

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



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

3rd December 2023

Reflection for Today

As we enter the first week of Advent, we are reminded that our own plans may not align with God's vision for the world. During the season of Advent, we are called to reflect on our lives and renew our commitment to God's plan.

The **readings** call us to return to God's path and understand that He wants to restore all of creation to Himself, not just fulfil our individual desires.

In our **first reading**, Isaiah speaks of a people who have strayed from God's ways. This message is relatable to us all as we navigate our daily challenges and can become lost in our immediate wants and grievances. The call of Advent is a call to trust in God's plan, even when it seems distant or difficult to comprehend.

The **second reading** speaks of grace, fellowship, and strengthening of faith as we await the revelation of Jesus Christ. It's a time to reflect on the grace that is given to us through Christ. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, we are invited to reflect on how this grace has been evident in our lives and how we might extend it to others. We are called to trust in God's provision, recognising that spiritual growth is part of the preparation for Jesus' coming.

From the **Gospel**, Jesus advises his disciples to stay vigilant, to stay awake, as no one knows when He will return. This is not just a call for the disciples of Jesus' time but for us today. Life is full of unpredictable events, both tragic and joyful. Therefore, we must live in a state of readiness, serving Christ through our actions, words, and thoughts at every moment.

Advent is a time to prepare, watch, and be attentive to how we can serve and encounter God daily. Just as the servants in the parable are tasked with specific roles, each person has unique responsibilities in their life. The call to be aware reminds us to perform our duties diligently, with the conscious intention that our actions should align with the teachings of Christ. Our whole life should be a life spent for Jesus and His kingdom. This, then, will enable us to welcome the coming of Jesus with joyful expectation, hope, and eagerness. Such is the spirit and overall theme of Advent: "Come, Lord Jesus, come!"

Rev. Deacon Tevita Faka'osi

St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd
Hastings

Vigil Saturday:
5.30pm

Sunday Mass:
10.30am

Weekday Mass

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



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

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

Readings Year A:

3rd December - 1st Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16-17; 64:1,3-8, 1 Cor 1:3-9, Mk 13:33-37

10th December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11, 2 Pet 3:8-14, Matt 1:1-8

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: Meeting on Thursdays 7pm-8pm in the Mission Centre (behind Parish Office). All welcome.

Enquiries please 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 Sunday 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

Advent | National Liturgy Office

The First Sunday in Advent is this weekend. The National Liturgy Office has prepared substantial resources for all four Sundays of Advent, a time during which we prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth through prayer and reflection. Go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/dec-2023-come-lord-jesus/>

Thursday 14th December after 9.30am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. We will have a Christmas theme morning tea & fellowship. Please bring a small plate. Everyone welcome.

General clean of Church and Grounds for Christmas at OLOL on December 9th. Start at 9am. Please join us. Many hands make light work.

OLOL Sunday Rosters for December, January and February have been printed and are available from the church porch. Please note that updated phone lists are attached to this roster.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES - First Sunday of the month morning tea in the hall after Mass today. All welcome.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for DECEMBER

Jasmi Joseph, Cicily Philip & Mariya Joy (Indian community)

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

Our gifting tree is up again this year.

This is to provide Christmas cheer for children who otherwise would miss out. We are asking for gifts or gift vouchers for children from 0 to 13 years. We have found that it makes distribution to the appropriate child easier if the gifts are not wrapped when donated. We need the gifts dropped off at the church or into the SVDP shop in Hastings by December the 10th. Thank you for your support, it is much appreciated.



Saint Vincent de Paul Area Council.

S.V.D.P Update



1. Grateful thanks to all who managed to donate funds with our Annual Appeal.
2. Planning underway with our Christmas Food Box. Please notify Fr Paul, Fr Trung, Parish Office, members of S.V.D.P. of families, solo parishioners, that need this Christmas gift.
3. This year our Christmas Gifts will be for under 12s. We welcome donations of suitable gifts – no need to wrap. Place in the S.V.D.P. basket in your church.
4. Thank you for your weekly food donations. We need marmite, peanut butter, milo and coffee.

S.V.D.P. Team

The Annual Sick & Retired Priests Special Collection - Sunday 3 December 2023

The Clergy Trust Fund provides for the well-being and care of priests in the Diocese. This includes stipends, food, travel home for 'overseas priests', retreats and all costs relating to healthcare. The Clergy Trust Fund is struggling to meet growing medical costs. Hence, your giving to this special collection is most appreciated, especially by our elderly priests who then benefit from your generosity. Your support is a great way of showing your gratitude to your priests. Many thanks and blessings to all who contribute to this special collection. Every contribution helps.

