

**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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**Parish Priest:** Fr. Paul Finlayson 0272375196 **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Trung Nguyen 0220626726

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**Our Lady of Lourdes**

85 Te Mata Rd  
Havelock North



**Sunday Mass**  
9.30am

**Weekday Masses**

Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy  
Tues: 9.00am  
Wed: 9.00am - Mass  
Thurs: 9.30am  
Sat: 9.00am - Liturgy

**St. Peter Chanel**

817 Gordon Rd  
Hastings



**Vigil Sat:** 5.30pm  
**Sunday Mass:** 10.30am

**Weekday Masses**

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

**PALM SUNDAY**

*2nd April 2023*



**Reflection for Today**



Today, we celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the climactic/final point of Jesus earthly ministry. Today's liturgy, carries some mixed feelings. At the beginning, the whole setting was excited with the picture of palms and beautiful decorations, combined with the chants/shout of "Hosanna to the son of David". As we moved in procession into the church, the palm leaves waved gloriously in the air, presenting the majestic joy/happiness, with which Jesus entered Jerusalem. However, as soon as we entered the church with proclamation of the passion of our Lord, the atmosphere turns downhearted and nervous /uneasy as we hear the associate events that led to the crucifixion of Jesus.

Jesus' determination to enter Jerusalem and face death without resistance, was foretold in the first reading, "I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting". We all have our goals set by God for us to accomplish on earth, which are strongly connected with our final goal, the heavenly Jerusalem. However, there are so many distractions, trials and troubles, painful roads, true enemies and false friends that we have to battle with, before we could reach our goals. So, do not be afraid of falling, and do not be afraid of rising, for our Lord's hands are ready to lift us up again, if we are ready to continue the journey. Therefore, for us to succeed, we must be humble and do nothing out of selfish interest.

May God help us, to overcome the distractions on our way, so that one day, we shall meet him in the heavenly Jerusalem. **HAPPY PALM SUNDAY TO YOU ALL!**

*Rev. Deacon Tevita Faka'osi*

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

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

**Readings for Next Sunday: Year A:**  
**Easter Sunday**  
**Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9;**

**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: Currently meeting via ZOOM**  
Wednesdays 7-7.40 pm. No meditation or zoom experience necessary.  
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 Saturday 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 11.30am, Saturday 8.30am  
**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

**Easter Triduum Celebrations**  
**are as follows:**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes  
7:00pm - St Peter Chanel

**GOOD FRIDAY - 3:00pm Service**

Our Lady of Lourdes  
St Peter Chanel  
Sacred Heart

**EASTER VIGIL - 7:30 pm**

Sacred Heart

**EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00am – Pakipaki  
9:00am – Sacred Heart  
9:30am – Our Lady of Lourdes  
10.30am – St Peter Chanel



**The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April after 1pm, to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April and will reopen Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April. If you wish to place an article in our Easter newsletter, please have it to the office by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April midday. There will be no newsletter for 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter – 16<sup>th</sup> April. Any important notices will be put on social media.**

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

**Good Friday Collection – 7th April 2023**

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Commissary of the Holy Land in that country to then be sent to Rome and distributed from there to the Custody of the Holy Land. Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year.

**Easter Sunday Special Collection – 9th April 2023**

The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and care that they receive. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year.

***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.***

**Hastings Ecumenical Walk – Good Friday**

There will be a Hastings Ecumenical Walk, starting from Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 10am on Good Friday. Look forward to seeing you there. Please ring Jill Frizzell 0272467400 if you need anymore details.

**CPOH Youth Group Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage – Good Friday 7th April**

Begin with prayer.  
8:45am – Meet at Our Lady of Lourdes.  
9:00am – Depart – walk from OLOL to SPC, continue our journey to Sacred Heart church.

**Havelock North Ecumenical Walk – Good Friday**

9:30am – St Luke's, St Columba & Arohanui Churches meet at Arohanui Church – Middle Road, Havelock North.  
9:45am – Begin walk of witness to Village Memorial.  
10:00am – Village Memorial – Rev Wayne to do a short Reflection.  
10:15/20am – St Luke's Church – Combined Service led by Archdeacon John Matthews, Vicar St Luke's.

You can join at any stage of the walk.

## YOUTH CORNER

Kia orana koutou katoa

'Leading teens closer to Christ' is the hope we have for all of our teens. We invite you to join us on this incredible journey. Youth Group begins with Mass at 5:30, we move into the mission centre for a sit-down meal, this creates an environment for the teens to get to know one another as well as the core leaders.

After Kai we transition into an ice breaker game that links to the series.

We started our new series last week and it is titled 'Merciful'. We were blessed to have Anita share her powerful proclaim of what forgiveness and mercy looks like in our daily lives and linking this to scripture. We ended the night with a decade of 'the divine mercy chaplet' and praise and worship.

Thank you to all of our young people, for giving your 'yes' and showing up every Sunday. We warmly invite any new whanau to join us.

Upcoming events for youth group:

Easter raffle: \$2 a ticket these will be sold after Mass.

Funds will be going towards youth music equipment.

Good Friday - walk starting from OLOL to St Peter Chanel and finishing at Sacred Heart Church.

3pm Mass followed by Refreshments.

Youth Group will return after the school holidays with an exciting program ahead.

### **Mass of the Oils | Tuesday 4 April 2023**

*Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North at 12noon*

For the first time in a number of years, we are now able to celebrate the Mass of Oils in a 'normal' way together with all the parishes from around our Diocese.

