

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:

The office is closed until further notice.

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



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ***29th March 2020***



Our Lady of Lourdes
85 Te Mata Rd
Havelock North

As parishioners will be aware from midnight Wednesday, 25 March, New Zealand will be in lockdown. I exhort all parishioners to abide by the letter and spirit of the civil regulations which means that we all stay at home and only go out for essential purposes, such as shopping or medical treatment. I encourage all parishioners to maintain their planned giving, if they are able, by donating to internet banking or posting their envelopes in the slots of the presbytery doors at St Peter Chanel or Sacred Heart. This is only if they can do so safely. All parishioners over 70 years of age are encouraged to get others to assist them so that they do not have to go out. The priests of the parish will be available for anointings of the sick and Viaticum. Please feel free to ring us up if you also would like to chat or to share a spiritual concern. We are there for you. Keep alert for notifications regarding live streamed Masses, either locally or nationally, and continue to pray and support one another knowing that in Christ Jesus we can prevail. God bless you all.

Fr Marcus Francis



St. Peter Chanel
817 Gordon Rd.
Hastings



Sacred Heart
425 Heretaunga St
East, Hastings



Immaculate Conception
Paki Paki

Readings for Next Sunday: Year A:
Palm Sunday
Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

PARISH TEAM

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LIVE STREAM OF SUNDAY MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES 22.3.20

It was wonderful that parishioners could 'attend' Mass, last Sunday and we thank Terry Longley and Sons for the use of their website and facilities to make this happen. Unfortunately, there were sound issues which inhibited people from hearing parts of the Mass, including the homily and Deb Lucy's presentation. See below for summaries.

Fr. Marcus's Homily

When we look at the gospels for last week and today we see two instances of people coming to faith in Jesus Christ. In both of these cases there were obstacles to the individuals' understanding who Jesus was and what he meant for them. With the Samaritan woman we hear that her need for water, that is, physical survival, as well as ethnic/racial belonging and differences over religious observance/doctrine had to be overcome before she could know who Jesus was. With the man born blind he was a Jew but his physical impairment, the hostility of the Jewish authorities and the fear of his parents were likewise hurdles to faith. We also see in the early Church how the Apostles also faced many difficulties in proclaiming the Good News. Imagine telling someone that a Jewish man who died as a condemned criminal in a shameful death was in fact the key to the meaning of reality?! St Paul explains: "My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God." (1 Cor 2: 4-5) For us, in contemporary New Zealand, there are many obstacles to faith both for ourselves and our ability to explain it to others. We, too, need to encounter Jesus and to experience the power of God. In this way our eyes which have been blinded by materialistic atheism and our own sinfulness can see the Lord anew and know his power at work in our lives: "In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls." (1 Pet 1: 6-9)

Presentation to Deb Lucy

Having started almost 11 years ago as Secretary for SPC in the little office in the Presbytery you've served us well through to this time and we are grateful. I know that in that small office you made yourself very accessible to all parishioners and this was always appreciated by those making regular visits, I can't recall a time that I ever visited, that there wasn't someone else there at the same time, often just for a chat. I also know and appreciate that your time in that office wasn't always that pleasant but like the truly committed person you are you worked through the issues, well done.

Throughout the reunification process a few years ago you then took on the role of Lay Pastoral Coordinator, leading us to the now wider and greater Catholic Parish of Hastings, a job undertaken with boundless integrity. Within your role you were faced with many challenges but always worked through them calmly and effectively and took on many aspects of running the parish including but not limited to; Office manager, Pastoral duties, Sacramental programme establishment, Ordination organiser, just someone to come and chat with, always with an open ear.

Your commitment to your role was exemplary with attending meetings, a lot of the time outside office hours. You would often challenge us (Pastoral Council, Finance Committee and Liturgy Committee) and always kept us on task, bring us back when needed. I'd say in many instances putting parish before family, for which we as parishioners are immensely grateful.

Now you've decided to move on and pursue a passion that you've developed over the last while, a Funeral and Marriage celebrant. We will miss you but wish you well in your new venture and obviously for you, greater valued time with your family, I'm sure Tony is very pleased.

