

## 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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### PARISH TEAM

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**Passionist Family Co-Ordinators:** Graeme & Margaret Armstrong ph. 8777758

### **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 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



## 4th Sunday of Easter

30th April 2023

### Reflection for Today

Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter season is sometimes called Good Shepherd Sunday because in each of the three lectionary cycles, the Gospel reading invites us to reflect on Jesus as **the** Good Shepherd. And the readings, reminds us that Jesus Christ leads us through the gate of salvation. In the first reading, Peter calls us to conversion. And the psalm reminds us that God is always caring for us as a shepherd care for his sheep.

Jesus in the gospel today calls us together as the Good Shepherd. Jesus overcomes the barriers we place between us, by becoming the sheepgate, the way to gather together through him and with him. Jesus is telling his listeners that, those who follow him, and his way will find abundant life. Jesus identifies himself, both as **the shepherd** and **the gate**. The idea of a shepherd comes to a new understanding when God stands before His people and when Jesus says these sacred words: "I am **the** shepherd." **Not** a shepherd, not will become a shepherd. But "I am **the** shepherd. My sheep know me, and I know my sheep, and I give my sheep life, life itself."

Jesus is that shepherd for us, the shepherd who gives his life and knows his sheep. We need also to recognize his voice and follow. Jesus leads us out as his flock to create the world. But he is more than just a shepherd, because Jesus is actually the gate. He is the way to enter a new space, the space where we do what Jesus calls us to do. He knows each of us. He cares for us personally. As Jesus knows and cares for us, so should we know and care for each other. That is the space Jesus wants us in.

There are so many voices in our lives. Which is Jesus? When we listen to Jesus we enter through Jesus, the sheepgate, to a new world. We are transformed. To enter through Jesus, is to know Jesus enough, that we can follow his lead in our lives. If we are transformed, we can also help transform others, and make the world a better place.

**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:**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12;**

**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

**Seminarian Appeal 30 April 2023**

We are greatly blessed by the generosity and enthusiasm of our men training for priesthood.

At the moment, we have one seminarian Dung Manh Phan, who returned from Vietnam last year and is at Holy Cross Seminary in Auckland.

Lam van Nguyen, Hung van Nguyen, and Duy Pham, from Vietnam, arrived in New Zealand last year to learn English before hopefully joining the seminary.

We ask you to please support our Seminarians with financial support and prayer. Please continue to pray and work for more candidates.

Thank you in advance for your contribution no matter how small.



**Join the Caritas Team!**

We are looking to expand our team! This is an exciting opportunity to work within a Catholic organisation, that's committed to the mission of the church. These roles will see you support our work advocating for human dignity, justice, peace and the needs of the most vulnerable.

Joining our team will see you connect our work with the world and provide you with the opportunity to practice your faith in a practical way.

At Caritas, it's our mission to be known as 'love in action', if you want to join us in this mission, email us on [Caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:Caritas@caritas.org.nz) or see the link below for more information. <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>

**VOCATION NOTICE FROM FR TRUNG**

For most Vietnamese babies, when they get baptized, the parents choose a patron saint for them. It is not recorded in the civil documents, but it will be in the baptism record.

I was born and raised in a catholic family. I am one of seven children. Many of you would know that there are six boys and one girl in my family. Lien, my sister, has survived and now is a happy mum!

Our parents have chosen St Joseph as the patron saint for three of the boys and St Peter for the other three, and Lien is Mary. My parents told me that they prayed hard that there might be one of us who would become a priest in the future, especially from those who they chose St Peter as their patron saint.

Well, God must have been listening! Two "Josephs" and two "Peters" are following the vocation to the priesthood. I got ordained as a priest on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2020. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, my younger brother, who belongs to The Missionaries of St. Charles - Scalabrinians, will be ordained as a priest in Atlanta, US. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2023, my older brother will be ordained as a transitional deacon for the Arch Diocese of Washington DC, and my youngest brother has made his First Profession and is studying in Rome with the Institute of Charity (The Rosminians).

