

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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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
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



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th February 2024

Reflection for Today

He went off to a lonely place

What interests me in today's gospel are the two time markers. It is "after sunset" when they bring the sick to Jesus for healing. It is "long before dawn" when Jesus leaves the house to pray. That makes it very short night for Him. Yet, when His companions find Him the next morning the first words out of their mouths are, "Everybody is looking for you." Immediately He goes back to work.

Parents and caregivers will identify with this. There is little time to rest when everybody is looking for you. So, how do we serve others without wearing ourselves thin? Look at our Lord. He purposefully sought silence and solitude. In spite of His busyness He made it a priority to come back to His Father and to recharge His soul with prayer.

Do we? **Do we purposefully seek times of silence and solitude so we can pray?** Busyness can so easily turn into a treadmill. Listen to what Job says about "drudgery" in the First Reading! If our Lord could not constantly go-go-go and give-give-give then neither can we. There has to be a place for us to quieten our thoughts and come back to God.

Where, you ask, do we find such a place? Since God is everywhere that place can be everywhere. First, however, we must value prayer itself and truly believe in its benefits. Opening up to God in our hearts will open up places of prayer. God will hallow those places, no matter how ordinary, and reward us with *rest for our souls*. Then, recharged, we are better equipped to become, like St. Paul, "the slave of everyone."

[G.M.]

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

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

Readings Year B:

28th January - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28;

4th February - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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. **(Resume 1st Feb)**

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 **(Resume 13th Feb)**

MORNING PRAYER : SH Day Chapel Mon-Fri 9am

MORNING TEA: SH Wednesdays 10-11.45am All welcome. Bring a friend **(resumes 7th Feb)**

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

A huge THANK YOU from St. Vincent de Paul

To all our volunteers and those who contribute donations to our society – a huge thank you!

Without your support we would not be able to operate and assist those in need of our services.

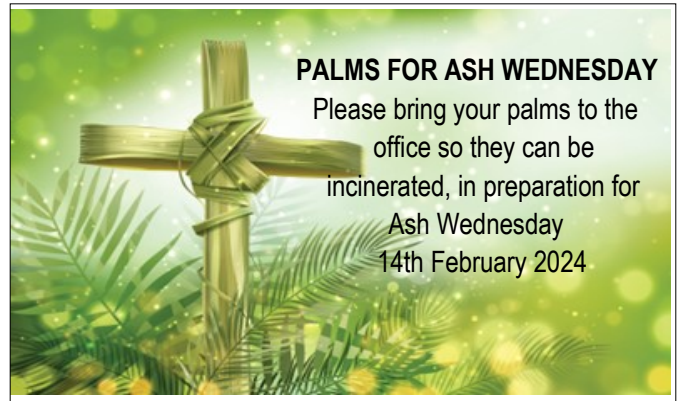
If you know of anyone who can join us, please contact Clare at the Avenue Road shop on ph. 06 8767511

**THANK YOU
VERY MUCH**



COMMUNION PYX

If you have a Pyx in your possession and not using it, could you please return it to the Parish office. Thank you



PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring your palms to the office so they can be incinerated, in preparation for Ash Wednesday
14th February 2024

Lenten Reflection Programme

Lent commences 14th February. If you would like to host a Lenten Reflection Group, please contact Steph at the office for more information. Groups meet once a week at a time to suit you. All resources will be supplied.



O.L.O.L. FEAST DAY.

This year the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes occurs on Sunday the 11th of Feb. All are invited to attend Mass which is at the usual Sunday time of 9 30am. Mass will be followed by morning tea in the church hall.

OLD PALMS.

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching. It is only 10 days away. Please return your old palms to the churches or to the parish office. These will be used to produce the ash for Ash Wednesday.

VOLUNTEERS for SACRED HEART CHURCH Urgently Required

Sacred Heart community are looking for more volunteers, during and after Masses, to ensure the smooth running of the church. If you attend that church please consider becoming more involved. Especially needed as follows:-

Church Cleaners, Laundering of Linen, Sound System.

- 1) The Altar Society require more people to help clean the Altar, Baptismal and Holy Water Fonts, polish candlesticks, Incense boat and Thurible and trim candles.
 - 2) Cleaning of the main church. This can be done on any day/night of the week.
 - 3) Operating the Sound System. Full training will be given.
 - 4) Collecting and laundering the linen used at weekly Masses. Full instructions will be given.
 - 5) Flower arrangements. (You don't have to be a florist)
- Contact Steph at the office to offer your services. Thank you.

YOUTH CORNER

A warm greeting to you all and welcome to your youth corner. What a wonderful celebration we had last Sunday to farewell Fr Trung Nguyen and welcome back Fr Marcus Francis. It was nice to see some of the staff and students from both Sacred Heart and St John's Colleges! It was such a spiritual and an emotional celebration. To see people from all ages attended Mass despite the weather, it showed how we appreciated our Priests with all that they are doing in our faith community by leading us spiritually.



Our sincere thanks to our youth music minister, Luella, and her family for always offering yourselves to this wonderful ministry. Our heartfelt thanks to the youth band and core team for all your support to make that celebration a success.

We would like to acknowledge all those prayer groups who continue to pray for our young people, especially while we were at youth camps earlier this year. Your prayers always help a lot in many ways.

Youth Gathering will be starting back on Sunday 11th February, Sacred Heart Church from 5:30pm. If you wish to sponsor or prepare a meal in any of the Sunday gatherings, we would appreciate to hear from you.

Ages: 13-17

Theme: Lessons in Love

Goal: The goal of Lessons in Love is for the teens to have fun, get to know each other, and grow in community as they play a series of Valentine's Day inspired games.

God bless, Faaki Tuanaki (Youth Minister)



WORLD MARRIAGE DAY Tuesday 13 February

Tuesday 13 February is World Marriage Day. In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love." The National Liturgy Office has published special resources for this day. Please go here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-marriage-day/>

Fr MICHAEL PUI appointed National Director of MissionNZ

Congratulations and ka pai Fr Michael Pui, who has been appointed National Director of MissionNZ, the local face of the Pontifical Mission Societies, perhaps best known for overseeing the World Missions Sunday collection each October. Fr Michael has most recently been the Parish Priest of Good Shepherd Parish Hurunui in North Canterbury. He will remain based in the Diocese of Christchurch.

Details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/missionnz/>

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

John Brian Fitzgerald, John Gilbertson, Benni Noetzli, Betty Sullivan, Fr Jock McLaughlan, Bryan Tutty, Fr Tom O'Connor. Thomas Ferguson, Lorna Woodham, Terry Durney, Maureen Horsefield, Colleen Taylor, Diana Helm, Bronwyn Durney.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Hal Jonas, Deceased members of the O'Farrell and Jonas family, Elizabeth & Henry Avison, Geraldine & Les Turfrey, Kerry Bernadette McInnes, McGrath, Broderick, McKenna Moroney, O'Connor families, Deceased members of Pollard & Sullivan families, Edil Moro Dembisi, Herb & Mary Jillings, Deceased members of the Jillings family, Selwyn Begley, Deceased members of Allison, Moir, Begley & McIntyre families, Laurie & Nola Maloney, Patrick & Ivy Carroll, Brian Epplett, Ernie & Ollie Epplett, Michael & Dora Cowan, Bert & Catherine King, Patrick & Alice Morris, Antonius Bot, Nicholas Bot A10/01, John A Sullivan.

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, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Maree McCracken, Livia Bairstow, Fr. David Gledhill, Elaine Campbell, Jaimee Gregory, Catherine Guilford, Kristen Hay, Beverley Morley, Natalie & Reg Corbett, Lauretta Ball, Louise O'Connor, Joyce Dawes, June Brunton, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan, Rita Yule, Marie Tatere, Sally Wilson, Fenton Kelly, Graham Harris, Grant Evans, Denny Hona, Margaret Sanders, Penelope Davis, Tiffany Wong, Fiona Millar, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, Gavin Noonan, Mark Urlich (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, Veronica Telford, Vincenza Ercolano.

Our Lady of Lourdes Flower Group would like to sincerely thank the parishioner who again donated a very generous sum of money for the purchase of Christmas Flowers. It is very much appreciated and allowed us to purchase more than we would generally be able to do. God bless you. Thank you, Margaret Thomas (Flower Coordinator)

S.P.C Church Cleaning for FEBRUARY

Jasmi Joseph/Cicily Philip (Indian Community)

The National Liturgy Office has published parish resources for Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 February and the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, which is the following Sunday, 11 February 2024. Please also pass onto your Liturgy committees and attached is a slide for social media etc.

Waitangi Day is our country's national day commemorating the first signings of the Treaty of Waitangi—Te Tiriti o Waitangi on 6 February in 1840. Because of the Christian involvement in its signing and the Church's mission to bring about a better world, we can mark Waitangi as a significant spiritual event and a time to pray for the land and its peoples.

Go here for the NLO resources: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/waitangi-day-2024/>

Go here for the NLO resources for World Day of Prayer for the Sick: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-sick-2/Sunday>

In his message for the latter day, Pope Francis says: "Illness is part of our human condition. Yet, if illness is experienced in isolation and abandonment, unaccompanied by care and compassion, it can become inhumane. On this World Day of the Sick, as the whole Church journeys along the synodal path, I invite all of us to reflect on the fact that it is especially through the experience of vulnerability and illness that we can learn to walk together according to the style of God, which is closeness, compassion, and tenderness."

Hawkes Bay Churches Combined Ministry to Visiting Seafarers.

Our Seafarers Welfare Centre, located near our Napier port entry, is open from 1pm to 4pm Monday to Friday and enjoyed by many who crew the ships which transport our essential imports and exports. Our home away from home lounge, with friendship, welfare services and recreation is staffed by our small number of friendly and enthusiastic host volunteers, however we now need additional assistance please.

Should you have an afternoon free each week, fortnight or month and enjoy meeting new international people, please consider joining our friendly team.

Please see your church notice board (Hawkes Bay Seafarers Welfare Society) poster for more information.

If interested please contact Buster Harvey 8452925, 027 6182637 who will be pleased to hear from you.

Feast Days & Upcoming Events

6th February - Waitangi Day

11th February - World Day of Prayer for the Sick

13th February - World Marriage Day

14th February - Ash Wednesday

16th February - Day of Prayer and Penance for Victims of Abuse and Violence

FIVE WAYS to welcome a new priest to a parish. Here are some great tips:

1. Be patient. Everything is new! New faces, new buildings, new schedules, new ministries, new faces, new names, new routines, did I mention new faces?? In our parish, there are so many parishioners, activities and things going on. We need to give lots of grace and patience.
2. Introduce yourself, your name, what you're involved in and don't be embarrassed to do it more than once! Don't be offended if he doesn't remember you from that first meeting. You are meeting one new person; he is meeting HUNDREDS!
3. Let him change his mind. Sometimes questions are thrown at a new priest and, like all of us, they can be caught off guard. Sometimes decisions are rushed or without knowing all the details. Once again, give a lot of grace and wiggle room. Put yourself in their shoes.
4. Did your mother ever tell you that "Comparison is the thief of joy"? Comparing to what we're used to is an easy trap to fall in. We all know that no two people are alike, we shouldn't expect our priests to be alike either. Again, this is where grace and patience come into play, and we should avoid the comparison trap which poisons relationships.
5. Pray, pray, pray. We should always pray for all our priests. They are under enormous pressure. "When people want to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest; for when there is no priest, there is no sacrifice: and when there is no sacrifice, there is no religion. - St. John Vianney

....KEEP UP TO DATE....

Please follow our Parish social media platforms like Facebook, Website, and the APP for latest updates. These are 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. To **install the Parish APP** go to the Play store and search: **ChurchAppsNZ**. Go to menu (top left hand corner) and + Add church - **Catholic Parish of Hastings**. This app will provide contacts, Mass times, weekday readings, rosters for each church, newsletters and alerts — A very useful tool!

BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD TRAINING SEMINAR Christchurch Saturday and Sunday 27 and 28 April

Natural Fertility Management

This seminar will benefit Health Professionals and Natural Health practitioners interested in women's health and fertility, those wishing to become accredited Billings Teachers, and those using or considering using the Billings Method. The seminar will also interest those involved in pre-marriage counselling and those wishing to promote the Method within their community.

The Billings Method teaches accurate, evidence-based, scientific self-knowledge about human fertility. The "Billings Ovulation Method Natural Fertility Training Seminar" activity has been endorsed by the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners and has been approved for up to 11.15 CME credits for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes. It is also supported by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. For further information and to register go to: <https://www.billingslife.org.nz/training-seminar>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Do what you can, for whom you can, with what you have, and where you are. "