

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



Immaculate Conception

Paki Paki

Sunday Mass
8am



Reflection for Today

This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad.

Today, Christians all over the world celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The suffering and cross is ended with the risen Christ. This celebration makes our faith so special because, through this, we have hope. The image of the empty tomb in the gospel today is so powerful. For non-believers this is the image of failure, but for those who believe in Christ this gives them hope and joy because death is not the end. Christ has conquered sin and death. There are times we do not feel the presence of the Lord in our lives. There are times we feel empty when the struggles in our lives seem too much for us. However, we need to ask the serious question for ourselves. What are we really looking for in our lives? The great gifts of the Easter are Faith and Hope. Without these what we believe does not make any sense. Yes, indeed, this is a challenging time for us all when many bad things happen around the world. However, this is also an opportunity for us to show the joy and real meaning of our faith which is 'Christ has risen'. Maybe not to the strangers, but this is the time for us to bring hope to the people around us, in our families; showing them our faith does matter. Without faith in the risen Christ all the things that we do in our lives seem to be meaningless. If life is ended at death, we then are not much different to other creatures. The Easter celebration tells us that we have hope in Christ, and if we believe in Him, we will be raised with Him on the last day. For that, let us rejoice and be glad because indeed "Christ has risen".

Fr. Trung Nguyen



St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd.
Hastings

Vigil Sat:
5.30pm

Sunday Mass
10.30am

Weekday Mass
Tues - 5.30pm
Thurs - 5.30pm
Fri - *Madonna*
9.15am (during
school terms)



Sacred Heart

425 Heretaunga
St East, Hastings

Sunday Mass
9:00am
5.30pm

Weekday Masses
Wed - 12.05pm
Fri - 8am &
12.05pm
Thurs - 9.15am
Sat 8am

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr. Marcus Francis ph. 02102283349

Assistant Priest: Fr. Trung Nguyen ph. 0220626726

Parish Secretary: Steph Levy

Hospital Chaplain: Deidre Russ ph. 878 8109,1, ext. 2718

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

Assistant Priest: Fr. Anthony Htun ph. 0273373356

Deacon: Tevita Faka'osi ph. 0272757086

Finance & Property Administrator: Jean-Ann Ferguson

Youth Ministry: Faaki Tuanaki ph. 0211644218



Readings for Next Sunday: Year B:

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

ADORATION: Tuesday 9am-1pm Madonna, Friday 9am OLOL

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

BENEDICTION & Exposition every second Thursday of the month, at SPC 7p.m.- 8p.m. Friday, 11am at Sacred Heart church.

CHOIR PRACTICE: Every Thursday at Sacred Heart 5.30p.m.
New members welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP – every Wednesday at Sacred Heart day chapel, 7 – 8 p.m. All welcome. Please ring Paula ph. 878 3314.

HOSPITAL SINGING: 2nd Sunday 6pm (meet main entrance of Hospital) **to be advised.**

MARIST THIRD ORDER: Every 1st Sunday of the month, 2pm at Sacred Heart church in room off the day chapel.

MORNING PRAYER : Monday - Friday 9am Sacred Heart.

RECONCILIATION: SHC - Friday 11.30am , Saturday 8.30am
SPC - Saturday 5pm (or by appointment)

ROSARY: Thursday 9.10am Our Lady of Lourdes,

SUNDAY READINGS 4 U : Tuesdays 10 – 11am at Sacred Heart in room off the day chapel.

MARK'S GOSPEL STUDY: 2nd & 4th Thursdays. Ring Diana 974 9096

Divine Mercy Novena

Divine Mercy Sunday should fittingly be preceded by the novena & chaplet (recited as private family prayer) commencing Good Friday and concluding 10 April - eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. Copies of novena will be available in church foyers.

Divine Mercy Sunday

**11 April 2021 - Divine Mercy Sunday 2021 -
St. Peter Chanel (817 Gordon Road Hastings)**

(2.30pm - 3.30pm): Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, Benediction & recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All welcome.



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.

Council: Tuesday 6th April - 5.30pm in the Parish Office

Liturgy: Wednesday 7th April - 5.30pm in the Parish Office

Finance: Tuesday 13th April - 7pm in the Parish Office

Health & Safety Section:-

Please refer to noticeboards in each church

Please take note of the EXIT signs as you are entering the church. Church aisles are to remain clear **always** during Mass.

Assembly points for Evacuation:

Keep clear at all times.

SPC: Grass area at front of church

SH: St Joseph's School playground

OLOL: Grass area next to the hall

IMC: Grass area, by old church

For all incidents, not necessarily injuries, an incident form, held with the 1st Aid kit, **MUST** be completed.

