

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'

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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

PARISH TEAM

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

(Closed for office staff meeting between 10.00am and 12.00pm, every Wednesday)

Our Lady of Lourdes

85 Te Mata Road, Havelock North

Sunday Mass - 9.30am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday - 9.00am

Wednesday - 9.00am

Thursday - 9.30am



St. Peter Chanel

817 Gordon Road, Hastings

Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm

Sunday Mass - 10.30am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday - 5.30pm

Thursday - 5.30pm



Sacred Heart

425 Heretaunga Street East, Hastings

Sunday Mass - 9.00am; 5.30pm

Weekday Mass:

Wednesday - 12.05pm

Friday - 12.05pm

Saturday - 8.30am



Immaculate Conception

16 Miriama Road, Pakipaki

Sunday Mass - 8.00am



Madonna Maria

901 Frederick Street, Hastings

Weekday Mass:

Friday - 9.15am



Fourth Sunday of Easter | 11th May 2025

Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

Reflection for Today

Gathering for Sunday Mass we always have the readings from Scripture, as selected for us by the Church. These readings, especially the Gospel, are when we, the People of God, most authentically attend to the living Word: "Jesus said: 'My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me'." (Jn 10: 27) Since we have the same readings throughout the world, we know that Catholics in virtually every country are also listening to the Word of God. We can readily imagine this as being paralleled by the heavenly liturgy in the Second Reading: "After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands." (Rev 7: 9) What is the role of clergy in this liturgy? They do not act in the absence of the Lord for he is present in the Word, the people, the priest and the Blessed Sacrament. In the Canon Law we read: "The eucharistic celebration is the action of Christ himself and the Church. In it, Christ the Lord, through the ministry of the priest, offers himself, substantially present under the species of bread and wine, to God the Father and gives himself as spiritual food to the faithful united with his suffering." (c. 899 para 1) The priest, when he acts in persona Christi capitis (Lat. in the person of Christ the Head) breaks open the Word and offers gift and sacrifice which is the living memorial of the Risen Lord. In this way the power and presence of Jesus Christ is not stranded in history but is active today. To this end, promotion of vocations to ordained ministry is essential to the life of the Church. Finally, why has the Church engaged in this activity week in and week out throughout the centuries since Jesus was crucified, died and was buried? The Lord himself promises: "I give them eternal life and they will never perish." (Jn 10:28)

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

11 May 2025:

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52; Rev 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30

18 May 2025:

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN OUR PARISH

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

SH: Friday, 6.00pm - 7.00pm (*Reconciliation available*)

SPC: Wednesday, 6.00pm - 7.00pm; Sunday, 3.00pm - 4.00pm.

Madonna Maria: Tuesday, 9.00am - 1.00pm

RECONCILIATION (OR by appointment):

SH: Friday, 11.30am; Saturday, 8.00am

SPC: Saturday, 5.00pm

OLOL: Wednesday, 9.30am

ROSARY:

SH: Saturday, 8.00am

OLOL: Thursday, 9.10am

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

SH: First Saturday each month, 11.00am.

EMMAUS COMPANIONS:

SPC: 2nd Monday each month, 7.00pm.

Contact **Rob, 027 659 1313** or **John, 027 878 7014**

FOCOLARE SHARE: "Living the Word"

1st Sunday each month.

Contact **Gerard, 021 121 6391** or **Ellen, 027 448 4242**

MORNING PRAYER:

SH Day Chapel: Monday - Friday, 9.00am

MORNING TEA:

SH: Wednesday, 10.00 - 11.45am

YOUTH GROUP:

SH: Sunday, 5.30pm Mass, followed by a shared meal and the Lifeteen Confirmation programme 'Purpose'. Contact the parish office for further information.

Calling for Historical Publications!

The Knowledge Bank is currently updating the Centenary of Sacred Heart Church site and is seeking any historical books, documents, or publications related to St Joseph's School or Tenison College. If you have materials you're willing to loan, we'd be incredibly grateful for your help in preserving and celebrating our local history. All items will be safely returned after use. Thank you for your support!

UPCOMING PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

We ask that parishioners pray for our committee members especially on the days they meet to discuss and make decisions for the good of our parish.

Finance: Tuesday 13 May

World Day of Prayer for Vocations and Seminary Appeal | Sunday, 11 May 2025

We invite you to support our seminarians both prayerfully and financially. Your contribution, no matter how small, makes a significant difference. Specially marked envelopes are available in the church foyer. Alternatively, you may give via direct credit to **02 0630 0288045 22**.

Please use your name as the payee and 'Seminary Appeal' as the reference. To our young people:

priesthood is always a beautiful and courageous option for your life. If you are thinking about it, please feel free to speak with any of our diocesan priests. Parents: if your children show interest in a vocation to the priesthood, we encourage you to support them with love, openness, and prayer. For any enquiries and support, please contact our Diocese of Palmerston North Vocations Director, Fr Trung Nguyen on 022 062 6726 or email vocations@pndiocese.org.nz

OLOL Anointing Mass

St Vincent De Paul Havelock North are happy to invite you to our Anointing Mass and afternoon tea. This will be held at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 2pm, Tuesday 20 May 2025** and will replace the regular Tuesday morning Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us for this spiritually uplifting occasion. If you have someone in your family you think would be interested, please pass this message on or bring them along. A small plate would be welcome to assist with the afternoon tea.