Please accept these gifts as an appreciation for all you've done for the Catholic Parish of Hastings.

Mike Flynn

Chairman

Pastoral Council

Catholic Parish of Hastings

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

All public Masses and liturgies in the Diocese are suspended until further notice, both weekday and weekend Masses, and all churches are closed.

LIVE STREAMING OF MASSES UPDATE

Due to a complete lock down, by the Government, there will be no live streaming of Masses, at Terry Longley & Son, as previously advised.

Every Sunday, at 10.00a.m., Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit presbytery. Visit their YouTube page to view. Join Fr. Nathaniel and Fr. Vaughan at The Catholic Parish of Whanganui who are live streaming Masses, daily, at 9.30a.m. Visit their Face book page www.facebook.com/whanganuicatholic, or YouTube -Search 'Whanganui Catholic'

PLANNED GIVING

For those who use planned giving envelopes, these can be posted through the letterboxes at St. Peter Chanel presbytery, 817 Gordon Road, Hastings, Sacred Heart presbytery, behind the Sacred Heart church, Heretaunga Street, Hastings. If you wish to pay by direct credit, the Bank account number is as follows; D.P.N.Hastings Pastoral Area, BNZ, Palmerston North 02-0630-0288045-022.

Please put your name and planned giving number in as a reference.

Lockdown by Richard Hendrick [A Capuchin Franciscan Brother]

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.



But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighbourhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and
reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their
neighbours in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.
So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing.

Youth Corner

Buongiorno everyone and welcome to your youth corner. It is a challenging time for us all as any gatherings are now cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak. We encourage young people to join any prayer service online such as Mass, Stations of the Cross, Rosary, etc. Let's all hold hands to pray for an end to this battle and our safety too. We are praying for you all and please pray for us too. We all need to follow instructions from the Diocese and MOH for the sake of everyone's safety.

May you all be blessed in the week's ahead, with your family.
Faaki Tuanaki Youth Minister

Youth Mass: to be advised

Youth Night: to be advised



Rite II Reconciliation, which was to be held on 8th April, will no longer take place. Rite I Reconciliation will replace this, with a place and time to be advised.

End of Financial Year.

A reminder that the financial year is fast approaching. Parishioners are invited to donate your Tax donation rebate back to your parish. Once received by the parish your tax rebate will then be counted as a donation to your planned giving for the following year. For those who make a one off donation please ensure this is received by 31st March.

DEACON TRUNG'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD - UPDATE

Deacon Trung's Ordination to the Priesthood, on Saturday 18th April 2020, at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North will still take place, however, the invitation to the public has been withdrawn due to the current Coronavirus outbreak. There will an opportunity to celebrate with Father Trung at a later date.



Dear **MAGNIFICAT** Family,

During this difficult time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, we are honoured to make our online version of MAGNIFICAT temporarily available to **everyone for free**.

Website: www.magnificat.com/free



Wednesday Morning Tea at Sacred Heart Church

has been postponed until further notice.



DIocese's NEW WEEKLY NEWSLETTER -

"**UNITED**" (visit website: www.pndiocese.org.nz/united).

The 'United' newsletter will be sent out every Friday while we move through this COVID-19 pandemic. Each week it will contain important updates, prayer resources to use at home, links to helpful information, and other ideas of how to stay united.

Please sign up to receive this yourself and encourage others to sign up by visiting www.pndiocese.org.nz/newsletter.

PRESENTATION TO DEB LUCY continued :- Deb's reply

Wow, 11 years and what an 11 years it has been.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a few people who have helped mould me to the person I am today.

Firstly, to those who have gone before us:

Shirley and Ken Tulloch, I remember my second day of work at SPC when they walked through the office door, Ken took one look at me and Ken being Ken said 'blimey, who has employed a blonde bimbo' I replied before I could think 'my goodness who said yes to a grumpy old man organising the newsletter' Shirley's mouth dropped and Ken smiled. From there a true friendship was formed.