Mons Brian Walsh (Chairperson)

Clergy Trust Fund

Diocese of Palmerston North

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.

YOUTH CORNER

Kia orana everyone and welcome to your youth corner with some interesting news. Last Sunday, 26th November, we welcomed eight teenagers to our Catholic Faith as they received the Sacrament of Baptism. Five of them are from St John's College. With those new members of our Church, they also received their First Holy Communion plus two other SJC students who had been baptized. From this group of young people, five of them are 15 years old and over, who also received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We now have a total of 18 teenagers who had said yes to confirm their faith and being new adults in our Church this year.

We would like to congratulate them all: Josiah Chesswas, Alexander Clement, Mekhia Duncan, John Lissette, Jack Low, Max MacInnes, Jaqob O'Kane, Dylan Sheardown, Nikita Sheardown, Jordan Sheardown. May God's Spirit continues to lead you all closer to Christ through those Holy Sacraments you had received. We will continue to pray for you all and your family.

We would like to express our gratitude to these young people for your YES to the call for new life in Christ and to your parents, families, and friend for their support. Our sincere thanks to Fr Paul Finlayson and Fr Trung for all their spiritual guidance. May your ministry in our parish be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as you reached out with your services to those in need of God's grace.

Heartfelt thanks to RE teachers at St John's College for their hard works to inspire those young men by accepting the invitation to be part of our Sacramental Program. Thank you so much to our Youth Team for your accompaniments offered to our young people during their preparations and the celebration of their special day.

Our prayers, hearts and thoughts are with you all for supporting our Youth Christmas Concert in multiple ways. To all those who donated prizes for the raffle, cultural group performances, singers, dancers, food stalls, stage/truck, and many other gifts/talents that had made our youth annual fundraiser as success. We are out of words to express the joy and how grateful we are to have all those support for our rangatahi. May the Spirit of the Prince of Peace bring joy, love, and peace to all our families in this Christmas Season.

Meitaki Maata, Life Teen Hastings Youth Team.

Congratulations to our RCIA catechumens, Tira Douglas, Sue Tuliau and Neila Finlayson who received the Rite of Acceptance last Sunday and our RCIA candidates, Anthony Gilbert, Christian Chesswas, Sian Remnant and Carteney Finlayson who received the Rite of Welcoming. Please continue to pray for them and their sponsors and catechists.



WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Marg Moore, Louisa Cumberbeach Talbot, Brian Dennis (Cheryl Eccleton's brother-in-law), Frank Adamson (Brother of Joan McIntyre & Veronica Telford), Heine Soer, Fr Paul Shannahan.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Catherine McGrath (Kitty) A6/10, Mervyn Bright A6/10, Tom Mouldey A16/10, Bill Logan A17/10, Michael Broderick A18/10, Vanessa O'Neill A18/10, Tai Cullinane A19/10, Jose M.O and Mary Jose departed souls, Gerard Brady A22/10, Michael (Mick) Carr A22/10, Joan Robison A22/10, Joyce Jillings A23/10, Lou Jillings, Jim Molloy A24/10, Josephine (Jo) Brady A27/10, Annie Gibbs A30/10, Andres Galapon, Juanita Galapon, Basilic Galapon, Homer Galapon, Julie Alonzo, George Barnes A31/10, Mike Timu, Cecilia Barnes, Carrem Koorey, Douglas Matthews A4/11, Sean Pollard A7/11, Fr Pat Cooke A15/11, Dorothy Rae A24/11, Fr Anthony Htun A25/11, Francis McGrath A29/11, O'Malley/Maher, Dodson/Fitzpatrick, Purcell/Cullinane, Bernie Doherty (UK), John & Theo Jenssen, Peter Van DeLee, Jessen & Beaumont family, Frank Crist, Tom & Essie King, Derek King, Bryan Yates A21/12, Toni Molloy A26/12, Hal Jonas, Deceased members of the O'Farrell and Jonas family.

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, 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, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Diana Helm, Grant Evans, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, 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 Tarrega, Bernadette & Ross Chilton, Carol & Lawrie Wagnor (Aust), Sue Godyre, Morgan Flynn, John Marryatt, Ann Amoravet, Kerry Walsh (Australia), Henry Crichton, John Anderson, Terry Durney, Veronica Telford.