New Saturday Morning Mass Time at Sacred Heart

Parishioners are advised that with the change in daylight saving and the seasons the Mass time for Saturday morning is shifted to 8.30am starting on Saturday April 10. The new time strives to balance the needs of those who prefer an early time with those who set up for the liturgy, as the hours get colder and darker. Reconciliation continues to be available after Mass for those who request it.

One of the puzzling aspects of the Resurrection is that the accounts of the first Easter Sunday morning differ. Then again, all of the accounts of the Institution narrative at the Last Supper also differ and in the Gospel of John are not mentioned at all. Elsewhere we have books and gospels in the Bible with multiple beginnings and multiple endings. Yet, the accounts of the Resurrection all agree one thing - that the tomb was empty. I have no patience for those that regard this as a secondary or, even worse, dispensable aspect of our religion. The foolishness of those who look for any number of explanations, other than that the tomb was in fact empty, is staggering. St Paul tells us: "Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can you say there is no resurrection from the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain... If Christ has not been raised your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied." (1 Cor 15: 12-14, 17-19) Let us therefore be amazed at the emptiness of the tomb and, indeed, wondering, but above all let us believe. "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain." (1 Cor 15: 58) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Fr. Marcus Francis



DAYLIGHT SAVING

Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** before you go to bed on Saturday 3rd April.

Congratulations to Heather and MJ van der Walt who were confirmed and received First Holy Communion during the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart on Saturday. We welcome you into the life of our parish community. May the Lord continue to bless and keep you on your faith journey.

YOUTH CORNER

Happy and blessed Easter to you all, and welcome to youth corner. We hope that everyone is having a joyful Easter celebration with families.



Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who made our Youth Pilgrimage Day on Good Friday a successful event. To our generous Parish priests, youth team, parents, young people and parishioners who walked alongside the youth group, as we did the Stations of the Cross through all our three main churches, thank you so much for everything. We couldn't do it without your helping hands.

We wish you all a blissful Easter Season with your families.

Youth Alpha Day Away will be on Sunday 11th April at Sacred Heart Church/Mission Centre, 9am-4pm.

Youth Mass: Sunday 18th April, Sacred Heart Church 9am.

Confirmation: We kindly invite teens year 11 and up, to take this next step.

Sessions will start 2nd term.

Faaki Tuanaki, Youth Minister

S.P.C Church Cleaning for April 2021

Ancy Thomas, Jasmin Joseph, Manju Mathew, Dona Shilin.

SPAM ALERT

Parishioners have recently received SPAM EMAILS from our clergy. Please ensure you check for authenticity before replying to any email.

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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

For the latest updates and news join up to 'The Catholic Parish of Hastings Facebook' page. If you are unsure how to go about joining our Facebook page or to our APP, please contact one of the ladies in the office, as they would be more than happy to help you do this.



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



If you wish to receive your newsletter via email: Contact the parish office by emailing: admin@hastings.parish.nz.
Thank you

The 'Catholic Parish of Hastings' APP is an excellent tool for keeping up to date with what's happening in our Parish, especially with changes happening. You will be alerted to any notifications relating to the Diocese.
Go to the Play store and install the App to be informed.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:



Kevin O'Donnell, Richard Murray,
Violet Bond, Janice Campbell, Lorna Ward,
Shirley Mildenhall, David Ward, Eileen O'Flaherty,
Genevieve Foo (Malaysia).

Please pray for the Souls of:

Nicholas Bot A10/1, Selwyn Begley A 23/01, Andrew and Elizabeth Jillings, Lou Jillings, William and Mary Stinson, Lewis Caldwell A 10/2, Grace Cullinane A 7/3, Ron Thornton A 10/3, Alma Stinson A 9/04, Aline Lucy A 23/03, John A. Sullivan.

Please keep in your prayers those in our parish and communities who are sick especially:

Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), Kristen Hay, Leo Baltussen, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Jack van Bohemen, Eve van Bohemen, Denyse Cornelius, David Ward, Margaret Martin, members and volunteers of the Hastings St Vincent de Paul, Lily Walsh, Lindell Collier, Zoe Le Lievre, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldley, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Jan Campbell, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Ian Sandral, Gerardene Turfrey, Mark Lissington, Chris McHardy, Sally Wilson, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, Graham Hill (London), John Janssen, Mark Rice, Iona Nilsson, Noreen Pakinga (Laracy), Lauretta Pall, Richard Puanaki, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Maureen Newrick, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Ararepa Riki, Denny Hona, Paora Crawford, Krystyna Fennessy, Tiffany Wong, Bill Paton, Linda Matson.

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. 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.

Please note the office will be closed from Thursday 1st April from 1pm until Wednesday 7th April at 9am for the Easter break. For any urgent matters please contact the Priests.

Easter Sunday special collection.

This collection is a "thank you" for our priests. 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 endeavours to respond to 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.

