderick, McKenna Moroney, O'Connor families, Deceased members of Pollard & Sullivan families, Edil Moro Dembisi, Herb & Mary Jillings, Deceased members of the Jillings family, Selwyn Begley, Deceased members of Allison, Moira Begley & McIntyre families, Laurie & Nola Maloney, Patrick & Ivy Carroll, Brian Epplert, Ernie & Ollie Epplert, Michael & Dora Cowan, Bert & Catherine King, Patrick & Alice Morris, Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A10/01, John A Sullivan.

WELCOME FR. MARCUS FRANCIS AND FR. VIJAY DUNG DUNG



Hi everyone, I am Fr Marcus Francis and I am pleased to return to the Catholic Parish of Hastings in 2024 after a year in the Tararua District.. For those of you who do not know me I thought to provide a brief summary of my history in this diocese: born in England in 1970 I grew up in Taradale, Napier from 1974., I attended Reignier Catholic Primary school, Taradale Intermediate, and St. John's College in Hastings which was from 1983-87. I went to the seminary in Mosgiel in 1995 and was ordained to the priesthood on 24 February 2001. From July 2001 I was Assistant Priest at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and departed to Rome to study Canon Law between 2006 and 2010. On my return I was Parish Priest at St. Mary's, Palmerston North, and St. Brigid's in Feilding, This was followed by a stint in Whanganui for three year from 2017 to 2020. My ministry at Hastings parish with Fr Trung Nguyen and Fr Anthony Htun, was interrupted, amongst other things, by covid as well as my father's and Fr Anthony's death. As a result, I am happy to respond to Bishop John Adam's desire that I have another opportunity to serve this diverse and vibrant parish filled with so many faithful and generous missionary disciples. I am grateful to Fr Trung, Fr Paul Finlayson and the rest of the parish team for all they have done to maintain and build on the pastoral life of this parish in the past year.



Kia Ora Whanu (Greetings) I am Fr. Vijay Dung dung , coming from Northern part of India. I was born and brought up in a small rural village called Duarcini, 24kms away from the city, and for my primary schooling I had to walk 5kms every day. After primary school I left my village and went to the city to complete high school and intermediate graduation and then in 1998 I joined the Seminary and was ordained a priest on 27th of Dec. 2006, together with 26 companion priests, that was held in the middle south of India . In Oct. 2009 I came into the Diocese of Palmerston North and my first appointment was at St. Joseph's Parish New Plymouth (Taranaki) as an Assistant Parish Priest for 4½ years and after that was appointed PP of Opunake (Our Lady Star of the Sea) for 5 years and then took a Sabbatical in July 2019 , returning back home and stayed with my parents. I then came back to the Diocese in 2020, just before the pandemic, and Cardinal John Dew appointed me as an Assistant Priest of the " Kotahi Ano " Parishes in Manawatu. Now, after 4 years in Manawatu, Bishop John Adams has appointed me as an Assistant PP of Hastings in which I am looking forward to working with you all. God bless you all. Fr. Vijay

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM FR. TRUNG

The time has come for me to embark on a new chapter in my journey, and I want to express my deepest thanks to each one of you for the countless memories, shared moments, and the love that has flourished within these sacred walls.

It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your priest, and I am profoundly grateful for the warmth and kindness you have extended to me throughout my time here. Coming here as a 'baby priest' but with your unwavering support and love that has formed me to be the person who I am today and leaving here as a 'little father'.

Together, we have laughed, cried, celebrated milestones, and faced challenges with a spirit of unity and resilience. As I prepare to embrace my new appointment, I carry with me the lessons learned and the love shared within this parish. I also ask for your mercy and forgiveness for the times that I did not show the image of a good shepherd to you.

While I may be physically leaving, please know that you will always hold a special place in my heart. Our paths may separate, but the bonds forged in faith and love are eternal. I am confident that our parish will continue to thrive and shine as a beacon of God's grace under the capable hands of the next shepherd.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the parish staff, volunteers, committees and all who contribute their time and talents to make our parish vibrant and welcoming. Your collective efforts make this parish a truly special place.

As I embark on this new journey, I carry your prayers and the beautiful memories we've shared. May God's blessings continue to shower upon you abundantly. I ask for your prayers for me as well, that I may faithfully fulfill the mission entrusted to me in my next assignment.

With deep gratitude, love, and prayers,

Fr. Trung