

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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Our Lady of Lourdes

85 Te Mata Rd
Havelock North



Sunday Mass

9.30am (PR) & 11.00am (NPR)

Weekday Masses

Mon: 9.00am-Liturgy

Tues: 9.00am

Wed: 9.00am – Mass

Thurs: 9.30am

Fri: 9am-Exposition 10am-Liturgy

Sat: 9.00am – Liturgy

St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd
Hastings



Vigil Sat: 5.30pm (PR)

Sunday Mass: 10.30am (PR)
8.00am (PR during Lent)

Weekday Masses

Tues: 5.30pm

Thurs: 5.30pm

Sacred Heart

425 Heretaunga St East
Hastings



Sunday Masses

9:00am (PR) & 5.30pm (PR)

Weekday Masses

Wed: 12.05pm

Fri: 12.05pm

Sat: 8.30am

Immaculate Conception

Paki Paki



Sunday Mass

8.00am (PR)

First Sunday of Lent 6th March 2022

Reflection for Today

On this very first Sunday of Lent, the Word of God reminds us that God is first, and He must be first in our lives! In the story of the gospel reading, Jesus was tempted three times, but He remained faithful to His Father; He placed the Will of His Father above everything else.

The first temptation was, for Jesus to turn stones into bread after His fast. This meant that Jesus was tempted to use His power/position for selfish gains, or to "bribe" people to become His followers. The good news is that Jesus resisted and overcame this temptation by making the WORD of His Father first: *"Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God"*.

In the second temptation, the devil showed Jesus all the earthly kingdoms and promised to give them to Jesus if He worshipped him. Thus, Jesus was tempted to worship a "god" other than His Father or to compromise on His faith and mission, but He did not give in.

On the Third Temptation, Jesus was tempted to be sensational or to put God to the test by jumping down from the pinnacle of the Temple. Again, Jesus overcame this temptation by putting God first – and not putting God to the test. Students do not examine their teachers, and so we should avoid putting God to the test. We should, for instance, avoid always looking for signs and wonders before believing in God. Let us always put God first:
* When we succeed in life, let us remember our humble beginnings and remain faithful to God who blesses us.

* When we are tempted to misuse or abuse our power or position, let us remember where the power or position has come from and remain selfless and humble, making God first.

* When we are tempted to compromise on our faith/principles or worship other gods, let us remember the first commandment, and maintain God first.

* When tempted to be sensational, let us seek to decrease so God will increase as the First and Supreme Being!

Rev. Deacon Tevita Faka'osi

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 C:
2nd Sunday of Lent
 Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17 - 4:1; Lk 9:28-36;

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS WELCOME...

ADORATION: Madonna Tuesdays 9am—1pm
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.
FOCOLARE SHARE "Living the Word" 1st Saturday each month. Contact Gerard 0211216391 or Ellen 0274484242
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: 60 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 *(on hold until further notice)*
RECONCILIATION: SH - Friday 11.30am, Saturday 8.30am
SPC - Saturday 5pm **OR** by appointment
LOL - Wednesday 9.30am
ROSARY: LOL - Thursdays 9.10am
SH - Saturday 8am
SUNDAY READINGS 4 U: SH room off day chapel. Tuesdays 10 –11am
YOUNG ADULTS: Mission Centre. 1st & 3rd Sunday after 5.30pm Mass

Te Ara a Maria – Te Hiko Wairua ki Heretaunga Ararau

On the feast of the Assumption 15 August 2021 the NZ Bishops renewed our county's dedication to Mary, Mother of God. Bishop Pompallier had first dedicated Aotearoa NZ to Mary when celebrating the first Mass here in 1838 in the Hokianga.

To mark the renewal of the dedication our Bishops celebrated a special Mass at St Mary of the Angels, Wellington. At this Mass an artwork, which had been especially commissioned to honour Mary, was unveiled. This artwork which depicts Mary in an Aotearoa setting, challenges us to see her as a woman of incredible strength and the place she holds in our heart and our community today.



This artwork is now touring NZ. Te Hiko Wairua mo te Ara a Maria will be visiting Hastings on 10-12 March. See attached programme for Mary's Way through the Catholic Parish of Hastings. This is an opportunity to view this beautiful taonga and to call on Mary's protection during these troubling times. At the conclusion of the hiko the artwork will be installed in a shrine at St Mary of the Angels, Wellington.