St Joseph's Primary School

As a school we celebrated our Resurrection Liturgy in the Spiritual Garden, followed by Easter activities throughout the school. We welcome our four candidate teachers to St. Joseph's. They are settling in well and building relationships with the children and staff. May everyone enjoy the Easter break, and rejoice in the blessings of Jesus at this special time in the Liturgical year of the church.

Aaron O'Neill

Principal

Sacred Heart College

Our SHC Young Vinnies group will be hosting a Caritas Carnival for the month of April to fundraise for "Caritas Aotearoa". The first event will be held this Friday. Our girls are well underway with preparations for this lunchtime event and are very excited.

Next weekend a number of our girls will attend the North Island Athletic Championships in Hamilton. St. John's and Sacred Heart Colleges combine their actors and musicians in this year's school production. The show will run from Monday 12th to Thursday 15th April, Theatre Hawke's Bay, Hastings, 7-9pm. Tickets are \$16 and available now via online booking; click this link: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/GQC>. Tickets are also available from both College offices. I wish all our families and Parish Communities a very happy and holy Easter.

Nga mihi

Maria Neville-Foster, Principal

St John's College

Last Friday the St John's and Sacred Heart Colleges hosted a Fia Fia night at St John's College. The night was a wonderful celebration of Pasifika culture and gave our students the chance to showcase their talents. The St John's College gym was packed, and we would like to thank the students, their families, teachers and the wider community for their support in making our Fia Fia night such a success.

On Holy Thursday, our prefects embarked on their annual cross walk, where they do the Stations of the Cross at schools and churches in Napier and Hastings. A station of the cross is done at each destination in collaboration with the school or parish community. Last year we were unable to do the Cross Walk because of the Covid lockdown so we appreciated the opportunity to connect with our communities in this way as part of Holy Week. Students and staff at St John's College would like to wish our families and parish community a blessed and happy Easter.

Enrolments are now open for Year 8 students for 2021. Please phone the office to make an enrolment interview.

We are holding our **Prospectus Evening on Thursday 13th May at 7pm.** We welcome families with Year 8 boys to come along and learn about St. John's College.

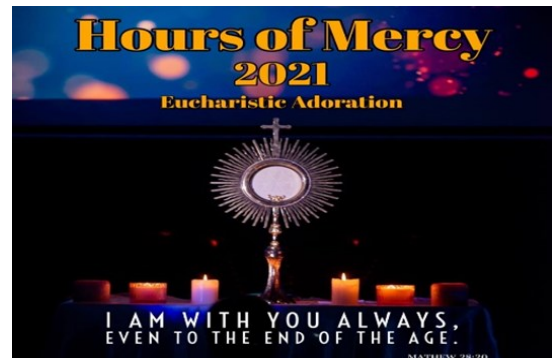
Conor Bolton (DRS)

Position Available – Teacher Aide.

We are an integrated Catholic girls' college for Year 9–13 in the beautiful Hawke's Bay. An opportunity exists for a Teacher Aide to join our Learning Support Team for 10 hours per week from the start of Term 2 until the end of the year. The position is fixed term and reviewable annually as funding is reviewed by the Board of Trustees. The position is very likely to be renewed each year. The role is to support literacy and social skills in the classroom, working across a range of curriculum areas. The successful applicant will be flexible, computer literate, patient and have an interest in working with teenagers. Excellent literacy and numeracy skills are essential. The ability to assist as a reader/writer for students during NCEA examinations and internal assessments is a definite advantage. It would also be advantageous to have previous experience of working with young people and/or working closely in a team environment. Support for the special character and co-curricular life of the school is expected. To apply, please send your CV and a cover letter to pr.sec@sacredheartnapier.school.nz Applications close Monday 12 April.

Mike Phillips, for many years a teacher at St John's College in Hastings and a member of the Hastings Parish, died in Sydney last week. He is survived by his wife Aubynne, three of his four children (his youngest child Rosalind died a few years ago) and his grandchildren. The Catholic Parish of Hastings offer our condolences to Aubynne and family.

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



Date:- April 5 to May 17

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

Venue:- Sacred Heart Church- Day chapel

Focuses of prayer

1. We pray for Pope Francis and all his intentions.
2. We pray for the bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful within the Catholic Church in New Zealand.
3. We pray for all those affected and suffering due to the COVID pandemic.
4. We pray for young people, in New Zealand and across the world, who no longer identify themselves as Christians.
5. We pray for God's protection on families, especially in their emotional and spiritual struggles.
6. We pray for our political leaders that they may act wisely while making decisions on the "Right of life" Bill.
7. We pray for all fathers that they may model their lives on St Joseph.

Thank you to Konica Minolta for sponsoring our Easter newsletter in colour.