

## 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 - Mass  
**Wed** 9am - Mass  
**Thurs** 9.30am - Exposition  
**Fri** 9am - Exposition  
10am - Liturgy  
**Sat** 9am - Liturgy



**Immaculate Conception**

Paki Paki

**Sunday Mass**  
8am

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 3rd October 2021

## Reflection for Today

The real focus of today's readings especially the Gospel of Mark, is not marriage, but the real focus is the Kingdom of God.

There are two stories in today's Gospel. The first story has to do with the argument the Pharisees were going to bring up to Jesus about divorce, and we tend to think that it is all about marriage.

*The Pharisees were testing Jesus*, to see what Jesus would say. And Jesus was very careful how he answers this, and he quotes what we heard from the first reading [Genesis 2:18-24] ... He says, "God made them male and female..." According to the Gospel of Mark, Mark is saying something quite different. Mark is saying this is the Kingdom of God. What is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is God Himself; the Kingdom of God is love itself, and the Kingdom of God is God's gift. And it is God's gift that we are allowed to love, and understand, and come in communication with God Himself. Now, if this is true, is the act of divorcing your wife an act of recognising that you are brought together by God Himself? It is the life of God. It's an exchange that makes them one in God's Kingdom, one in His love, His caring, and one with His very person.

The second story has to do with Jesus and his disciples who tried to stop the children from coming to him. Jesus says, ... "Unless you accept the Kingdom of God like these little children, you will never know what it is, you will never understand what it means to have it, to pray for it, to ask for it." Because the Kingdom of God is the gift of God. It is not something that we earn. It is the gift of God, just as the love in a marriage is the gift of God and the life of a marriage is the gift of God.

So let us rejoice and be glad, for we have finally understood that the secret to opening the heart of God is to become a child.



**St. Peter Chanel**  
817 Gordon Rd.  
Hastings

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

**Weekday Mass**  
**Tues** - 5.30pm  
**Thurs** - 5.30pm



**Sacred Heart**  
425 Heretaunga  
St East, Hastings

**Sunday Mass**  
9.00am  
5.30pm

**Weekday Masses**

**Wed** - 12.05pm  
**Fri** - 12.05pm  
**Sat** 8.30am

Rev. Deacon Tevita Faka'osi

## PARISH TEAM

**Parish Priest:** Fr. Marcus Francis (On leave)  
**Assistant Priest:** Fr. Trung Nguyen ph.0220626726  
**Parish Secretary:** Steph Levy 0226317045  
**Hospital Chaplain:** Deidre Russ ph. 878 8109,1, ext. 2718  
**Passionist Family Co-Ordinators:** Graeme & Margaret Armstrong ph. 8777758

**Parish Administrator:** Fr. Anthony Htun ph. 0273373356  
**Deacon:** Tevita Faka'osi ph. 0272757086  
**Finance & Property Administrator:** Jean-Ann Ferguson 0272448126  
**Youth Ministry:** Faaki Tuanaki ph. 0211644218

**Readings for Next Sunday: Year B:**  
**28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30;**

**YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME...**

**ADORATION: Madonna** Tuesdays 9am—1pm

**OLOL** Fridays 9am

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Please contact the office to arrange an appointment with a priest.

**BENEDICTION & Exposition: SH** Fridays 11am

**CHOIR PRACTICE: SH** Thursdays 5.30p.m. NEW MEMBERS WANTED!

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP: Mission Centre** (room to left of front door). Wednesdays 7-8 pm. All welcome. Ring Paula 878 3314.

**EMMAUS COMPANIONS: SPC** 2nd Monday of the month 7pm. Ring Rob 0276591313 or John 0278787014.

**HOSPITAL SINGING: Hospital main entrance** 2nd Sunday 6pm

**MARIST THIRD ORDER: SH**, (room off Day Chapel) 1st Sunday of the month, 2pm.

**MARK'S GOSPEL STUDY: 160 Reynolds Rd., Havelock Nth**  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays. 7.30pm Ring Diana 0226510946

**MORNING PRAYER : SH Day Chapel** Mon-Fri 9am, except  
Thurs 8.45am

**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

**ROSARY: OLOL** - Thursdays 9.10am

**SH** - Saturday 8am

**SUNDAY READINGS 4 U: SH** room off day chapel. Tuesdays 10 –11am

**VOCATION HOLY HOUR:** 1st Friday of the month 7-8pm at SPC

**YOUNG ADULTS: Mission Centre.** 1st & 3rd Sunday after 5.30pm Mass

**Committee Meetings this week**

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 church.

**Liturgy: Wednesday 6th October - 5.30pm in the Parish Office**

**Finance: Tuesday 12th October - 7pm in the Parish Office**

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

Devotion begins with the first Saturday of any five consecutive months, at Sacred Heart church, Hastings. The next devotion will be on 2nd October. Rosary begins 8.00am followed by 8.30am Holy Mass. All welcome to come and learn more about this devotion.