When I talk to my brothers, they always tell me that we cannot follow this journey without the grace of God, and without the prayers of so many people, and especially their help and support. We are always grateful for that.

**Today is Good Shepherd Sunday.** I ask you humbly to pray for me and for Fr Paul (he's a Columban – a life-long missionary) and all the priests that we may serve God and you, His people, ever more faithfully.

To young people, **DO NOT BE AFRAID** to follow the vocation to the priesthood or Religious Life. As human beings, we are all limited, fragile, and we do not feel worthy of this vocation. But are you willing? By the grace of God, you can become his instrument to spread the good news, bringing God's love to His people through the sacraments, through the consecrated life and through joyful ministry along the hiko of life.

**St Mary's Catholic School** is presently developing their Strategic Plan. As part of this discernment process, a questionnaire that parents and families have been asked to respond to has now been put onto the CPOH app. St Mary's Board of Trustees would like to hear from parishioners with any comments and suggestions.

Please email your response to  
[office@stmaryshastings.school.nz](mailto:office@stmaryshastings.school.nz)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May will be a Feast Day of St Joseph the Worker. There will be a 5.30pm Mass at St Peter Chanel.

Rosary for the month of May with Fr Peyton videos, 20minutes before Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at Our Lady of Lourdes.



## YOUTH CORNER

Welcome to the Youth Corner

Lifeteen Youth start back this Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April. It starts with Youth Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 5.30pm. We will have a guest speaker, Davis Ataera, to speak to us.



The month of May will be dedicated to hearing/sharing of Faith Testimonies. We are looking for sponsors for the meal for our youth nights. If you are interested, please speak to one of our core team members or let Faaki know.

The Sacramental Programmes for teens are now open, for Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Forms can be picked up from the parish office or contact one of the youth team.

We would like to congratulate everyone who won one of our Easter Raffles they are: **Cliff, Kyla-Jay, Betty, Luana, Fatima, Ree, Maoiti, Patrick, Jojie and Chris.**

We managed to raise \$700 for Youth Band Equipment. A BIG THANK YOU to everyone for your continued support.

Please be assured of our prayers for you all, and please continue to pray for the Youth Core Team and young people in our parish.

*God Bless.*

*The Youth Core Team.*

### Understanding and Healing the Impact of Disasters

Disasters throw our world into chaos. They can overwhelm us and cause significant psychological distress. The good news is that many communities have gone through disasters and found a positive way through. This talk will cover, what are the long-term impacts of a disaster and how you can look out for and support those who are struggling and learn some strategies to strengthen your resilience.

*The talks will cover...*

What can you expect in the weeks, months, and years after a disaster?

When is the biggest psychological impact of a disaster?

What can you do to help children and families who are really not coping post disaster?

Why is good sleep so important to recovery?

What are the signs someone may not be coping?

What are some powerful strategies to help build resilience?

Michael Hempseed is the director of Frontiers of Hope, a specialist mental health service. He is also the author of Calming your Child and Being A True Hero: Understanding and Preventing Suicide in Your Community. He has spoken to Fonterra, NZ Post, Fire and Emergency NZ and many others. Michael gained an honours degree in Psychology from the University of Canterbury in 2008. In 2016 he spoke at TEDx. Michael is Catholic.

**Date: 1 May 2023 Time: 7-8 pm Location:** St Mary's Catholic Church Parish Centre, 58 Osier Road Greenmeadows Napier

**Date: 3 May 2023 Time: 6-7pm Location:** St Joseph's School 6 Russell Street Waipukurau

**Date: 4 May 2023 Time: 7-8pm Location:** St Patrick's School Riverbend Road Marewa Napier

## 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), Peter (Chappie) Steffert, Anna Clelaw (UK), Archbishop Alapati Mata'eliga (Samoa).