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

CATECHISM

The Temptations of Jesus

The Gospels speak of a time of solitude for Jesus in the desert immediately after his baptism by John. Driven by the Spirit into the desert, Jesus remains there for forty days without eating; he lives among wild beasts, and angels minister to him. At the end of this time Satan tempts him three times, seeking to compromise his filial attitude toward God. Jesus rebuffs these attacks, which recapitulate the temptations of Adam in Paradise and of Israel in the desert, and the devil leaves him "until an opportune time" (Luke 4:13). (Catechism Of The Catholic Church, No. 538)

The evangelists indicate the salvific meaning of this mysterious event: Jesus is the new Adam who remained faithful just where the first Adam had given in to temptation. Jesus fulfills Israel's vocation perfectly: in contrast to those who had once provoked God during forty years in the desert, Christ reveals himself as God's Servant, totally obedient to the divine will. In this, Jesus is the devil's conqueror: he "binds the strong man" to take back his plunder. Jesus' victory over the tempter in the desert anticipates victory at the Passion, the supreme act of obedience of his filial love for the Father. (Catechism Of The Catholic Church, No. 539)

Jesus' temptation reveals the way in which the Son of God is Messiah, contrary to the way Satan proposes to him and the way men wish to attribute to him. Therefore Christ vanquished the Tempter for us: "For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sinning." (Hebrews 4:15) By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert. (Catechism Of The Catholic Church, No. 540)

Fr. Anthony Htun



The Catholic Agency for Justice, Peace & Development

Lenten Giving Envelope

Packs are in the Church foyer. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single

donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. **NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent through the post.**

Donations received by Caritas in these envelopes by 31 March 2022 will be sent receipts for the 2021/2022 tax year. Donations received by Caritas after April 1st will be sent receipts for the 2022/2023 tax year. Thank you for your generous support."

YOUTH CORNER

Kia Ora and welcome to our youth corner and some highlights to share with you all. On Saturday 26th-Sunday 27th, we had three generous leaders from Lifeteen Aotearoa Team came from Wellington and New Plymouth to run a training for our youth team and young leaders. It was a successful one as our leaders had some experiences of how Lifeteen program looks like.

Our heartfelt thanks for all the participants for giving up your time and made that wonderful weekend happened.

As our proposal to run this Catholic Youth Movement here for our young people had been approved, we humbly acknowledge our Priests and Parish committee for giving this opportunity to accompany our young people with this amazing, structured program. We ask your prayers for the team as we are about to light this New Fire in our parish for young people.

Wishing you all a blessed Lenten season

God bless, Faaki Tuanaki (Youth Minister)



St Vincent de Paul Tongan Appeal

- Our local SVDP Council, which includes Central Hawkes Bay, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart, and St Peter Chanel conferences, raised nearly \$7000. This has been contributed to the National SVDP Appeal and will be distributed by the Tongan SVDP organization to meet specific needs.

- Many thanks to each of our local SVDP conferences and to those parishioners who donated to this Appeal.
- Hastings St Vincent de Paul also sent 24 boxes (banana) filled with suitable clothing and kitchen utensils to Auckland SVDP, to be transported in containers to Tonga.
- With Winter approaching, contributions of Rice, Pasta, Baked Beans, and Spaghetti would be greatly appreciated for our food boxes.
- Please notify us if we can help families in isolation, re Covid, with either a Care Package or a Food Box
- Your contributions and support are always appreciated by us and by those who receive assistance.

St Vincent de Paul Team

"FREE Fitness for all every Saturday from 8am - 9am at St John's college Hastings. Don't forget to scan. Bring a towel, water bottle and proper exercise footwear, and a friend/family member. <https://www.facebook.com/SJCPasifika/>". Please email Jonathan Foster for further details: jfost006@gmail.com

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Lyndell Collier, Donald Vincent Brebner, Sadie Wong, Mark Lissington.



Please pray for the Souls of:

Jones/O'Kane families, Lewis Caldwell A 10/02 (husband of Trish), Emmanuel George A 06/02, Grace Cullinane A 07/03, Rafael Garay 06/03.

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, Margaret Roberts, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldey, Staveley Tankersley, Vincenza Ercolano, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Bronwynne Thorp, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, John Janssen, Mark Rice, Noreen Pakinga (Laracy), Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Tiffany Wong, Mary Hamilton, Jan Skinners, Maree McCracken, Anthony Allen Ron, Livia Bairstow, Fr. David Gledhill, Elaine Campbell, Jaimee Gregory, Catherine Guilford, Eve van Bohemen, Denyse Cornelius, Kristen Hay, Colleen Taylor, Beverley Morley, Malakai Lyford, Natalie & Reg Corbett, Lauretta Ball, Rita Yule, Louise O'Connor, Evelyn Curtin, Xavier Allen, Joyce Dawes, Pat McGehan, Des Kavanagh, Marie Tartere, June Brunton, James Minehan, David Neilson, Marie McCormick, Mark Sullivan.

