

**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; Trish Sharp; Katey Jewell

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

**Passionist Family Coordinators:** Graeme & Margaret Armstrong: 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



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**16th February 2025**

**Reflection for Today**

Called to be "Pilgrims of Hope" we walk by faith, sustained by our hope, while inviting others to experience and share the same journey. This means we are necessarily unfulfilled and contingent in the present. We are poor, hungry, weeping as well as excluded, reviled and defamed "on account of the Son of Man." (Lk 6: 20) Hope is oriented towards the future. The danger is that when the Church is conformed to the world, we become rich, full, laughing and have people speak well of us "for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets." (Lk 6: 26) Inevitably, to embark on the Jubilee 2025 is to have a sense both of conversion and optimism. It is only by listening to the Lord and putting his Word into practice that we will be assured of reaching our pilgrimage destination: "But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home." (2 Pt 3: 13) The foundation for this conviction is our belief in the resurrection which proves God's power over sin and death. As St Paul tells us in the second reading: "If for this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all people to be most pitied. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died." (1 Cor 15: 19-20)

**Fr Marcus Francis**

## Readings: Year C

### 16 February 2025:

#### **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26*

### 23 February 2025:

#### **7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38*

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

*Your participation is welcome*

### EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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

**SPC:** Wednesday, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

**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:

**OLOL:** Thursday, 9.10am

**SH:** Saturday, 8.00am

### BAPTISM PREPARATION: (will resume Saturday 1st March, 2025)

**SH:** 1st 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 life night (Life Teen Programme). If you are a teen (13-17 years), please join us.

Contact Faaki: 021 164 4218



## Reminder: Bring Your Palms for Ash Wednesday



If you have palms from last year's Palm Sunday, please bring them to church and place them in the baskets provided. These will be used to create the ashes for our Ash Wednesday service. Thank you.

## SUNDAY, 23 FEBRUARY

Parishioners are hopefully already aware of the significance of next Sunday's Mass, which will be held on the grounds of St Joseph's School at 9am beside Sacred Heart church: Bishop John Adams will bestow a papal award; it is the Jubilee of Deacons; St Mary's school will have their first school Mass for 2025.

**The 10.30am Mass at St Peter Chanel church has been cancelled. All other Masses remain.**

Chairs for seating will be limited and are reserved for invited guests, elderly or infirm Mass-goers. Please bring your own seats or picnic blankets to sit on during the Mass. Hats and sun-block will come in handy especially if it is sunny. Refreshments will be served after Mass in the Sacred Heart gathering area and the front of the church.

The music group leading the singing during Mass will play praise and worship songs from 8.30am. As well as arriving early to get a good seat, parishioners can also join in the singing to prepare us for the special celebration. This will help to build an atmosphere of prayer and joyful music which I am sure will inspire all those who are doing their shopping at the New World supermarket across the road.

## St Vincent de Paul Update



**Monthly meeting:** Wednesday 19 February, 5.30pm at St Peter Chanel.

**New Year's Resolution:** "I will give 2 hours a week to a voluntary organisation" - SVP would welcome you.

**Huge demand for food boxes** - we welcome your Sunday Mass food donations.

95 food boxes with a bag of presents for families were delivered to needy families before Christmas.

## WHAT PRO-LIFERS REALLY BELIEVE

A day of equipping and understanding pro-life views on abortion with popular Kiwi speaker Brendan Malone.

**9am - 3pm | Saturday 22 February**  
**220 Flaxmere Ave, Hastings**  
**Flaxmere Christian Fellowship**

**\$25 per ticket** (includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea). If payment is an issue, please reach out to Jenny Epplert: 027 439 3437 and VFL will provide a subsidy.

**<https://www.voiceforlife.org.nz/shop/individual-ticket-8tsb4>**

# YOUTH CORNER

Xin chào family and a warm welcome to our young people's corner. We had a good start of the year last Sunday with social night.