### Please pray for the Souls of:

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, Gwen Jones A26/03, Deceased relatives of the Jones and O'Kane families, Alma Stinson A09/04, Shirley Ingram A11/04, Thomas McKenna A13/04, Margaret Broderick A18/04, Colleen Brady A18/04, Mary Moran A24/04, Upu Fatima Murphy Matautia.

### 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, 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.

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Our Year 9 students were not able to attend their camp earlier this year because of Cyclone Gabriel. As a team bonding experience, they will have their own 'Big Day Out' in Napier on Wednesday enjoying local amenities and having fun. We look forward to Our Hearts Programme commencing next week. This is a curriculum extension programme which gives Year 8 students from our Catholic Intermediates an opportunity to enhance their current learning and give them a little feel of what it will be like at High School next year. They will be joined by selected junior SHC students for assistance and to build tuakana/teina relationships. O'Shea Shield is taking place next weekend at St Marys, Wellington. We wish our girls and their coaches every success as they compete. I would like to thank all those who have spent many hours coaching and preparing our girls for this auspicious occasion. God bless.

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

**St Vincent De Paul Havelock North** are happy to invite you to the Anointing Mass and afternoon tea.

This will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2pm,  
**Thursday 11 May 2023.**

This will replace the regular Thursday morning Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for this spiritually uplifting occasion. If you need transport, please ring [Mary Cope 877 5126](tel:07775126), [Susan Doohan 877 7733](tel:07777733) or [Mike Malone 877 8337](tel:0778337).

If you have someone in your family that you think would be interested, please pass this message on or bring them along. A small plate would be welcome to assist with the afternoon tea.

*Thank you, Catherine Cameron  
Our Lady of Lourdes SVDP Conference.*

### Pro Life - Can you help us?

We stand at our hospital gates on Friday between 9am-12noon in support of mothers and their unborn babies while abortions are performed in our hospital. Can you spare an hour of your time to witness our pro-life message with us. Please phone Grant 877 5126.

### The Waipatu Maori Catholic Club (Hastings)

We gathered with Our Lady for Rosary with Auntie Dixie at Nelson Street. And preparing for the Raa Hinepuaraurangi - Mihiroa? Happily, the children who come to karakia. First Holy Communion Confirmation group to go forth into our hui aranga 2024. Outreach Community, Helen Barlow [kairakau12@gmail.com](mailto:kairakau12@gmail.com)

### St Peter Chanel Church -Children's Liturgy

Leaders/Helpers are urgently needed for Children's Liturgy programme during 10.30am Mass at St Peter Chanel. Training and resources will be provided. Feel free to come and observe a session or two before deciding. Anyone from secondary school age onwards are welcome to join the team.

Please contact the Parish office for further information.

### HOURS OF MERCY 2023

The Jesus Youth movement is initiating 50 days of Eucharistic Adoration, "Hours of Mercy" across New Zealand from Easter till Pentecost.

**Date:** - April 10 to May 28, 2023

**Time:** - 8am to 8pm (on all Monday's in Hastings)

**Venue:** - **Sacred Heart Church, Hastings**

### PRAYER INTENTIONS

1. We pray for the intention of the Holy Father and for the Church.
2. We pray for the bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful within the Catholic Church in New Zealand.
3. We pray for all who are affected by natural calamities in New Zealand and all around the world.
4. We pray for all young people to experience the love of Christ in their life and keep their faith in Him.
5. We pray for all missionaries across the world, may the Lord strengthen them and make all their work fruitful.
6. We pray for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life, that the Lord may bless them with the light of His love.
7. We pray for all married couples, that they may always be sustained in their love by the grace of the sacraments.



### Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day Celebration 13 May 2023

There will be a procession  
after 5:30 pm mass  
( from SPC to SHC)  
We conclude with a  
prayer/blessing and  
refreshments in SHC  
Pls join us ❤️

**Church cleaners** at St Peter Chanel are **urgently required** for one month a year. Please contact the office on (06) 878 7774 if you can assist.