

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:

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29th November 2020



Reflection for Today



Welcome to the start of a new Church year! The season of Advent, in this part of the world, gets overshadowed by the end of school and secular years and the Christmas events which have begun even as I write. The tinsel and the decorations appear many of which are predicated on the Northern Hemisphere winter. As Catholics we are often distracted by these things and so we tend to miss the crucial messages of this holy season. The first two weeks strike a penitential note. We are reminded of the Second Coming of Christ which will inaugurate the eternal age: "... so that God may be all in all." (1 Cor 15: 28) Hence, in the second reading, St Paul reminds us: "He (God the Father) will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor 1: 8) We strive to respond to this call by going to reconciliation where we are forgiven our sins and given new grace to rejoice in God's gifts. This year the Rite II celebration will be on Thursday 17 December at 7pm at Sacred Heart church. With Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, the mood changes from solemn to rejoicing as we look forward to celebrating the birth of our Saviour. More about that in due course! For the time being we are alerted by the Church to not have our senses dulled by self-indulgence or our hearts distracted by the cares of the world. Christ is coming and it is we as his disciples who need to be alert so that he finds us ready to greet him: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come... And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake." (Mk 13: 31-33, 37)

Fr Marcus Francis



St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd.
Hastings

Vigil Sat:
5.30pm
Sunday Mass
10.30am

Weekday Mass
Tues - 5.30pm
Fri - *Madonna*
9.15am



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,
(during school
term)
Sat 8am

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 A:
2nd Sunday of Advent
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8;**

ADORATION: Tuesday 9am-1pm Madonna, Friday 9am OLOL
BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a priest.
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 : Tuesdays 10 – 11am at Sacred Heart
WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA at Sacred Heart Church- 10 am -11.45am

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR 2021

All children wishing to receive First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2021 need to register before the end of this year. The new programme in 2021 will involve parents and children coming to Sacred Heart church on Sundays during Lent and Easter. It is designed to better dovetail with the school curriculum and the liturgical seasons as well as improve the faith experience of the whole family. Children who are not baptised can register and participate in the programme as they will be baptised on Easter Sunday 2021. Please contact the Parish Office or DRS's at St Mary's and St Joseph's to register. Parishioners who know of families who would want to be involved but do not have children at Catholic schools are encouraged to notify them of this requirement.

REMINDER

I would like to remind all parishioners, especially those who do not have their children or grandchildren at Catholic schools, that it is necessary to register NOW for the sacramental preparation for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion in 2021. We will have a new way of doing things involving families coming to the 9am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart followed by refreshments in the Mission Centre with catechesis for children and small groups for adults to follow for approximately 30 minutes. This programme is for all families in the parish and begins on the First Sunday of Lent, 21 February 2021. Those children who do not register are at risk of having to postpone these sacraments until 2022.

Fr Marcus Francis

Christmas Choir

A very big welcome to all Parishioners to join our Christmas Choir at Our Lady of Lourdes. We practise each Wednesday evening from November 25th – December 23rd at 5.30pm. We have an interesting programme. Hoping to see you there. Regards, Moira – 877 0437.

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

COVID 19 – UPDATE

Mass Times under Alert Level One
We have now resumed our usual Mass times, without limitation on numbers. They are as follows:
5.30pm Vigil SPC
Sunday:
8am PP
9.30am OLOL
9.00am SH
10.30am SPC
5.30pm SH
 With daylight saving and warmer weather the Mass time for Saturday morning at Sacred Heart church is 8am.
 Reconciliation is available both before and after this Mass.
 In April of 2021 when daylight saving comes to an end the Mass time will return to 9am.