I think when the word got out that a new secretary was employed morning teas at 10 o'clock become a lot bigger. Poor Diane having to do the dishes.

Between the morning teas and Fr Felix with his dementia, coming into my office 5 times a day telling me the same story and me listening intently. My hours of 9 – 1pm soon expanded to me arriving home at around 3 o'clock. 1pm – 3pm would be taken up of work that should have been done in the morning.

Moira Moody is another that comes to mind, she was scary! A lot of our times together, involved her telling me she disagreed with some theologian who had just 'written total nonsense' in something she had just read. I would nod and agree as I had been totally lost in the first sentence. I was praying that I didn't nod when I shouldn't have, and she would tell me off.

One day I was summoned over to her place, as she had moved across the road from the church. She informed me she wanted to thank the people who had helped her move in by giving them an afternoon tea. I think people thought that because I worked for the church, and they are the church I worked for them. In her words...I have arranged for my carer to purchase the food, so you need to be here on Wednesday at 2.15 sharp to set up, savouries need to be heated and we need to be served by 3pm. Being a bit scared I did exactly as I was told! That day I was lucky to see the caring side of Moira and before long she was not so scary, and a friendship had blossomed. Reg Lambert, Matiu Love, Frank Crist, James Moran, Maree Chote, Sr Marlene, Fr Pat Cooke, Jim Thompson and many more, live within the walls of all our churches. They have paved the way before us, and we remember them with great love.

I was truly blessed to have Fr Vince as my boss and mentor. He taught me so many things and for that I am forever grateful.

I would just like to mention a few people, who have supported me in my role as both secretary for SPC and Pastoral Assistant for the Catholic Parish of Hastings.

Preston Epplett, for being a solid rock, for anchoring me at times when I needed it.

Julie McCracken, don't ever lose your style. You are one in a million. Your laugh is infectious, you brighten up the room just by entering.

Jill Frizzell, where would we be without you. You hold everything together. I thank you for all your support you have given especially in my role as Pastoral Assistant.

Deacon Tevita, your faith is truly a witness to those who know you. I thank you for inviting me into your fold. I was privileged to walk with you in the Dove Kainga Pasifika programme.

Mike Flynn, for his friendship.

Joan Thompson, all I can say is thank you for being a mum figure to me.

To everyone, thank you. I couldn't have done the job I have done without you. One person cannot be a church, but together we are the church.

To the office staff Faaki, Jean -Ann and Trish, thank you for your support, friendship and the many laughs we have shared.

To the Priests, Fr Brian, you are truly a people person. Keep smiling.

To Fr Anthony and Fr Marcus, I wish you both all the best and will continue to pray for you and for our parish in this time of difficulty.

To my family, especially my husband Tony, who supported me fully in my role and understood my other love, 'this parish'. Tony said he is happy to have me home at nights. Though ask him in a few weeks, as he may think differently.

Lastly Mike Martin, I don't know what you saw in me at my initial interview but thank you, for whatever you saw has helped, me become, who I am today – a confident woman who can overcome anything.

As Forrest Gump said 'Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you will get', well I must have got chocolate mint, my favourite. As I, have been the lucky one. Thank you and God Bless you all.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased: Peter Koorey, Fr Fergus Reeves (New Plymouth) Fr. Pat McCann, Kerry McGruddy (Judy Brocklehurst's son). Anthony White (Heather Davis' brother), Joan Reid, Gary Broome, Margaret Carmine (Fr. Brian's aunty)

Please pray for the Souls of: Lewis Caldwell A10/2, Grace Cullinane A7/3, Anne Thomson A25/3, Michael Dalton A13/3

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and communities who are sick especially: Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), Vi Bond, Kristen Hay, Greg Sloane, Joan Corlet, Leo Baltussen, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Jack van Bohemen, Eve van Bohemen, Denyse Cornelius, David Ward, Elaine McGrath, Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Lindell Collier, Zoe Le Lievre, Colleen McHardy, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldy, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Diane Masterton, Doug Matthews, Roy Gardiner, Jan Campbell, David Mapu. Claire Lambert, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turfrey

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.