

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 TEAM

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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



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



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
30th July 2023

Reflection for Today

The gospel this Sunday reminds us of asking ourselves what is the most important thing in our lives? The parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price remind us that the Kingdom of Heaven is worth everything. Just as the person who finds a treasure hidden in a field sells all he has to buy that field or the merchant who sells all he has to buy the precious pearl, we are called to place God above all else. These parables urge us to seek and embrace the Kingdom of Heaven with our whole being, to recognise its incomparable value, and to be ready to let go of anything that hinders our pursuit of God. Our journey of faith requires sacrifice, discipline, and a willingness to prioritise spiritual treasures over earthly possessions. Our relationship with God should be our top priority and we should be willing to give up anything that hinders our journey towards His Kingdom. We are living in a busy world with many things that we want to do. Even though there can be many good things and activities that we want to fulfil, Jesus wants us to put Him first before all else.

Just as the fishing net gathered fish of every kind, God's love and mercy are available to all. Therefore, we need to remember that the Kingdom of Heaven is not something to be hoarded or kept to ourselves. It is a treasure that is meant to be shared. As we experience God's love and grace in our lives, let us extend that love to others. We can be instruments of God's multiplication, sharing our blessings and bringing hope and joy to those around us because God's Kingdom is not an exclusive club but a place for everyone. Jesus presents the image of the fishing net, gathering fish of every kind; some are deemed worthy and kept, while others are discarded. This represents the final judgment when we will all stand before God. It calls us to reflect on the state of our hearts and the choices we make in life, as they will ultimately determine our destiny

Fr. Trung Nguyen

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:
Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14, Peter 1:16-19, Matthew 17:1-9

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 11.00am, 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

**Episcopal Ordination & Installation of
Fr John Adams, 30 September 2023, 11am
at Cathedral of the Holy Spirit,
Palmerston North**



The clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North welcome you to great joy to the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of Reverend John Lewis Adams as Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North. All members of our Catholic community and guests are welcome to attend this joyful occasion for our diocese. Livestream will be made available for those unable to join in person.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



An enquiry evening will be held on Wednesday 23rd August 2023, 7p.m. at **St. Peter Chanel Hall, 817 Gordon Road, Hastings**. If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a catholic, please come along.

**Community Evenings | Understanding and
Recognising PTSD | August 2023**

The cyclone caused immense physical and psychological harm to people we love and care about. During the recovery phase, it is important that all members of our communities have the latest and most up-to-date information about identifying and managing the effects that we will see or may be seeing of trauma and PTSD. Community Evenings with Michael Hempseed are being held in Waipukurau, Hastings and Napier in August. No RSVP required. More information available at: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/communityevenings> or posters in church foyers.

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We ask that parishioners pray for our committee members especially on the days that they meet to discuss and make decisions for the good of our parish.

Liturgy: 1st Wed of the month - 5.30pm at the Mission Centre. **Next meeting - 2nd August**

Finance: 2nd Tues. of the every second month - 7 -9p.m. in Parish office. Next meeting -2th September

**SACRAMENT OF
FIRST RECONCILIATION AND
EUCCHARIST 2023**



The next Sacramental programme will commence on Sunday 10th September 2023, with 1st Reconciliation preparation.

1st Communion preparation will commence Sunday 22nd October 2023, with the celebration taking place on 12th November 2023.

If you wish your child/children/ grandchildren to receive these Sacraments, registration forms are available at the Catholic schools or the Catholic Parish of Hastings's website, under Sacraments. Please return your form to the Parish office no later than 25th August 2023. Thank you.

**The International Day of Prayer against trafficking of
Humans is on Sunday 30 July.** Let us remember all those caught up in this tragic situation.

Modern slavery covers a range of exploitative practices including forced labour, forced marriage, human trafficking and slave-like conditions. This happens in Aotearoa New Zealand through such activities as debt bondage, immigrant workers to work in industries here including construction, dairy farming and fruit picking. Slavery exists in many supply chains and legitimate businesses as well as sex slavery which involves an exchange of sex for money and/or drugs.

St. Josephine Bakhita pray with us to rid the world of modern slavery, so that no children or adults are subjected to the inhumane treatment you suffered.

***Bless us God with hearts that grieve injustice.
May your Spirit be with us and Christ companion us.
May your blessing flow in us,
strengthening our commitment
to stop the trafficking and slavery of humans in this
country and around the world.***

***We ask this, confident that you desire
freedom for all people.***

Amen

Josephine Bakhita was a Sudanese-Italian Canossian religious sister who lived in Italy for 45 years, Born in Sudan, in 1869, her life was marked by tragedy and hardship from a young age. While working in the fields with her mother at age nine, she was captured and sold into slavery. Because of her experience, she was declared a saint. She was the first black woman to receive the honour in the modern era and is now recognised as the patron saint of victims of human trafficking. Her Feast Day is celebrated on 8th February.

YOUTH CORNER

Welcome to the Youth Corner.

We had a great Lifeteen Life Night on Sunday. It was great to be back after the school holidays. Thank you so much to Joylene, Vic and families for preparing and cooking the meal for the young people.

If you or someone you know would like to sponsor and provide a meal for one of the youth nights, please contact one of the core team members or contact the parish office.

We are starting our Youth Sacramental and Confirmation programme this Sunday evening. Fr Trung will be leading this based on "The Dynamic Catholic" programme. We support our Youth faith journey by encouraging them to be part of our Catholic Youth Community and to attend Mass as part of the wider Faith Community.

