

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

Parish Priest: Fr. Marcus Francis: 021 022 83349; **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Vijay Dungdung: 027 715 6654

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Administration Team: Steph Levy; Katey Jewell; Trish Sharp

Hospital Chaplain: Deb Lucy: 027 355 4830; **Youth Ministry:** Faaki Tuanaki: 021 164 4218

Passionist Family Coordinators: Graeme & Margaret Armstrong: (06) 877 7758

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



Palm Sunday 13th April 2025

Reflection for Today

Obedience and humility are not trendy attitudes in our society today. Slavery is rightfully regarded as abhorrent. To reflect on this helps us to receive the full impact of the second reading where St Paul writes: "... though he (Jesus) was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Phil 2: 6-8)

Those high up in the world of politics, entertainment and money, in our society, do not act this way. They have super yachts, grand mansions and bodyguards to keep them safe. The impact of Jesus' sacrifice is amplified as we consider that he did all of this while we were still sinners. How is it that many professed Catholics, aware of the blood that was shed for them, still struggle to take one hour out of their week to give thanks to the Lord for his mercy and love in the Mass? They want their children to go to Catholic schools but cannot shift themselves to pay reverence to the God who has shown them such love. This is a scandal. Today's readings should motivate us more than ever to express gratitude to God by ourselves being obedient to his command: "Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor 11: 24).

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

13th April 2025:

PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the LORD

Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22:14-23:56

20th April 2025:

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

Acts 10:34, 37-43, Col 3:1-4, Jn 20:1-9

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 (*Lent*)

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. Resumes Saturday 3rd May, 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

LENTEN REFLECTION:

SH Day Chapel: Tuesday, 10.00am - 11.15am

Contact **Richard and Diana, 022 651 0946**

SPC: Sunday, 3.00 - 4.00pm (*Deacon Tevita*)

YOUTH GROUP:

SH: Sunday, 5.30pm Mass, followed by a shared meal and Life Night (Life Teen Programme - 13-17 years). Contact **Faaki, 021 164 4218**

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass for the Palmerston North Diocese will be celebrated on: **Tuesday 15 April, 12:05pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit.**

Good Friday Collection | 18 April 2025

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 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, it is very much appreciated. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit:

Diocese Palmerston North Hastings Pastoral Area:

02 0630 0288045 22

(your name as payee, and 'Holy Places' as reference).

Easter Sunday Dues Special Collection | 20 April 2025

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings Special Collection. 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 the care that they receive. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit:

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(your name as payee, and 'Dues' as reference).

Your support and help is always appreciated!

Fr. Brian Walsh (Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund)

Divine Mercy Novena 2025

Divine Mercy Sunday should fittingly be preceded by the novena & chaplet (recited as private family prayer) commencing Good Friday (18 April) and concluding 26 April - eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. Copies of the novena will be available in church foyers.

Divine Mercy Sunday | 27 April 2025

Devotions from 2.30pm - 4.00pm at St Peter Chanel Church. Reconciliation will be available.



Kia Orana Family! Welcome to Our Young People's Corner!

Last Friday, Fr. Vijay was supported by many for the Stations of the Cross at Te Mata Peak, while some of our team attended the Catholic Colleges' Annual Pasifika Cultural Night/Fiafia Night. What an incredible evening of community and culture!

This past Sunday, we wrapped up our second Life Teen Series for this term, titled "**WAIT... BUT THERE'S MORE/LENT!**" It was also our final gathering of the term. Luella delivered an amazing talk on our last theme: "**LOOK MOM, THERE'S NO HANDS! / MARY AT THE CROSS**" We concluded with the *Stations of the Cross* – *Mary's Way of the Cross*, a powerful way to reflect on Mary's journey. A big thank you to our dedicated Youth Team for their hard work and generosity in making this term's Life Night's such a meaningful opportunity for everyone to deepen their faith.

If you haven't registered your teens for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** this year, please do so ASAP at the parish office. **Registration closes Thursday, April 24th.**

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS:

Join us at 9.00am, starting from Our Lady of Lourdes, Havelock North.

Easter Raffle: tickets are still available after Masses and at the parish office. These are \$2.00.