Voice for life



I warmly encourage anyone who is interested in advocating for the lives of the unborn and the welfare of potential mothers to participate in the annual March for Life which will take place on 5 December in Wellington. This is especially relevant this year when the Parliament has passed exceptionally permissive laws to strip away protection from unborn children. This year there is a bus departing for Wellington. The itinerary will be as follows:

The bus leaves St Patrick's, Napier at 7.30am, and calls into St Peter Chanel, Hastings to pick up pilgrims from there. The bus arrives at the Civic Square in Wellington around 12-12.30pm.
 From 1pm there are stalls and entertainment.
 The pilgrims march from the Civic Square to Parliament at about 2pm, where there are a variety of speakers.
 All hop back on the bus at Parliament at 4pm and return home, arriving at about 8.30pm.

The bus is free of charge, having been paid for by a benefactor, however it does need to be full.

Anyone can contact the organizers to book a seat on kellydurstun@hotmail.com or 0221660908.

Bishop Owen Dolan Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination (10/12/95 - 10/12/20)

Everyone is invited to a celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Owen Dolan. Jubilee Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit, Palmerston North, on Thursday December 10th at 12.05pm. Luncheon to follow in the Diocesan rooms, all welcome. No RSVP required.

Monsignor Brian Walsh, Local Administrator, Diocese of Palmerston North.

YOUTH CORNER

Namaste everyone and welcome to your youth corner. We are currently busy preparing for our major fundraising event for Youth Bay Camp, January 2021. We are asking for your prayers and support in whatever way you can. Our raffle still needs more items for the prizes and a huge thanks to those who had dropped off valuable items for the raffle. We had a full list of items for the concert and would like to thank all those generous groups and individual performers for their love and positive response to our young people's call for help. Please include our young people, who are sitting their external exams, in your prayers. Also, please pray for our leadership team who assist the Youth Ministry with the needs of our youth.

Youth Mass: Sunday 6th Dec at Our Lady of Lourdes

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

YOUTH CONCERT: SATURDAY 12 DECEMBER, 7-9PM, SACRED HEART CHURCH

YOUTH BAY CAMP: 8-10TH JANUARY 2021 AT GUTHRIE SMITH EDUCATION CENTRE, TUTIRA. RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER MASS.



SCHOOL PREFERENCES

For all school preferences, requiring Parish Priest signature, an appointment is required. Please contact the Parish office to arrange a suitable time. Baptism certificates, also, need to be sighted.
Thank you.

Communion to the sick

We are in a process of updating our register of those who take communion to the sick in the Hastings District. If you are one of these ministers, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you, Jos Van Hooijdonk, for making our All Souls box. Also, gratitude to linens ladies who go out of their way to make everything pristine for the service of God. Thank you, Bernadette Avison.

Christmas Advent Service at St Columba's Church

The women of St Columba's Church Havelock North invite the women of Our Lady of Lourdes to a Christmas Advent Service at St Columba's, cnr Napier road & Columba Way, Havelock North.

Wednesday 9 December at 10 am.

10 am: Light finger food morning tea

11 am: Advent Service

RSVP to St Columba's Church office for catering purposes by Friday 4 December, 877 8096.

There will be a collection for a Christmas appeal for Hastings Foodbank.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:



Martin Taylor (Kathy Kavanagh's brother),
Bruce Morrison, Claire Lambert, Johanna Kamp,
Matthew Reidy, John Plummer, Irene Anderson, Lucy Hawkes, Lawrence ('Snow') Lavery, Judy Brocklehurst,
Patrick Spurdle, Pauline King, Teuatabo Toaia, Nicola Green, Doug Matthews.

Please pray for the Souls of:

Annie Gibbs 30/10, John McGrath 29/09, Catherine (Kitty) McGrath 6/10, Michael Broderick 18/10, Joan Pedersen 20/09, Mick Carr 22/09, Deceased members of the O'Farrell and Jonas family, Beryl Parker A 7/10, Walter Parker, Anna Forbes, Tai Cullinane A 19/10, Naurua Luasetia A 31/10, Noreen Laracy A 18/10, Sean Pollard A 7/11, Carrem Koorey (A Oct.), George Barnes (A Oct), Cecilia Barnes, Lewis Caldwell, David Martin 5/11, Reuben & Nancy Lange and their departed siblings, William, Pattie, David and Peter O'Keefe, Fr Pat Cooke A 15/11, Doris and Walter White, Francis McGrath A 29/11.