If you have a family member who is attending high school and would like to receive Baptism, Holy Communion or Confirmation Sacraments, please invite them to attend our Youth Mass this Sunday, 5.30pm at Sacred Heart Church.

An Event you may like to attend.....

This Sunday (30 July) is the Sacred Heart College and St John's College School Leaders Mass which will be held at 9:30am at Our Lady of Lourdes church, in Havelock North. Please continue to pray for our youth core team, our young people, and our priests. Be assured of our prayers for you all.

Thank you
The Youth Core Team.



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 5th August at 8.00am followed by Holy Mass and Reconciliation.

"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God"



OUR LADY OF LOURDES MORNING TEA FUNDRAISER Sunday 6th August after 9.30 Mass.



Come and enjoy food and fellowship.
Please bring a small donation



WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Lorraine Roberts, Trevor Layton, John McCormack, Loyola Mouldey, Fr Maselino Kolio (Samoa), John van Ruitenbeek, Doug Begley, Geraldine Suan (Malaysia), Patricia Greenough (Moran), Tovi'o Levy (Steph's Dad), John Stuart (UK)

Please pray for the Souls of:

Patrick McGrath A19/06, Lynda Devoy A19/06, Janina Melgies A21/06, Antonius Bot A05/07, Elaine McGrath A05/07, Anna Forbes A08/07, Rose Devlin A19/07, Margaret Broderick A21/07, Bernard O'Kane A21/07, Deceased relatives of Jones/O'Kane families, Des Kavanagh A25/07, Martin Taylor A30/07 (Kathy Kavanagh's brother), Terry Lynn, Brien McAuley & Tucker families, Wal Laracy A18/7, members of Laracy, Thompson, Butler and McCormack families, Eileen Spenser, Patrick Watson, Amalia Jones, John & Joyce Huisman, Don McHardy A 21/7, Sandra Bot A25/7



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, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, 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, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, Maureen Horsefield, Gavin Noonan, Mark Ulrich (USA), Fr Larry Barnett, Brian & Pauline Groves, Anne O'Kane, Epi Timu, Barbie Fanilag.

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.

Titipounamu Study & Joy

The Women in the Bible with Kieran Fenn fms.
Mondays, 07/14/21 Aug and 04/11/18 Sep, 7-8.30pm.
ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series (incl. study material).
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

Liturgical Spaces with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.
4-part series on our YouTube channel. Online. No fee.
Part 1: Do we gather as consumers or celebrants?

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

St. John's College

This week we hosted Francis Douglas Memorial College from New Plymouth for our annual sports exchange. These exchanges are a wonderful opportunity for students from Catholic schools to engage in sport and fellowship. Thanks to all the families who billeted the visiting players. This week also saw the bi-annual joint SJC/SHC school production. This year the two schools put on the musical, Godspell with shows running from Tuesday to Friday at the Hastings theatre. Thanks to all the budding thespians and musicians and the hard work of the directors and back stage crew.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

We hope you managed to get along to the St Johns College and SHC production Godspell, it was an amazing collaboration between our 2 schools. Congratulations to all those who were involved, not just on the stage but backstage also. After many hours of hard work and dedication, it really shone through.

9.30am Sunday 30th July, we have our St Johns College and SHC combined school Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes in Havelock North.

Swimming sports is just around the corner on Friday 4th August

11th/12th September are our senior examinations

Nga mihi, Marysia Airey (Principal)

St. Vincent De Paul are in need of:

- ◆ Shopping bags
- ◆ Bric a brac kitchen goods
- ◆ Good quality second hand towels, blankets and duvet inners.
- ◆ Cans of spaghetti, cornflakes, rice bubbles, porridge, jams, milo, tins of tuna or sardines.

Please drop off at the office or the SVDP store.

Thank you for your ongoing support & donations.



World Youth Day (WYD) is the gathering of young



people from all over the world with the Pope. It is also a pilgrimage, a celebration of youth, an expression of the universal Church and an intense moment of evangelization for the youth world. Although its Catholic identity is clearly evident, WYD opens its doors to

everyone, no matter how close to or distant from the Church they are. It is celebrated at the diocesan level on Palm Sunday, and every two, three or four years as an international gathering in a city chosen by the Pope, with the presence of the Holy Father. It brings together millions of young people to celebrate their faith and sense of belonging to the Church.

Over the course of a week, young people from all over the world are welcomed, mainly in public (gymnasiums, schools, pavilions) and parish facilities or family homes. In addition to the moments of prayer, sharing and leisure, the young people enrolled in this celebration participate in various initiatives organized by the WYD team, in different locations across the host city. The highlights are the celebrations (central features) for which the Pope is present, such as the welcoming and opening ceremony, the Way of the Cross, the vigil and, on the last day, the closing Mass.

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship

While Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024 has now sold out, we are excited to announce the opening of the inaugural Bishop Basil Meeking Hearts Aflame Scholarship! There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ, and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply before August 15, 2023.

Winter Ailments

It's that time of year when viruses are rife. At Mass please be mindful of your choices which could affect others. If you are unwell and cannot attend Mass there is Mass celebrated, by the Auckland Diocese, on Shine T.V. at 2p.m. Thank you for your consideration. Keep warm and well.

Are you new to the Parish?

If so, please call into the office and meet our friendly staff who will be happy to help and inform you.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

**"We cannot always build the future for our youth,
but we can build our youth for the future"**

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted **by Wednesday lunchtime**. If you wish to receive your newsletter via email:

Contact the parish office by emailing:
admin@hastings.parish.nz. Thank you.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for AUGUST
Liu Onesi & family