

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 - *Liturgy of the word & Communion*

Wed: 9.00am - *Liturgy of the word & Communion*

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



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th July 2023

Reflection for Today

The 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time reminds us of the importance of humility and openness in following Jesus. The Gospel this Sunday shows us that Jesus is praising His Father for revealing the truth to the little ones and inviting all who are burdened to come to Him for rest. It is also an opportunity for us to examine how we can live out our faith in a country that is diverse in cultures, beliefs, and traditions.

In this passage, Jesus contrasts the wisdom and knowledge of the world with the humble and childlike faith required to truly understand and embrace His message. He acknowledges that it is not the wise and learned who can fully grasp the mysteries of God's kingdom, but those who approach Him with a simple and open heart. This invites us to reflect on our own attitudes and approach to following Jesus. Do we come to Him with a sense of pride and self-reliance, thinking that we have all the answers? Or do we humbly acknowledge our need for him and approach Him with childlike trust?

In a world that often values knowledge, success, and self-sufficiency, Jesus invites us to let go of our burdens, surrender our need to control, and find rest in him. He reassures us that His yoke is easy, and His burden is light, reminding us that He is always there to support and guide us.

As we reflect on this Gospel passage, let us examine our hearts and strive to cultivate a spirit of humility and openness in our relationship with Jesus. Let us trust in his wisdom and guidance, knowing that true rest and peace can only be found in Him. We need to ask ourselves. How can we be witnesses of God's love and mercy in a world that often seems divided and in need of healing? How can we proclaim the Gospel message of hope, justice, and compassion to all people, regardless of their background or beliefs?

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:
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23;

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

Celebrating Matariki, Friday 14th July.

Matariki A New Beginning

Let us celebrate the presence of God in all creation, through the wonder of the stars in the heavens, calling us to newness of life:

Matariki is a cluster of stars; *Let the heavens be glad.*

Matariki is a time of year; *Let the earth rejoice, let the seas and all that is in them roar.*

Matariki is a time of remembering. *Be still and know that I am God.*

Matariki is a new beginning; *let the fields and all that is in them exult. Let all the trees of the forests shout for joy.*

Matariki is the eyes of God; *O God, what variety you have created, arranging everything so wisely. The Earth is filled with your creativity.*

Matariki is a time of seeing *both day and night belong to you; you made the starlight and the sun. You set the boundaries of the earth and you made both summer and winter.*

Matariki is a time of rejoicing *All creatures depend on you to feed them at the proper time. Open your hand, they are well satisfied.*

We are blessed...

The new light of Matariki has risen!

May it be to you a sign of resurrection and new life.

May it be to you a sign of hope in times of darkness.

May it be to you a sign of the wondrous mystery of Atua who loves you.

May it be to you a sign that the eyes of the Eternal One are ever upon you and that the presence of the Holy One is ever with you.

And may this be the cause of your rejoicing.

Peace be to all creation.

Through Christ and in the perfect unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

Introduction to Bishop-elect John

The Diocese of Palmerston North warmly welcomes Bishop-elect John Adams as he prepares to take on his new role. In this video, Bishop-elect John shares some information about himself and reflects on being asked to take on the role of Bishop. <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2023/07/introduction-to-bishop-elect-john-adams/>

A Conversation with Bishop Owen Dolan

Sunday 23 July is the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. The theme this year is "His mercy is from age to age," from the Gospel of Luke (1:50). The Diocesan Comms Team sat down with Bishop Owen Dolan, the oldest priest in the country, to talk about his experiences of growing older and his reflections on the theme for this year's celebration. <https://tumanako.pndiocese.org.nz/2023/06/a-conversation-with-bishop-owen-dolan/>

Upcoming Days of Prayer |

Resources from the National Liturgy Office

This coming Sunday 9 July is the Day of Prayer for Seafarers, when we specially remember all those who work and live from the sea, away from family and friends for many months at a time, working long hours and navigating some of the world's most dangerous stretches of ocean. Seafaring can be a tough, lonely and hazardous career. The National Liturgy Office has readings, prayers and other resources, here: <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/day-of-prayer-for-seafarers-3/>

The National Liturgy Office has published prayers/resources for three special Sundays in July:

- **Sunday 9 July, the Day of Prayer for Seafarers.**
Resources are here: www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/day-of-prayer-for-seafarers-3/
- **Sunday 23 July is the Third World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and Elderly.**
Resources are here: www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/third-world-day-of-prayer-for-grandparents-and-elderly/
- **Sunday 30 July is the Day of Prayer to End Trafficking and Slavery.**
Resources are here: www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/day-of-prayer-to-end-trafficking-and-slavery/

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Please note the parish office will be close on Matariki Day, Friday 14th July.

To ensure a space is available, notices for the newsletter need to be submitted **by Tuesday lunchtime.**

YOUTH CORNER

Mauri and welcome to our youth corner. We would like to wish all our Kiribati families a happy and blessed Language Week.

A huge thank you to all those teens that had handed in their registration forms for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you haven't hand in yours, please contact us asap.

We would like to acknowledge those who had sponsored our Sunday's meals last term especially Bitty, Peter C and Thom D all the way from New Plymouth/Hamilton. Your contribution meant a lot to our young people and may God bless and keep you all well. Inviting anyone that would love to sponsor a Sunday meal for our group next term is more than welcome to contact the parish office or one of the youth team.

Many thanks to our musician coordinator Luella and her team for their continuous service to do music at Mass during school holidays.

Our prayers, hearts and thoughts are with our teens during this holiday as well as our generous Youth Core Team, may this time be a time of reconnection with your loved ones in multiple ways. Enjoy and be safe with the help of God's grace.

Ko bati n rab'a, Youth Core Team.



Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School is back again this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, uplifting prayer, and authentic community!

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Ngā Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/24! Registrations open July 2nd at 2pm: we sell out fast so be in quick! Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

He Oranga Taurikura – A Thriving Life | Caritas Appeal

Join Caritas' mission to support 'thriving lives' across the Asia-Pacific region. This programme focuses on fostering food and water security, climate-change adaptation, and empowering women in leadership. A small donation can make a lasting impact, and **our partnership with the NZ Aid Programme will see your donation multiplied, seeing a gift of \$50 become \$200.** Visit caritas.org.nz or call 0800 22 10 22 to donate.



WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Archbishop Alapati Mata'eliga (Samoa),
Lorraine Roberts, Trevor Layton, John McCormack, Loyola Mouldey, Fr Maselino Kolio (Samoa), John van Ruitenbeek, Doug Begley, Geraldine Suan (Malaysia).



Please pray for the Souls of:

Joseph Moran A01/06, David Weir A06/06, John A. Sullivan A13/06, Patrick McGrath A19/06, Lynda Devoy A19/06, Janina Melgies A21/06, Antonius Bot A05/07, Anna Forbes A08/07, Margaret Broderick A21/07.

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, 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, Doug Begley, Sue David, Margaret Sanders, Maureen Horsefield, Gavin Noonan, Mark Ulrich (USA), Fr Larry Barnett, Brian & Pauline Groves, Teresa Griffin, Anne O'Kane, Epi Timu, Janet Netto.

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.

Sacred Heart Church Cleaners Urgently Required

Can you spare one hour approximately once a month? The Altar Society clean the Altar, Baptismal and Holy Water Fonts, polish candlesticks, Incense boat and Thurible and trim candles. Cleaners of the main church are rostered weekly and depending on numbers would determine how often you would be required. This can be done on any day of the week. Please contact Steph at the office to offer your services. Thank you.

Sacred Heart church is urgently required volunteers on a casual basis, short and long term to do flower arrangements. If you can assist, please contact the office on 06 - 878 7774. Thank you.

Please note there will be no weekday Mass at Madonna Maria during school holidays.

Mother Teresa's story

A few weeks ago, I had the very extraordinary experience of this tenderness of God for the little one.

A man came to our house with a prescription from a doctor. He said the child was dying, his only child was dying in the slums of Calcutta and that medicine could not be got in India anywhere. It had to be brought from England. As we were talking, a man came with a basket of medicines. He had gone round to the families and gathered half-used medicines for the poor people – we have these mobile clinics all over the slums of Calcutta and all over the place, and they go round to the families and gather half-used medicines and bring them to us, and we give them to the poor people. And there he came, and right on top of the basket was that medicine. I just couldn't believe because if it was inside, I would not have seen it. If he had come before or after, I would not have connected. I just stood in front of that basket and kept looking at the bottle and in my mind, I was saying, "Millions and millions and millions of children in the world – how could God be concerned with that little child in the slums of Calcutta. To send that medicine, to send that man just at that time, to put that medicine right on top and to send the full amount that the doctor had prescribed." See how precious that little one was to God himself. How concerned he was for that little one.

The tenderness of God's love – no one can love as God. He has made us in his image. He made us. He is our Father.

"The Father loves me, he wants me, he needs me." That kind of attitude is our trust, our joy, our conviction. Anything may come impatience, failures, joy, but say to yourself, "The Father loves me." God has created the whole world, but he is our Father: in prayer, create that conviction from the inside: Father and child.

St Theresa of Calcutta

St Teresa (d. 1997) founded the Missionaries of Charity and won the Nobel Peace Prize.

Taste of St John's Day - Wednesday 19 July

The day commences with a Pōwhiri at 9.30am. We will conclude the day's programme at 2.10pm. This event is an opportunity for Year 8 boys to observe St John's College in action. Coding and Robotics, Science experiments, Culinary Arts and Sport will be offered to reflect life at St John's. *Can you please phone the Office if your son would like to attend this exciting promotion day: 06 878 6853.*

Waipatu Maori Catholic Club

Congratulations to the First Holy Communicants. Done and dusted, onwards and upwards on the pathway with Christ. Again, acknowledging the support and help we have received from our Pakipaki Immaculate Conception Parish with a venue, videos and specialist teachings leading us on this journey. Charles Ropitini Paa Mikaere and Deacon Tevita kei whea mai.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

Mary in the Scriptures with Kieran Fenn fms. Monday, 10 July, 7pm - 8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated.
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

Beauty in Islam with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst Saturday, 22 July, 10.00-11.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25/session. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/beauty-in-islam/> For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all those who give their time and talents.

It is a requirement of the National Office for Professional Standards for all volunteers in our Parish to complete a Volunteer agreement form and Code of Conduct form. Thank you to those who have completed and returned their forms. If you have not done so, please collect the forms from the Parish office, and ensure both the Agreement form and the Code of Conduct form is signed. If you are involved with children/elderly/vulnerable, please fully complete the Police Vetting form as well and provide a copy of your driver's license or passport. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any queries concerning this procedure please contact Matthew Balm, Safeguarding Officer, Diocese of Palmerston North ph. 06 3541780.

Thank you for your cooperation and support to assist our Parish in becoming fully compliant with Diocese and National Policy.

Winter Ailments

It is that time of year again when viruses are rife. At Mass please be mindful of your choices which could affect others. If you are unwell and cannot attend Mass there is Mass celebrated, by the Auckland Diocese, on Shine T.V. at 2p.m. Thank you for your consideration. Keep warm and well.



ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISH? If so...WELCOME!

Please write your name and contact details in the space below and one of our wonderful staff members will contact you.

Name.....

Phone Number.....

Email address.....

Please place this slip into the offertory basket