all who we encounter so that we can build a relationship with each other

TO LOVE as Jesus loved



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



425 Heretaunga St East Hastings
www.hastingscatholic.org.nz Email: admin@hastings.parish.nz Ph: 878-7774

For the latest updates of what's happening in our parish, download our APP from the App Store. under
"Catholic Parish of Hastings". Follow us on Facebook 'The Catholic Parish of Hastings'



#### 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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6th December 2020



# Reflection for Today

#### **OUR ADVENT MISSSION**

Advent means coming. During the Advent season we reflect on the past coming of Jesus into our world two thousand years ago as a little baby, the daily coming of Jesus through the Sacraments, through the Word of Scripture and through the worshipping community and the future coming (Second Coming) of Jesus at the end of the world. Today's readings remind us that the past, present and future comings of Jesus into the world are the fulfillment of the saving plan of God.

John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. Every Christian is called to be another John the Baptist, and that's why the Church always holds his example up for our consideration during Advent.

Let us ask with Alexander Pope the challenging question, "What do I profit, if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world unless he is born in my heart and in my life?" Let us use these days of preparation for Christmas to ready ourselves for Christ's daily coming and Second Coming, remembering that the Second Coming will occur for each one of us on the day of our death, or on the Day of the Lord, whichever comes first. God Bless!

Fr Anthony Htun



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 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

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

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

#### Readings for Next Sunday: Year A: 3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28;

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 St Peter Chanel Church 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. Enquiries 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**: Tuesdays 10 –11am at Sacred Heart

WEDNESDAY MORNING TEA at Sacred Heart Church- 10 am -11.45am

#### The Annual Sick and Retired Priests Special Collection Sunday 29 November 2020

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. I apologise for the late notification this year.

Monsignor Brian Walsh

Chairman, Clergy Trust Fund.

### Simbang Gabi (Night Mass)

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic Christmas tradition where mass is celebrated for nine consecutive days.

This year, we invite you to join us as we keep the tradition of "Simbang Gabi" from the 16th of December at the Sacred Heart Church at 7pm.

Mass will be celebrated in English.

16 December – 7pm SH

17 December – 5.30pm SPC

18 December – 7pm SH

19 December - 5.30pm SPC

20 December – 5.30pm SH

21 December – 7pm SH

22 December - 7pm SH

23 December – 7pm SH



#### Health & Safety Section:-Please refer to noticeboards in each church

#### **COVID 19 – UPDATE**

Mass Times under Alert Level One

We have now resumed our usual Mass times, without limitation on numbers. They are as follows:

5.30pm Vigil SPC

Sunday:

8am PP

9.30am OLOL

9.00am SH

10.30am SPC

5.30pm SH

With daylight saving and warmer weather the Mass time for Saturday morning at Sacred Heart church is 8am.

Reconciliation is available both before and after this Mass. In April of 2021 when daylight saving comes to an end the Mass time will return to 9am.

#### Annual Hospital Carol Singing Wednesday 9th December

Parishioners are most welcome to join in with the singing of Christmas Carols around the hospital wards on Wednesday 9th December, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Followed by refreshments at Zac's Café. Please meet at the Hospital Chapel 5:15 p.m. I'd love to see you there! Any enquiries, please ring me,



Deidre Russ, Ph: 06 8788109 ext. 2718.

#### Nau mai! Haere mai!

All parishioners are cordially invited to attend the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at The Church of the Immaculate Conception Pakipaki on Tuesday 8th December.

Holy Rosary - 05:00pm

Mass - 06:00pm

Followed by refreshments at Houngarea Marae.

Charles Ropitini 0275484682

Christmas cards are now on sale at St Peter Chanel church, 10am Mass. \$3 for a pack of 5.

#### Bishop Owen Dolan Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination (10/12/95 - 10/12/20)

Everyone is invited to a celebration of the Silver Jubilee of Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Owen Dolan. Jubilee Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral of The Holy Spirit. Palmerston North, on Thursday December 10th at 12.05pm. Luncheon to follow in the Diocesan rooms, all welcome. No RSVP required.

Monsignor Brian Walsh, Local Administrator, Diocese of Palmerston North.

#### YOUTH CORNER

Kia Orana everyone and welcome to your youth corner. As we are coming towards our Youth Christmas Concert, we would like to thank you all for your support in different ways. Thank you for those amazing items donated for the raffle prizes and tickets still on sale. We have lots of prizes to be won for only \$2 and you can buy tickets from the office or after Sunday Masses. The youth team and young people are busy with practicing carols and drama for the concert. You're all invited to our first ever YOUTH XMAS CONCERT, SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER, SACRED HEART CHURCH/ST JOSEPH SCHOOL, 7PM. There will be different cultural dances, soloist, Christmas Carols, food stalls, raffles, etc. It will be an evening of coming together as a community of one heart and mind, to support our young people who will attend our "First Youth Bay Camp". Young people from Hastings and Napier parishes are more than welcome to join us and we have few places available.

Youth Mass: Sunday 13/12 at St Peter Chanel, 10:30am.

Youth Night: Friday at Mission Centre, 6-8pm. YOUTH CONCERT: SATURDAY 12th DECEMBER

YOUTH BAY CAMP: FRIDAY 8th - SUNDAY 10th JANUARY 2021.



#### St Vincent de Paul — Sacred Heart Conference

The final meeting for the year will take place at the shop Avenue Rd, East at 4:45pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> of December. Agenda items include, membership, Christmas preparations, welfare and a council report. Please note change of time for commencement of meeting. Visitors always welcome.

**Thank you** to all who supported the recent "**Light in the Lockdown**" concert featuring Father Chris Skinner. As a result, over \$ 2700 (from ticket sales and raffle) has been donated to the Society of St Vincent de Paul Hastings Area.