A huge thank you for your continuous support throughout the term — a special shout-out to our distance supporters, including prayer warriors and meal sponsors. Your kindness has made everything easier, and we appreciate your continued prayers for the team and our teens! Wishing you a blessed Holy Week and a joyful Easter celebration with your loved ones.

There is **no youth gathering** during school holidays, but the youth Mass will continue as usual. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Meitaki Ma'ata,
Youth Core Team



3:sixTEENS

A retreat organised by Jesus Youth is happening in Auckland for all secondary school students this year from April 24 - 27 (during school holidays). Free transportation has been arranged. Please follow this link to register: <https://forms.gle/SacFgnL3kzA5SEwf8> For more information, please contact *Vipin Thomas*: 021 073 0949.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Do you realise that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you – for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart. – St. Therese' of Lisieux

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Recently Deceased:



Martha Bone, Magdalen Kneebone, Marie Cameron, Louise O'Connor, Brian Cochrane, Natalie Corbett, Jan Clarkson.

Anniversaries:

Colleen Brady 18/04, Bob Anderson 14/04, Shirley Ingram 11/04, deceased members of the Jonas and O'Farrell families.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Fenton Kelly, Anthony Mullany, Ian Sandral, Carmel Martin.

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

THANK YOU



The family of Jan Clarkson wish to thank the members of the parish for their wonderful assistance and support over the time of Jan's funeral service. Particular thanks to Fr Marcus, Julie McCracken, Margaret McKinlay, Ronnie Lundall and choir, Kathy Kavanagh, and the St Vincent de Paul team.





The end of the term has arrived, and we look forward to the break and Easter. We have had a very busy past few weeks with 3 separate visits to Kohupatiki Marae. The children and parents were blessed to be able to experience a Pōwhiri, learning about the Marae, walking the river, making flax flowers and other fun activities. Wednesday night the Year 8 students performed the passion play about the Stations of the Cross in the Madonna Maria chapel. Thank you to all the families that came along to share this very special performance. I myself was lucky enough to spend 2 days of formation and professional development at the Sisters of Compassion in Wellington. It was a great opportunity to learn more about Mother Suzanne Aubert and how she devoted her life to looking after our sick and poor at a time when social services didn't exist. I would like to wish all children and families a safe and enjoyable holiday break. God Bless.

Paul Wallace (Principal, St Mary's Primary School)



Our combined St Johns and Sacred Heart College Fiafia was an amazing night of our schools and cultures coming together to honour and showcase the talent and spirit of our students. Thank you to our performers, volunteers, whānau and everyone else who supported this incredible event. We held our Caritas Holy Week Liturgy on Tuesday where we read the parts of the gospel that recall the days leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. On Thursday we had a mufti day with all proceeds going to Caritas to support vulnerable communities and emergency efforts around the world. After a very busy term one, the holidays are upon us – it is time to rest and reflect on what a successful term it has been for our kura. Blessings to you as we approach Holy Week and Easter. We pray for a safe and peaceful holiday for our school community. God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)

Good Friday - Walks of the Cross

Parishioners of CPH have multiple opportunities to witness publicly to their faith with other Christians on Good Friday 2025.

In Havelock North one group will leave from Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 9am and walk to Arohanui Church, Havelock North.

The Youth Group will start from Our Lady of Lourdes also at 9am. They will walk into Hastings to go to St Peter Chanel Church and ultimately arrive at Sacred Heart Church.

In Hastings a Cross Walk beginning at 10am will start at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church and finish at St Matthew's Anglican Church.

I encourage all parishioners to make the most of this opportunity which comes in addition to the Good Friday liturgy being celebrated at Our Lady of Lourdes, Sacred Heart and St Peter Chanel all at 3pm.

CONGRATULATIONS!

A heartfelt congratulations to **Lee Pepping and Suzanne Rose** on being selected for a **Civic Honours Award** in recognition of their exceptional voluntary service providing thermals for children. Lee and Suzanne dedicate their time and energy to making a meaningful impact in our community by ensuring our local children in need receive a set of thermals.

The awards ceremony will be held on **Tuesday, 27 May 2025**. Friends and family of the recipients, and members of the public, are all welcome to join in celebrating this special evening.

CPH Media:

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