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of all People, we pray for peace today and every day, especially for the people of Ukraine. Send your Spirit of wisdom upon our world leaders. May the decisions they make be in the interest of all Earth's citizens. Send your Spirit of compassion upon those who bear arms. May they turn instead to reconciliation and dialogue. Send your Spirit of healing upon those who are injured. May they know your touch through the hands of those who care for them. Send your Spirit of welcome upon those who are killed in this act of war. May they know the embrace of your love. Send your Spirit of consolation on those who have lost loved ones. May they know comfort in your promise that one day they will see them again. Send your Spirit of protection on those who have lost their homes. May they find shelter and security. Send your Spirit of hospitality upon all nations. May they welcome refugees into their midst. Send your Spirit of hope upon your world. May we live into your vision of a future of justice and peace. Amen.

St. Mary's Primary School

At St Mary's the Senior Team have enjoyed their Beach Education Day and our Senior children have had the opportunity to go to Mass. On Ash Wednesday they participated in a Senior Team Mass in Madonna Maria. Our Middle and Junior Teams held their own liturgies for the children. Our Year 3-6 girls have had the opportunity to learn about self-defence this week. This links into our Health and PE curriculum. The Middle Team enjoyed visiting the Pou outside the Library. They learned about the cultural significance they hold to the Heretaunga Plains. Each individual pou faces the marae it represents. The Junior School has been learning about our Rocky Shore and God's Creation. We enjoyed visiting the Rocky Shore on Hardinge Road to learn about our responsibilities as kaitiaki. It was great to see and learn about the rocky shore creatures first-hand. Thank you to all who have supported our children in these events. Have a wonderful fortnight.

Rachael Quinney (DRS)

Sacred Heart College

Lent prompts our students to focus their lives on Christ. It is a season where the students are encouraged to give their time and talents to be faithful to the Gospel. Several initiatives under the stewardship of our school Chaplain are providing opportunities for students to serve the needs of those in our community and apply the Gospel messages of loving thy neighbour. Our breakfast club is providing for those who are hungry every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Winter sports sign up is underway with a large contingent of our girls preparing for a busy season.

Nga mihi

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal)

St. John's College

This week saw the beginning of Lent. For the second year running we were unable to have a school wide, Ash Wednesday, liturgy with the distribution of ashes. Instead, we held individual class liturgies to commemorate this special day, something we could not do last year. On the sports front pre-season training is starting up for football, rugby, and hockey. Last week the college raised over \$800 for the Tonga relief so thanks to our young men who supported our appeal.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

Thermals for Children 2022

Our grateful thanks to the wonderful parishioners who have donated so generously to this project. To date you have donated \$1,225.00. The school orders are nearly complete and Postie Plus has let us know that the clothing is arriving in the country. Thank you so much and we just ask you to continue your prayers for our project's success once again.

It is with mixed emotion, that I share with you that the Board of St. John's College, Hastings has received a letter of resignation from Rob Ferreira with effect from the end of Term 1 this year. Rob has accepted a new position as Rector of St. Patrick's College, Silverstream, commencing at the start of Term 2. We wish Rob and Marja every happiness and success as they take up this wonderful new opportunity. The Board would like to thank Rob for the vision he has pursued to move St John's College to the strong position it is now in. The Board will be meeting in the next few days to start the consultation and recruitment process to find Rob's replacement.

Tessa Barrett (Board Chair)

Please note there will be an extra Mass at 8.00am at St Peter Chanel during Lent.

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Contact the parish office on 8787774 or email
admin@hastings.parish.nz

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

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Online Sessions: Ignatian Imaginative Contemplation – Prayer Hour with Laetitia Puthenpadath. Friday, 25 March, 3-4pm. ZOOM. Koha/Donation. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/ignatian-imaginative-contemplation/> Free Video-Clip: Why is Lent 40 days long and does it start on a Wednesday? Information in a nutshell from Prof Thomas O'Loughlin. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2021/02/12/prof-thomas-oloughlin/> For more information and registration: www.studyjoy.nz

National Liturgy Office Lent material

With Lent having begun, the National Liturgy Office is featuring a page of preparation for liturgies for each Sunday in Lent. The page will be updated regularly. Please go here for the details: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/>

"Called to be Peacemakers"

Kua Karangatia Tātou hei Kaihohou i te Rongo

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www.caritas.org.nz

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION GROUPS

Sacred Heart – Starting on Tuesday 8th March at 10.00am, in the Eucharistic Chapel. All welcome. Sunday 6th March at 7pm, hosted by **Pat Jonas**, at **311 Southampton St West**. Phone: 878 5738.

If you would like to join, or know more about these groups please contact the office.