Special thanks to the volunteers who made sure the event was successful and to Jark's Cityside Hastings and Patrick Moniz.

Eileen von Dadelszen (on behalf of Committee organising the Event)

#### Christmas Advent Service at St Columba's Church

The women of St Columba's Church Havelock North invite the women of Our Lady of Lourdes to a Christmas Advent Service at St Columba's, cnr Napier road & Columba Way, Havelock North.

Wednesday 9 December at 10 am. 10 am: Light finger food morning tea

11 am: Advent Service

RSVP to St Columba's Church office for catering purposes by Friday 4 December, 877 8096.

There will be a collection for a Christmas appeal for Hastings Foodbank.

#### WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS Recently Deceased:

Martin Taylor (Kathy Kavanagh's brother),
Bruce Morrison, Claire Lambert, Johanna Kamp,
Matthew Reidy, John Plummer, Irene Anderson, Lucy
Hawkes, Lawrence ('Snow') Lavery, Judy Brocklehurst,
Patrick Spurdle, Pauline King, Teuatabo Toaia, Nicola
Green, Doug Matthews, Beverly Hodson.

#### Please pray for the Souls of:

Annie Gibbs 30/10, John McGrath 29/09, Catherine (Kitty) McGrath 6/10, Michael Broderick 18/10, Joan Pedersen 20/09, Mick Carr 22/09, Deceased members of the O'Farrell and Jonas family, Beryl Parker A 7/10, Walter Parker, Anna Forbes, Tai Cullinane A 19/10, Naurua Luaseta A 31/10, Noreen Laracy A 18/10, Sean Pollard A 7/11, Carrem Koorey (A Oct,), George Barnes (A Oct), Cecilia Barnes, Lewis Caldwell, David Martin 5/11, Reuben & Nancy Lange and their departed siblings, William, Pattie, David and Peter O'Keefe, Fr Pat Cooke A 15/11, Doris and Walter White, Francis McGrath A 29/11, Brian Fennessy A 15/12.

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

Casey Gair (Ivy Roberts grandson), Vi Bond, 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 Mouldey, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Diane Masterton, 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, Richard Murray, Iona Nilsson. 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.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for December 2020 - Joy Devassy, Jasmin Joseph, Manju Mathew, Dona Shilin (Indian Community).

#### Remembering loved ones at Christmas

Please come and join with us to remember your loved ones at our annual Christmas Remembrance Service - this will be held at Crestwood 615 Heretaunga Street Hastings on Wednesday December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm - Refreshments to follow.

Kind regards,

Terry Longley & Son and Tong and Peryer Funeral



#### St. Mary's Primary School

We'd like to congratulate and thank those children who participated in the Speech and Scripture Reading competition held between us and St Joseph's. It was a wonderful night with both schools' enjoying the well-prepared speeches and the high calibre scripture readers. Well done to all of you for a great night.

Our Junior School had a wonderful night performing their Nativity play for their families and friends. Thank you, children, for your great performance and to all involved in preparing this festive occasion.

Rachael Quinney DRS

#### St. Joseph's Primary School

We were blessed by a beautiful day for our Pool Party Fun Day and a super day was had by all as the rotation activities took place. The surprise of the day was a Bouncy Castle! Juniors Picnic and Concert will take place 9 December. Award Assembly 14 Dec and Leavers Mass 5pm and Dinner 6.30pm 15 December. School will close for the year 16 December.

Aaron O'Neill Principal

#### Sacred HeartCollege

We look forward to our end of year Christmas Liturgy, Haka powhiri House competition, ceremonies and prizegiving's this week on Thursday, 10 December at 11.00am at Waiapu Catheral of St John, Napier. (Please be seated by 10.45am). Followed by the 'Thanksgiving Mass' at 7.30pm. (Please be seated by 7.15pm). I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all every blessing for the holy season ahead and to thank you all for your prayers and continued support of Sacred Heart College over what had been a difficult year. We are truly blessed.

Nga mihi Maria Neville-Foster Principal Sacred Heart College

#### St. John's College

St. John's College Academic Prizegiving is on Monday 7th December at 7pm in the Gym. All welcome. Our Year 10 students have been a Guthrie Smith Camp for 3 days last week. The Year 9 students have activity days on Monday and Tuesday then last day for Year 9s is Wednesday. Last day for students – Year 9 is Wednesday 9th December. The office will be open until 18th December 2020 and the office will reopen on Monday 18th January 2020. NCEA exams finish on Wednesday 9th December. We wish all our families a joyous Christmas and some special family time over the holidays.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

#### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Gifting Trees

The time has come once again to shift our Christmas trees from storage to the foyers of our parish churches. The gifting trees will be available from Sunday 22nd of November until Sunday the 13th of December. Please mark your gifts with the age group you have bought for. The categories are: Girls Babies **Boys Babies** 

Girls 1-12, teenage girls Boys 1-12, teenage boys

We thank you once again for your generosity. St Vincent de Paul Combined Council.

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.

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

#### **NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER** To

ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by

Wednesday lunchtime.

Thank you



#### **Wednesday Morning Tea** at Sacred Heart Church



between 10.00 am & 11.45 am every Wednesday.

Come and join us for a cuppa and have a good chat.

If you have a celebration or special occasion you would " the office or email admin@hastings.parish.nz to include in the newsletter.

#### 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.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

#### **GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS.**

Have you thought of giving an

#### **ALTERNATIVE GIFT THIS** CHRISTMAS?

Caritas offers, gift of Life Cards, Fred Hollis Foundation offers, gift of Sight Cards, make a statement against consumerism, give a life-giving gift.

More ideas on the ESJ Board, Sacred Heart Gathering Space.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*