

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

Weekday Masses

Mon: 9.00am - Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am
Wed: 9.00am - Mass
Thurs: 9.30am
Sat: 9.00am - Liturgy

St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Rd
Hastings



Vigil Sat: 5.30pm

Sunday Mass: 10.30am

Weekday Masses

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



EASTER SUNDAY

9th April 2023

Reflection for Today

The Feast of Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, is the central Feast of the Church. It is God's definitive answer to death. Through the Resurrection, God has conquered both sin and death. Our readings today, remind us, it is not just a historical fact that Jesus rose from the dead, but it is a life-transforming event, not only for Jesus, but also for all who believe in Jesus.

The Easter readings, focus on the goodness, power, and saving work of God throughout history, ending up in the ultimate victory of Jesus over sin and death through His Resurrection. They also emphasize the importance of faith and trust in God, dying to sin and being raised to new life through baptism, and seeking heavenly things rather than earthly ones.

The death of Jesus on the Cross was devastating, but seeing the tomb now empty, they felt deeply what seemed like the emptiness of human existence. Should we adopt Mary Magdalene's interpretation that they have stolen the Lord's body? Peter himself is more confused than ever. Peter remains speechless. Sometimes, we face similar realities, that leave us speechless and depressed. The world is currently facing such state of emptiness and apparent meaninglessness in the face of the present afflictions, terror, or misfortune.

In spiritual matters, we need always to look upwards and deeply to see the saving presence of God. The resurrection of Jesus tells us and in a very loud way that God is always in charge. Even when the forces of destruction seem to be in triumph, God intervenes to show His great power. May the hope and joy of Easter fill our hearts and our lives, now and always.

Rev. Deacon Tevita Faka'osi

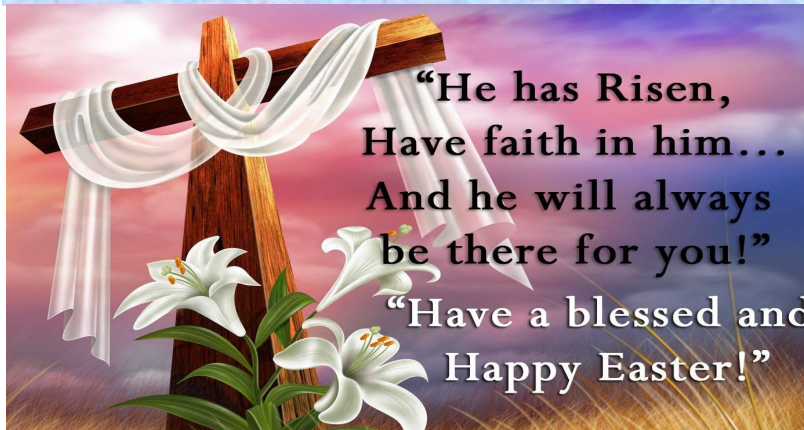
Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9.00a.m - 1.00p.m.

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

Readings for Next Sunday: Year A:
2nd Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31;

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 11.30am, Saturday 8.30am
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



Please pray for our Elect - **Sinia Moli and Christopher Proffit** - as they receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion and our Candidates - **Mary Burns and Joylene Whibley** - as they receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at this Easter Vigil Mass. Please also pray for our children: Kalolo Moli, Chesterfield Moli and Archie-Paige Moli who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Parish Office will be closed from Wednesday 5th April after 1pm, to Wednesday 12th April and will reopen Thursday 13th April. If you wish to place an article in our Easter newsletter, please have it to the office by Monday 3rd April midday. There will be no newsletter for 2nd week of Easter – 16th April.
Any important notices will be put on social media.

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

Good Friday Collection – 7th April 2023

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Commissary of the Holy Land in that country to then be sent to Rome and distributed from there to the Custody of the Holy Land. Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year.

Easter Sunday Special Collection – 9th April 2023

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 is responsible for 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.

If you wish to make a donation there are envelopes in the foyer of each church or you can credit our bank account. "Catholic Parish of Hastings" BNZ 02 0630 0288045 23. Please include your name.

Hastings Ecumenical Walk – Good Friday

There will be a Hastings Ecumenical Walk, starting from Saint Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 10am on Good Friday. Look forward to seeing you there. Please ring Jill Frizzell 0272467400 if you need anymore details.

CPOH Youth Group Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage – Good Friday 7th April

Begin with prayer.
8:45am – Meet at Our Lady of Lourdes.
9:00am – Depart – walk from OLOL to SPC, continue our journey to Sacred Heart church.

Havelock North Ecumenical Walk – Good Friday

9:30am – St Luke's, St Columba & Arohanui Churches meet at Arohanui Church – Middle Road, Havelock North.
9:45am – Begin walk of witness to Village Memorial.
10:00am – Village Memorial – Rev Wayne to do a short Reflection.
10:15am – St Luke's Church – Combined Service led by Archdeacon John Matthews, Vicar St Luke's.

You can join at any stage of the walk.

YOUTH CORNER

'Leading teens closer to Christ'

is the hope we have for all our teens which is the goal of the wonderful youth movement program we are running here in the parish - Life Teen. We invite you to join us on this incredible journey. Youth gathering begins with Mass at 5:30, we move into the mission centre for a sit-down meal, this creates an environment for the teens to get to know one another as well as the core team. After Kai, we transitioned into an icebreaker game that links to the series. We started our new series two weeks ago and it is titled 'Merciful'. We were blessed to have Anita share her powerful proclamation of what forgiveness and mercy look like in our daily lives and link this to scripture. We ended the night with a decade of 'the Divine Mercy chaplet' and then ended the night with praise and worship. Last Sunday, we didn't have a Life Night because our Priests offered Reconciliation to our group which was a great chance for us all to prepare ourselves for this very important week in our Catholic Faith.