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.

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Calendars are now available at the Parish office and on sale \$12.00. No eftpos available.

St. Joseph's Primary School

As the Term draws to an end, we have a busy time ahead with various activities planned for the students - Pool Party, Middle School trip to Napier Aquatic Centre, Leavers Dinner, Senior Day Out, Junior Family Picnic and Concert, Prizegiving, End of Year Mass. The last day of the term is 20 December 1pm finish. Congratulations to our senior students who had a clean sweep at the annual inter-school speech competition with St. Mary's - the topics were Imagination Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 Diversity. Congratulations also to all those who have participated in the Road Patrol Fun Day, Cricket Tournament, Year 5/6 Triathlon, Inter-school Athletics, and the Year 8's who took part in their Retreat with Father Trung.

Aaron O'Neill (Principal)

Sacred Heart College

Another busy week in our school community. The last of our exams took place this week, we're proud of all our students who took part and did their best. We're praying for fine weather as our Duke of Edinburgh silver/gold students kayak and walk their way around the Abel Tasman. May the lord protect them on their travels. Another exciting week for the year 10's as they head off to camp in Taupo on Monday 4th December, they'll take part in orienteering, ziplining, kayaking and much more.

5th December is our year 9 Retreat Day.

7th December, junior reports go out. Friday 8th December -10.30am prizegiving in the school gym followed by our Thanksgiving Mass at 6.30pm at St Patrick's Church. Final day for all students.

Nga mihi, Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

St. John's College

This week we had five year 10 students and a year 12 student on the Awa run in Whanganui. This run is organised by the Young Marist network and involves students from all the Marist secondary schools in the country. The purpose of the run is to raise money for students on the East Coast whose education often ends at Year 10 due to various circumstances affecting families within the communities. The money is used to send students to one of the Marist schools to complete their education and hopefully continue into tertiary education. To support this initiative you can donate money through the Marist give-a-little page - <https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/st-johns-college-awa-run>.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!

GOSPEL of MARK Workshop: Presented by Dr Sarah Hart
Lecturer: Biblical Studies Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College
Thursday, 7th December 7pm to 9pm Mission Centre, Sacred Heart
There will be NO CHARGE. To register, phone/text Diana 022 651 0946 or phone Steph (06) 878 7774.

Waipatu Maori Catholic Club - Acting as Community Outreach members for The Waipatu Club we are staging the Hui aranga 2024 at Pettigrew. Green Arena during the 2024 Easter period. We invite all those wanting to SHARE and celebrate in the Easter proceedings. We look forward to drawing nearer to all our parishioners with Easter not that far away. The Waipatu Maori Catholic Club would appreciate any inquiries and or support or to assist in those areas to tend for Our Annual Catholic hui aranga 2024. ask at kairakau12@gmail.com or (06) 8746 181 KIA ORA RA.

Te Kahu o te Ora | A Consistent Ethic of Life

The landmark bishops' teaching document Te Kahu o te Ora: A Consistent Ethic of Life is now available online as an easy-to-read flip book: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/te-kahu/>

Te Kahu o te Ora is a revised and much-expanded version of a 1997 bishops' statement and reminds us that all life is a gift from God. NZCBC President and Bishop of Auckland Bishop Stephen Lowe says the bishops want every Catholic to read Te Kahu o te Ora. More information: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu-flip/>

Pleroma Christian Supplies: New Manager Sought

Pleroma Christian Supplies is in search of a new Manager as the ministry, established in 1978 by Shirley and Ian Duthie, looks to continue its legacy. The organisation is seeking an individual eager to embrace the opportunity, based in Central Hawkes Bay, and lead this well-established and respected business. Pleroma Christian Supplies is a not-for-profit Catholic Christian resource supplier (retail and wholesale) serving our dioceses and faith communities.

Additional details about this exciting role can be found in the position advertisement <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/71340271>

Thank you for bringing recycling items to Sacred Heart foyer. Just a reminder that we are not long able to accept plastic bottle tops because the Environment Centre no longer accepts them. A reminder also that Hastings District Council does not want them in kerbside recycling either.

Lee Pepping

Enrolment on-going for 2024

Enrolment for the Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology is still on-going until the end of January. The Certificate and Diploma in Christian Studies are also accepting enrolment for 2024. Semester starts on 19 February 2024.

For courses offered on campus, online and each diocese, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/timetables.
To enrol, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply.