

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



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



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

6th August 2023

Reflection for Today

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord—a momentous event that holds great significance in our faith. The Transfiguration is a powerful revelation of Christ's divine glory and a profound message of hope and transformation for each one of us. Jesus took three of His disciples, Peter, James, and John, up a high mountain. As they reached the summit, an extraordinary transformation occurred. The appearance of Jesus was changed, and His face shone like the sun, while His garments became dazzlingly white. In this transfigured state, Jesus conversed with Moses and Elijah, signifying the fulfilment of the Law and the Prophets in Him.

Just as Peter, James, and John experienced Christ's transfiguration on the mountain, we, too, are called to seek moments of encounter with God through prayer, meditation, and reflection on His Word. The Transfiguration reveals Jesus' divine identity and glory. As the voice from the cloud declared, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him," we are reminded of the importance of listening to Christ and embracing His teachings as the guiding light for our lives through the scripture and through the Church.

The Transfiguration is not merely an extraordinary event but a call to transformation. The disciples' lives were changed forever by this encounter with the divine. Similarly, we are called to undergo a process of spiritual transformation, allowing God's grace to mould us into the image of Christ and reflect His love in the world. As we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration today, let us reflect on the significance of this event in our lives. Let us seek those moments of encounter with God, allowing His divine presence to transform us from within. At the sacrament of Eucharist, our faith teaches us that the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Since we have received Jesus's Body and Blood many times, we can ask ourselves 'have our lives been transformed?' May the grace of the Transfiguration also empower us to journey from the mountain into the world, spreading the light of Christ's love and transforming lives wherever we go.

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:
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:9,11-13, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:22-33

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.

**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 QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST - 7pm
OLOL CHURCH HALL

If you are a quizzier pop this date into your diary and bring your friends. Teams of four - \$5 per person. Organised by Passionist Family Groups. Funds raised will go to support our parish youth.



**OUR LADY OF LOURDES
MORNING TEA FUNDRAISER**



Please join us this morning after 9.30 Mass. Funds raised will go to sponsoring a Sunday meal for our parish youth.

ADULTS BECOMING CATHOLIC

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.

**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.

***Bishops urge all Catholics to study Synod's
working document Instrumentum laboris***

All Catholics are being urged to read the working document that will guide the Synod meeting in Rome in October and help to set the future direction of the Church. Bishop of Auckland Stephen Lowe, President of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the Instrumentum laboris (Working Document) published by the Synod Secretariat is another step towards the future, not its final word. "This working document is the product of the process of the Church listening to and hearing what the People of God have said during the parish, diocesan, national and continental stages of the Synod process that Catholics here and around the world have been part of," says Bishop Steve. "It is a document that reflects the Holy Spirit speaking to people throughout the world. As such it is a document for the whole Church, and I invite everyone to prayerfully read and reflect on it, and to pray for the Synod's work over the next 18 months."

More information including links to Instrumentum laboris:
<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-2/>

S.P.C Church Cleaning for AUGUST

Liu Onesi & family

YOUTH CORNER

Thank you so much to the family who provided the meal for the Lifeteen Life Night on Sunday.

We had a fantastic night on Sunday with lots of laughter, fun and games. Decision Point, a confirmation programme, teaches and inspires teens to respond to God's grace. We looked at questions like "Who do we know are good decision makers?", "Who in our lives inspires us to be who we are?"

This Sunday the theme is "What is holding you back?" The goal is to help teens to recognize who and what is holding them back from living the incredible life God invites them to.

The Sacramental Programme for teens is now on (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation). Fr. Trung would like to see all the parents after the 5.30pm Mass on Sunday or contact him directly.

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.

Please continue to pray for our Youth Core Team and our young people in our parish and be assured of our prayers for you all.

God Bless, The Youth Core Team



... CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS ...

THAT'S NOT MY JOB!

This is a story about four people named: **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody** and **Nobody**. There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got upset about that because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.

To ensure our Parish runs smoothly and efficiently we need more volunteers in all areas of our communities. If you would like to help with 'this important job' please contact the Parish office to discuss vacancies.

MINISTRIES:

Readers, ministers of Communion, ministers of Communion to the sick, greeters, children's liturgy, working the sound system, working the power point, church opening, musicians, cleaning the church, altar society (cleaning brass, candles etc.), Mass coordinators, counters, Parish committees.

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), Margaretha Butler (nee Pepping)



Please pray for the Souls of:

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, Raymond Yule A27/8

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, 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 Urlich (USA), Fr Larry Barnett, Brian & Pauline Groves, Anne O'Kane, Epi Timu, Barbie Tarrega, Bernadette & Ross Chilton, Carol & Lawrie Wagnor (Aust)

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.

Feast Days & Events

5th August - **The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Blessed Virgin Mary**

13th August- **Combined school Mass -St. Joseph's and St. Mary's at SHC 9.30a.m.**

15th August - **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Patronal Feast for New Zealand) St. John's School Mass at SHC 10.30a.m.**

St. Joseph's Primary School

There are a number of important events coming up - Parent /Teacher Interviews 7th-8th August, Digital Safety Presentation 9th August, Movie Night 11th August, Combined Schools Mass 13th August, School Cross Country 18th August.

Thank you to all our parent volunteers who have come along on trips/helped out with discos and cooked loads of sausages and toasties. Without your support many of these exciting experiences would not be possible. Our recent Pyjama Day was generously supported and the Vinnies were very appreciative of the hygiene donations.

Aaron O'Neill (Principal)

St. John's College

This week a group of Y12 students were away in Rotorua on a Geography field trip. Our 1st XV played Wesley College from Auckland on Wednesday and we have a group of Japanese students visiting the school over the next few weeks.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

Our annual Touch of Class programme is on Wednesday 9th August, a day we welcome year 7 & 8 students interested in attending Sacred Heart College, where they get a taste of life as a student here.

Our Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 16th August at 6:30pm.

For all enrolment enquiries please call the school office on 835-3761 or email admin@sacredheartnapier.school.nz

Monday 28th August is tournament week

11th/12th September are our senior examinations.

God bless.

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.

Kindling for sale, \$3.00 per bag, can be purchased from St. Vincent de Paul shop or the Parish office.

A huge thank you to St. Joseph's school for their generous donations to our cause.



Thank you for your ongoing support & donations.

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Listen to Jesus and follow Him.
That's the message of the Transfiguration

~ Pope Francis ~

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.

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.