**Rosary in October.** This month is traditionally a four-week time of focus on the beauty and power of the Rosary as a journey of faith, with Mary, through the central events of the life of Christ. Sign up to receive daily October reflections on the mysteries of the Rosary at [www.foodforfaith.org.nz/rosary](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz/rosary)

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

**Health & Safety Section:-**

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

**Winter Ailments**

It is that time of year again when colds and flu bugs are rife. At Mass please be mindful of your choices which could affect others.

Thank you for your consideration. Keep warm and well.



**St Joseph's Branch 172 Hastings.**

The next Branch meeting of the Hibernian Society will be held on Wednesday 6th October at 7pm at Clubs Hastings.

**PFG 30th Birthday Celebratory Mass and Luncheon**

Due to our churches being closed and the uncertainty that the latest covid outbreak has caused, the anniversary celebrations to be held 31 October have been cancelled. Anyone that paid money using internet banking should phone Norma 06 650 1679 so a refund to be arranged.

**Care of the Earth Tip for October:**

Avoid food waste by buying reasonable quantities of food, storing it carefully and using up leftovers.

Wasting food means wasting the land, water, energy, and labour required to produce it.

**March for Life**

Sponsored bus to March for Life (includes a sponsored Subway lunch in Wellington)

**Date: Saturday 4th December 2021**

Leaves St Patrick's, Napier at 7.30am, calling into St Peter Chanel, Hastings around 7.45am. Arrives at the Civic Square, Wellington around 12-12.30, depending on traffic. From 1pm there are stalls and entertainment. We march from the Civic Square to Parliament at 2pm, where there are a variety of speakers.

Return bus departs Parliament at 4pm, arriving at about 8.30pm. Contact Kelly and Luana Durston on 0221660908 or [kellydurston@hotmail.com](mailto:kellydurston@hotmail.com)

34 of the 53 available seats are already taken, so get in quick to show your support for our unborn brothers and sisters.

Thank you very much to our generous sponsor.

**THANK YOU!**

We would like to say thank you to all the hardworking elves who have helped with our Masses starting again. There was a lot of work involved in meeting the requirements and restrictions. A thank you to the parishioners, as I know this has been a difficult time for you all. The booking system is not easy. However, the positivity makes it easier on us. Lastly, a big thank you to our Priests for our extra Masses. Blessings, The office team.

**PLANNED GIVING**

The planned giving envelopes are in the foyers of the churches. If you are pay directly into our bank account and would like the "specials" envelopes these are available from the office. Thank you for your contribution.



## YOUTH CORNER



Ni sa bula everyone and happy Fijian Language Week to all our Fijian families. We are grateful for God's grace that bring us safe from the pandemic to the end of this term. Our heartfelt thanks to you all for your prayers and supporting our young people to complete the 3rd term successfully regardless of the lockdown that interrupted their studies and other activities. Thank you so much to those parishioners that had offered jobs to our group as part of our fund raisers for youth camp 2022 as well as those who had dropped items for our Christmas raffle.

On behalf of our youth group - team and young people, we would like to express our sincere sympathies to Fr Marcus Francis for the loss of his father and Dr Alma for the loss of her mother. Our prayers, hearts and thoughts are with you and families during this time of grieving. May they rest in God's everlasting life, and may the Archangels accompany them as they reunite with our Heavenly Father.

Wishing our young people, a happy and safe holiday.

Faaki Tuanaki (Youth Minister)

## 2021 SUZANNE AUBERT CELEBRATION SUNDAY MASS WITH CARDINAL JOHN.

Link attached for further information: <https://www.suzanneaubert.co.nz/celebration-sunday-2021/>

**The resources for Support Life Sunday on 10 October are now available online** for downloading. The theme this year is "Supporting and honouring health carers." It acknowledges the work of health carers, including family carers and health professionals, who are on the front line in supporting and protecting life. The resources can be downloaded from here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/resources/support-life-sunday-2021/> The resources include an Introductory letter, Liturgical Materials for use in prayer, a PowerPoint presentation and a plus stories. Support Life Sunday (formerly Respect Life Sunday) is an important annual event promoted by the bishops. The resources have been prepared by and for the bishops' Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics.



**Wednesday Morning Tea  
at Sacred Heart Church  
All welcome! Bring a friend!  
10am—11.45am**



### NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by **Wednesday lunchtime.**

## WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Recently Deceased:

Turia Ngauora, Yvonne Rabbitte,  
Gerardene Turfey, Tom Kebble,  
Michael Francis (Fr Marcus's father)  
Esterlita Aquino (Dr Alma's mother)



### Please pray for the Souls of:

Marg Kerrisk A 22/9, Paul Oliver 26/9, Jim Thompson A 7/9,  
John Sullivan A 18/9, John McGrath A 30/9, Catherine Kitty  
A 6/10, Mike McGrath A 18/10.