Hope and Renewal Summit

Is there more to parish life than just Sunday Mass? Yes—so much more. The Hope and Renewal Summit is a national gathering for Catholics across Aotearoa who are ready to rediscover the vibrant, Spirit-filled life of the Church beyond the pews. Whether you're a parish volunteer, a parent, a young adult, or someone who simply wants to see their faith community come alive—this Summit is for you. 2-4 October 2025 (for Clergy), 3-4 October (for everyone) at the Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North. Registrations now open! For more information and to register go to hoperenewalsummit.com



YOUTH CORNER

Last Sunday, we were thrilled to welcome our Confirmation 2025 candidates and their families to their very first session. What a blessing it was to kick off the PURPOSE program with 30 enthusiastic candidates! Parents joined the session too, making it a powerful evening led by our generous Life Teen Core Team, inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit.

We were especially moved by two young leaders, Jake Smith and Nicholas Villanueva, who shared heartfelt testimonies about how Confirmation has shaped their faith journeys. Thank you both for your courage and honesty!

This week, we dive into Session Two: SEEKING – What Is Our Desire? This session invites our teens to reflect on their deeper desires—exploring where they come from, how they relate to our human nature, and ultimately, how they point us toward God.

With a large group of candidates meeting each Sunday this term, we're reaching out for your support: Can you help with meals? We'd be grateful for volunteers to prep/serve food or financial donations (around \$200 covers one Sunday meal). Any amount helps—and so do your prayers!

Would you like to pray for one, two, or even all of our candidates during this journey? Let us know—we'd love your spiritual support.

To all our parents—thank you for your constant encouragement, presence, and help. We're doing our very best to guide your teens, and please know you are all in our prayers.

With love and gratitude,
The Life Teen Core Team



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother."
— St. Thérèse of Lisieux



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis; Bishop Owen Dolan; Anthony Mullany; Brian Sorensen; Thérèse McAra; Colleen Sellwood; Mary Adie; Crystal Smith.

Anniversaries:

Margaret O'Connor 05/05; Timu Lafaele 05/05; John Heasley 22/05.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We will continue to pray for all our parishioners who have ongoing health challenges.

Fenton Kelly, Ian Sandral, Carmel Martin, Bryan Thompson, Henry O'Kane.

PRAYERLINE

When in need of prayers for special intentions please phone any one of the following people:

Fay Evans: (06) 878 8643

Eleanor McFlynn: (06) 878 9928

Patricia Webley (06) 877 8172

Margaret Armstrong: (06) 877 7758

Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme Launch

Our Diocese is proud to support the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Scheme, a powerful symbol of empowerment, respect, and inclusion for individuals with non-visible disabilities, as well as those with visible disabilities. The Sunflower allows people to discreetly indicate they may need additional support, understanding, or time, helping to create a place where everyone is recognised, respected, and included. For more information, visit <https://hdsunflower.com/> or contact David Loving-Molloy, Leader and Advisor for Inclusiveness, at catholic.deaf@pndiocese.org.nz

Te Kupenga Semester 2 Enrolments

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now open for enrolment for Semester 2. Go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/apply or call (09) 361-1053 for more information.

Enrolment closes on 16 May, 2025.

SCHOOL NEWS



A warm welcome back to everyone. We are excited for the term ahead! As a Catholic school, we pause to acknowledge with great sadness the passing of Pope Francis and Bishop Owen Dolan. We give thanks for their faithful service to the Church and the legacy of compassion, humility and leadership they leave behind. Last week, our Year 5 and 6 students returned from a fantastic camp experience at Ranui Farm. Thank you to all who planned and led the camp, our dedicated teachers and parents and our students for their positivity resilience and sense of adventure. God Bless.

Kara-Leigh Jones (Principal, St Joseph's School)



Mrs Neville-Foster, Mr Silverwood and our deputy head and head girl had the privilege of attending Bishop Owen Dolan's funeral at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palmerston North on Tuesday. A beautiful service including a Solemn Requiem Mass to honour his life and legacy. May he rest in peace. Our international students are attending a mini games day at Taradale High School on Friday to connect and enjoy some friendly competition with other international students from around the bay. We welcomed year 8 students from St Patrick's and Reignier School for our first Hearts programme on Tuesday. A great curriculum extension programme to enhance their learning and give them a little feel of what it will be like at High School next year. It was a delight seeing them re-connect with our Sacred Heart juniors who were their peers at intermediate last year. God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)



This week we held our Parent -Teacher Interviews for both senior and junior students on Monday and Tuesday. Last weekend myself, our Principal, George Rogers, along with our four senior school leaders, attended the Marist Leaders Forum which was hosted by Marist College in Auckland. It provided the opportunity for principal's and senior students from the nine Marist schools to network and share ideas. This week we began our STEAM programme for students from several local intermediate schools, to give them a taste of the things they can look forward to when they start secondary school at St John's College.

Conor Bolton (DRS, St John's College)



Youth + 1 (Young Adults Group)

This Saturday, 10 May, following the 5:30pm Mass at St Peter Chanel, we will be holding our opening evening for anyone aged 18 and over who would like to join us. Everyone is most welcome! Please keep this group in your prayers.

50th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination | Monsignor Brian Walsh

Parishioners and friends are invited to join Mons. Brian to celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass followed by afternoon tea on **Sunday 18 May, 2.30 pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.** All are welcome, no RSVP required.

Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are now available from the church foyers for you to collect. We thank you for your generous support.

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