Thank you to all our young people for giving your 'yes' and showing up every Sunday. We warmly invite any new whanau to join us. Huge thanks to all youth parents for supporting our ministry and to all parishioners who supported us with your prayers and multiple ways. Our sincere thanks to the Core Team and young leaders for your generous giving in many ways to this ministry, especially for accompanying our teens with your prayers and aroha. May you all have good rest and looking forward to seeing you all next term.

Upcoming events for youth group:

- Easter raffle: \$2 a ticket these will be sold after Mass. Funds will be going towards youth music equipment.
- Good Friday - Stations of the Cross - walk from OLOL 9am -St Peter Chanel then heading to Sacred Heart Church. Refreshments will be provided.
- Life Teen Hastings Youth Group will return after the school holidays with an exciting program ahead.

Wishing you all a joyful Holy Week and blissful Easter with your loved ones.

God bless,
Life Teen Hastings Core Team.

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WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Simon O'Kane, Stellas Netto, Bede Houlahan, Betty Koorey, Anthonius (Ton) Ham, Aidan Sargison, Margaret Koorey-Faulkner (Waiuku).



Please pray for the Souls of:

Grace Cullinane A07/03, Aline Margaret Lucy A23/03, Johny and Jolly Mattakkaattil, Scaria and Annakutty Elavunkal, Joseph and Mary Koovackal, Anne & Charles O'Farrell and their deceased family members, Alma Stinson A09/04, Thomas McKenna A13/04, Margaret Broderick A18/04, Colleen Brady A18/10.

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, Lily Walsh, Des Sutton, Loyola Mouldey, Peter Dawes, Sue Davis, Raewyn Connors, Chris Lucy, Trish Sharp, Jo Ramsay, John Janssen, Mark Rice, Annette Brunton, Tony Brunton, Bob Barber, Robert McIntyre, Keith Billington, Teresa Griffin, Jan Skinners, 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.

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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Forgive yourself
and stop dwelling on everything
you think you could have done
better. The past is behind you,
and it can only control you if you
let it. So let go of what you should
have done and focus on doing the
best you can going forward.*

- Lori Deschene



St. John's College

On Friday last week our prefects and senior leaders shared a meal together to thank our prefects for their commitment and their leadership. On Holy Thursday, the prefects did their traditional cross walk. It was wonderful to be able to do this again and connect with our Catholic communities in Napier and Hastings after having to cancel it so many times because of Covid. We finished our Cross Walk back at St John's where we ended the day with a Holy Thursday Liturgy before the students headed off for their Easter holidays. Wishing all those in our communities a blessed Easter.

Conor Bolton (DRS)

AN INITIATIVE OF JESUS YOUTH NEW ZEALAND



HOURS OF MERCY

Come to me, all who are weary, and I will give you rest (Matthew 11:28)

April 10 - May 28, 2023

ACROSS ALL SIX DIOCESES IN NEW ZEALAND

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INTENTIONS TO PRAY FOR

- We pray for the intention of the Holy Father and for the Church.
- We pray for the bishops, priests, religious, and lay faithful within the Catholic Church in New Zealand.
- We pray for all who are affected by natural calamities in New Zealand and all around the world.
- We pray for all young people to experience the love of Christ in their life and keep their faith in Him.
- We pray for all missionaries across the world, may the Lord strengthen them and make all their work fruitful.
- We pray for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood and religious life, that the Lord may bless them with the light of his love.
- We pray for all married couples, that they may always be sustained in their love by the grace of the sacraments.

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St Vincent de Paul Shop is desperate need some shopping bags, old newspaper and brics bags. If you have any spare ones, could you please kindly drop them at the shop or contact Claire on 06 876 7511. Thank you.

S.P.C Church Cleaning for APRIL

Ancy Thomas, Jasmin Joseph, Cicily Philip
(Indian Community)

TONGAN MASS

Fr. Vince will be back to celebrate Mass on **Friday 21st April** at St. Peter Chanel, 5:30pm. All welcome.

Madonna Maria – Thanks.

The two gardens outside of Madonna have been landscaped. Thanks to Terry Durney for the gift of timber and attaching it to the garden. Tree guys nursery Otane for the gift of plants. Kathy the owner was a student of St. Marys. Tom Kerrisk for time spent in laying out of the plants. Thanks to the person who donated the statue of St. Joseph in the church. May God bless you. Allan Brady.

If you wish to receive your newsletter via email:

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

Divine Mercy Novena - 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday should fittingly be proceeded by the novena & chaplet (recited as private family prayer) commencing Good Friday and concluding 15 April - eve of Divine Mercy Sunday.

16 April 2023 Divine Mercy Sunday 2023 - St. Peter Chanel (817 Gordon Road) Hastings)

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament will commence at 2.30. The Chaplet will be recited at 3pm, followed by Benediction. Reconciliation will be available from 2.30pm. All welcome.



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

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.

Liturgy: Wednesday 12th April- 5.30pm in the Parish Office

Finance: Tuesday 9th May - 7pm in the Parish Office