### **Divine Mercy Novena - 2023**

Divine Mercy Sunday should fittingly be preceded by the novena & chaplet (recited as private family prayer) commencing Good Friday and concluding 15 April - eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

### **16 April 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday 2023 - St. Peter Chanel (817 Gordon Road) Hastings**

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament will commence at 2.30. The Chaplet will be recited at 3pm, followed by Benediction. Reconciliation will be available from 2.30pm. All welcome.

### **National Liturgy Office resources for Palm Sunday and Holy Week**

Sunday 26 March is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week leading to Easter. The National Liturgy Office has extensive resources for Palm Sunday, which are online here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/palm-sunday-of-the-passion-of-the-lord-2/>

The NLO will also progressively post resources for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. These will be posted on this page as they become available:

<https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/>

## **WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

### **Recently Deceased:**

Simon O'Kane, Stellas Netto, Bede Houlahan, Betty Koorey, Anthonius (Ton) Ham, Aidan Sargison, Margaret Koorey-Faulkner (Waiuku).



### **Please pray for the Souls of:**

William, Pattie, David, Peter and Patrick O'Keefe, Margaret Doggett and her deceased family members, Emmanuel George A06/02, John Francis Pyke A07/02, Joe O'Boyle A09/02, Lewis Caldwell A10/02, Grace Cullinane A07/03, Aline Margaret Lucy A23/03, Johny and Jolly Mattakkaattil, Scaria and Annakutty Elavunkal, Joseph and Mary Koovackal, Anne & Charles O'Farrell and their deceased family members, Alma Stinson A09/04.

### **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, Lily Walsh, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldey, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, John Janssen, Mark Rice, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Jan Skinners, 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, Tovi'o Levy, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Rawinia Barlow, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Patricia Bot, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Fiona Millar.

**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.

### **SAFEGUARDING**

If you are a volunteer for our Parish, it is a requirement to complete a Volunteer and Code of Conduct Agreement. If you have not done so, please contact the office.

### **FR ANTHONY LOURDES HTUN**

Thank you for the generous donations to assist with the cost to repatriate Fr Anthony home to Myanmar.

The total amount donated was \$20000.

We paid 50% of the cost to the diocese \$7376 and the remaining \$12624 will be available for Fr Anthony's family. Your donation will be included in your tax receipt. If you require a separate receipt, please contact the office. Our extended thanks to "Terry Longley & son" for the beautiful funeral service.

Blessings for your generosity.

**St. Joseph's Primary School**

Saint Joseph's Day was celebrated with great fun and a fantastic Tug-o-war to finish the day followed by an ice block for all. We have had to postpone our Community Consultation, and Hui/Fono events until next Term. Our brand-new Turf continues to expand. Our contractors are doing a marvellous job and we can't wait until they are finished. As the term draws to an end, I would like to thank those who have supported us during this time. Once again there have been challenges to meet. May God Bless you with a Happy Easter, and a safe and happy holiday break.

*Aaron O'Neill (Principal)*

**St. Mary's Primary School**

We have had a busy term and it's hard to believe holidays are just around the corner. Our students are participating in the Unison Gala Day for Rippa Rugby and Netball. We have had visitors from the Hastings Library explaining all that is on offer there. We enjoyed celebrating the Feast of St Joseph and celebrating with our whole school Mass at St Peter Chanel. Teachers have been working hard both staff and children have shown resilience after the flooding and disruptions this term. I wish everyone a restful break and a Happy Easter next weekend.

*Rachael Quinney (DRS)*

**Sacred Heart College**

We will celebrate Holy Week with an Easter Pageant on Holy Thursday. Our Tutor classes will reenact the last days of Our Lord on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. There will be an online information evening for NCEA Pacifica this Wednesday April 5. Please check the school app and your emails for the link or contact the school office if you need any assistance with this. We have several students in Palmerston North this weekend competing at the North Island Athletic Champs. Winter sports team selections and trainings are underway We have an unprecedented number of teams entered in winter sport this year.

I wish you all a Holy and Happy Easter.

*Nga mihi, Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)*

**St. John's College**

Last week our gateway students spent two days on a health and safety course. Over the weekend our junior canoe-polo team were crowned national champions and we had a wonderful, combined Mass with our sister school, Sacred Heart College, at St Patrick's Church in Napier on Sunday.

This week, we held our annual athletics sports at Hastings Sports Park. It had been postponed because of the cyclone so it was good to be able to have athletics sports again after so many years of it being cancelled because of Covid. The weather was kind to us, and a great day was had by all. Thanks to Mr Pearson and his crew for all their hard work in organising the day.

*Conor Bolton (DRS)*

Please note there will be NO MASSES on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April as the priests will attend the Blessing of the Oils at the Cathedral in Palmerston North.

Liturgy will be at 9am, Our Lady of Lourdes.

**"MINISTERS OF COMMUNION" who are taking communion to parishioners in their home and rest homes.**

Jill Frizzell is kindly updating our register. If she has not been in contact with you, can you please call her on 0272467400. Thank you.

**Please follow our Parish social media platforms like Facebook, Website, and the APP for latest updates.**

***Our Blessed Lady's Promise at Fatima***

Devotion begins with the first Saturday of any five consecutive months. All welcome to attend Rosary and reflection at Sacred Heart church on Saturday 1st April at 8.00am followed by Holy Mass and Reconciliation.



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**S.P.C Church Cleaning for APRIL**  
**Ancy Thomas, Jasmin Joseph, Cicily Philip**  
**(Indian Community)**

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**OLOL FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH MORNING TEA**

After Mass this morning, tea or coffee and fellowship in the hall. All Welcome