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

Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), Vi Bond, 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 Mouldley, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Diane Masterton, 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, Richard Murray.

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.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for December 2020 - Joy Devassy, Jasmin Joseph, Manju Mathew, Dona Shilin (Indian Community).

All registrations must be received by 1st December 2020 at the latest.

Young Catholic Leader is still taking registrations for the upcoming programme from December 14-18, 2020. This programme is for Year 12 students preparing for Year 13 who will have a leadership role in 2020 or are wanting to better develop their leadership skills. Students from Catholic and state schools throughout the Diocese of Palmerston North are welcome to attend. For more information please contact Nick Wilson on 021822814 or

nwilson@pndiocese.org.nz

School NEWS

St. Mary's Primary School

This week at St Mary's some of our children took part in the Interschool Athletics competition. Many gained placings and all competed to the best of their ability. Congratulations to those children who represented our school so well. We had our 'Thank You' afternoon tea for those who have helped us this year in our school. We appreciate all you do for us.

Rachael Quinney DRS

St. Joseph's Primary School

The Juniors are looking forward to their trip to Santa's Grotto at ToiToi next week and they are also practicing hard for their Christmas Concert. Pool Party Fun Day 2nd December, Marathon Madness 3rd December and Y8 Retreat 4 December. It's all go at St. Joseph's as we head towards the end of the school year.

Aaron O'Neill
Principal

Sacred Heart College

Our staff who are new to teaching and working in a Catholic School will spend Tuesday in the Mission Centre participating in Professional Learning Development facilitated by the Diocese. All Year 10 students will be out of school at the Botanical Gardens then on to the Hannigan Centre at Saint Patrick's Church on Wednesday for their retreat. Leading the retreat will be our DRS Tom Silverwood and our Youth Minister Victoria Vo. Choir and Haka Powhiri practises are in full swing in preparation for our end of year celebrations.

Nga mihi
Maria Neville-Foster
Principal
Sacred Heart College

St. John's College

This week our Y10 Colts cricket team played in the Napier Colts tournament which attracts teams from around the North Island. The boys managed to get in three days of top-class cricket with one day cancelled because of the rain. Teachers are busy preparing for our Y10 camp which will take place next week from Wednesday to Friday at Lake Tutira.

With our senior students gone we have moved from having house class Masses on a Tuesday to year group Masses. Last week we had a Year 9 Mass and this week we had a Year 10 Mass. All Masses were well attended and thanks to Father Damian and Father Marcus for making themselves available to say Mass on those days.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

The 'Catholic Parish of Hastings' APP 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.

Go to the Play store and install the App to be informed.

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

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by

Wednesday lunchtime.

Thank you

Wednesday Morning Tea at Sacred Heart Church



between 10.00 am & 11.45 am every
Wednesday.

Come and join us for a cuppa and have a good chat.

All welcome! Bring a friend!

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.

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.

Are you new to the Parish?

If so, please pop into the office and meet our friendly staff who will be happy to help you, in filling out a new parishioner form. We look forward to meeting you!

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Gifting Trees

The time has come once again to shift our Christmas trees from storage to the foyers of our parish churches. The gifting trees will be available from Sunday 22nd of November until Sunday the 13th of December. Please mark your gifts with the age group you have bought for. The categories are: Girls Babies Boys Babies
Girls 1-12, teenage girls Boys 1-12, teenage boys

We thank you once again for your generosity.
St Vincent de Paul Combined Council.

Christmas cards are now on sale at St Peter Chanel church, 10am Mass. \$3 for a pack of 5.

OLOL Sunday rosters for December, January and February are available now to be collected from the church porch. Thank you, Susan.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Columban calendars now available at all churches and the Parish Office. \$12 each. No eftpos.