### 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 Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Lindell Collier, Zoe Le Lievre, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldy, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Mark Lissington, Sally Wilson, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, Graham Hill (London), John Janssen, Mark Rice, Iona Nilsson, Noreen Pakinga (Laracy), Lauretta Pall, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Ararepa Riki, Denny Hona, Krystyna Fennessy, Tiffany Wong, Mary Hamilton, Jan Skinners, Maree McCracken, Terry Longley, Anthony Allen Ron, Livia Bairstow, Fr. David Gledhill, Elaine Campbell, Jaimee Gregory, Rawinia Barlow, Catherine Guilford.

**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.

### Support Life Sunday

Respect Life Sunday will be renamed Support Life Sunday from this year, to better reflect the active work Catholics must do to help people facing significant life decisions. Bishop Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the term "respect life" can seem passive. "Support Life reminds us that we are all called to both uphold the dignity of all life and be active in the practical work needed to support people facing significant life decisions." **Support Life Sunday is Sunday 10 October**, with the theme "Honouring and Supporting Health Carers." Full details: [www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/respect-life-sunday-now-support-life-sunday/](https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/respect-life-sunday-now-support-life-sunday/)

### If you wish to receive your newsletter via email:

Contact the parish office on 8787774 or email  
[admin@hastings.parish.nz](mailto:admin@hastings.parish.nz)

## St. Mary's Primary School

St Mary's had fun on Catholic Schools Day on Wednesday this week. We celebrated with a coin trail onto a large poster of St Joseph raising money for Caritas - over \$400.00, buddy class activities and dressing as our favourite book characters. We are all looking forward to the break over the school holidays. While it has been a bit of a tumultuous term with Lockdowns and Alert Level changes, we are all looking forward to the break ahead. On behalf of all the Staff who work at St Mary's may you have safe and restful holidays.

Rachael Quinney (DRS)

## Sacred Heart College

Our PTA are very excited and are looking forward to hosting Sir John Kirwan on October 28 at 7pm (week 2 of next term) at the War Memorial Centre. This a fundraising event for our college. Tickets will be available for purchase through Eventfinda, and prices includes canapes on arrival. Attendees will get to learn about his mental health journey, experience with anxiety and depression, tools, and techniques he uses, followed by a Q & A. We are also extremely lucky that he has offered to speak to our girls the following day. God willing this will go ahead as we will have to postpone if we are not at Alert Level 1 by then. Thank you to The Mission Estate Winery for hosting our staff so graciously and generously on our retreat last Friday with Joy Cowley. A welcome way to end a busy term.

Nga mihi

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

## St. John's College

The last week of term has remained busy with our senior students still focused on exams and completing final internal assessments. On Thursday we had a mufti day to raise money for schools in West Papua. This was part of a Caritas appeal. Friday saw our young men compete in the last major inter-house event for the year which was St John's sport day. Each house puts forward players for hockey, football, touch rugby and basketball. Groups are split between juniors (Years 9 and 10) and seniors (Years 11 to 13). It was a great way to end off what has been a challenging term. **ENROLMENT INFORMATION:** Enrolments are open. Please phone the College to make an enrolment interview with our Principal, Rob Ferreira. Ph 878 6853. **SCHOLARSHIPS – ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS –** The Yr 8 boys will sit a Maths and English Exam. These take place on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm**. Please phone the office if your son would like to sit the exam.

Conor Bolton (DRS)



**SACRED HEART COLLEGE**

Te Kāreti o Ngākau Tapu | Hearts and Minds in Harmony

**Sacred Heart College, Napier  
College Chaplain**

**This is an exciting opportunity to sustain and nurture  
the Catholic Character and spiritual growth of students  
and staff at  
Sacred Heart College.**

**Hours are negotiable**

The College Chaplain would work with both the parish and school.

Applicants will be committed to living their faith in a vibrant way and will be responsible for coordinating and encouraging the growth of young people's faith and participation in the life and mission of the Church.

Apply with a CV and two referees to The Principals Secretary,

[pr.sec@sacredheartnapier.school.nz](mailto:pr.sec@sacredheartnapier.school.nz)

Applications close Thursday 7 October

[www.sacredheartnapier.school.nz](http://www.sacredheartnapier.school.nz)

Graeme Roberts would like to thank all those who prayed for him during his recent surgery. He is home and well on the way to recovery. Your thoughts, prayers and support have been very much appreciated. God Bless you all. Graeme and Shona Roberts and Family.

**S.P.C Church Cleaning for OCTOBER 2021—  
Jasmin Joseph, Manju Mathew, Dona Shilin (Indian Community)**

### TO ALL VOLUNTEERS— SAFEGUARDING

It is a requirement of the National Office for Professional Standards for all volunteers in our Parish to complete a Volunteer agreement form and Code of Conduct form. Thank you to those who have completed and returned their forms. If you have not done so please collect personalised forms from the foyers of the church, or the Parish office, and ensure both the Agreement form and the Code of Conduct form is signed. If you are involved with children/elderly/vulnerable please fully complete the police vetting form as well, and provide a copy of your driver's license or passport. Return to Parish office/locked post boxes A.S.A.P. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any queries concerning this procedure please contact Matthew Balm, Safeguarding Officer, Diocese of Palmerston North ph. 06 3541780

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