This Sunday, we will start a 'Life Night' series on **AUTHORITY** called 'EVERYTHING BUT THE KEY'. God is the ultimate source of all authority. His authority helps us thrive and make good choices with our freedom. God wants us to be happy and healthy, He knows what is best for us because He made us. The commandments He gave to the Church are meant to help us live the best life possible. God uses His authority and the authority He bestowed upon His Church to guide us. The first session is called 'LOCKED OUT'. The goal is to challenge teens to recognise that the Catholic Church speaks with the authority of Jesus Christ and that its teachings are meant to guide us in faith and morals.

We also have some teens on their way to receive the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion on Sunday 2nd March. Please pray for them and their families.

**Youth Mass:** Sacred Heart Church every Sunday during the school term, 5:30pm.

**Youth 'Life Night':** After Mass.

*If you wish to support our young people, please consider donating towards our Sunday meals. Contact the parish office or one of the youth team.*

God bless,  
Youth Core Team



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Recently Deceased:

Michael Craven; Margaret Martin; Veve Timu (Steph's sister); Rex Ingram; Kenneth Wilson; Ana-Maria Lolagi.

### Anniversaries:

Johanna Palmer-Wilson; Daniel Taylor;  
Joe O'Boyle A09/02; Lewis Caldwell A10/02.



## MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Dave and Shirley Reid; Matthew, Laurie and Carol Wegner; Ross and Bernadette Chilton; John and Suzanne Beaumont; Maureen Stent; Ian Sandral.

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

### 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

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Registrations are now open for the First Reconciliation and First Communion Sacramental Programme. If your child is 8 years or older, please visit our website at <https://www.hastingscatholic.org.nz/> and complete the online registration form under the 'Sacraments' section. Once completed, please return the form via email to [pa@hastings.parish.nz](mailto:pa@hastings.parish.nz) or bring it to the parish office at your earliest convenience. Further details including dates, times, and the location will be updated on our website.

**YEAR OF JUBILEE**

*Diocesan Art Trail*

The Jubilee of Artists will take place on 15 – 18 Feb 2025. To celebrate, parishes across the diocese will be participating in an Art Trail to showcase the sacred artwork present in our churches. This free event is not just for the weekend, but will continue throughout the Year of Jubilee 2025. More information will be available at [www.pndiocese.org.nz/ArtTrail](http://www.pndiocese.org.nz/ArtTrail)



# SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our opening Mass and blessing of our school leaders, it was very uplifting to come together with our school and wider community. We followed the Mass with a fun afternoon of tabloid sports - always a very enjoyable time for staff and students alike! 16th & 17th February - our school leaders are attending a training camp to develop and enhance their leadership skills. 23rd February - We invite you to join us for our first combined Sacred Heart and St John's College Mass, 8.00am at Pakipaki. Pop it in your calendar, we'd love to see you there.

Our Gateway programme is looking for Napier & Hastings employers to support our students in some valuable work experience. We have large class numbers this year and we're looking for a variety of placements including hairdressing/beauty, hospitality/tourism, retail, animal care and more. If you are able to have host a student, please contact Fiona Quane on 06 835 3761 ext 816 or [fquane@shcn.school.nz](mailto:fquane@shcn.school.nz) we'd love to hear from you, thank you (we're looking for anywhere between 2 & 10 days of work spread throughout terms 1/2/3 to start asap). God bless.

**Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)**



Te Kāreti o Ngākau Tapu  
Hearts and minds in harmony



This week we had our Y9 parents evening on Monday, our commissioning Mass on Tuesday and the Y9 camp on Thursday and Friday, so a busy but productive week at SJC. We also had a black and white non-uniform day on Friday to commemorate the anniversary of Cyclone Gabriel.

**Conor Bolton (DRS, St John's College)**

## RITE OF ELECTION (RCIA)

The Rite of Election for the Diocese will be celebrated on Sunday 9 March, 2pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Bishop John invites all members of the Diocese of Palmerston North to this important event. RSVP by 20 February to Lee Russell: 021 560 071; [leerussell553@gmail.com](mailto:leerussell553@gmail.com)

## GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL

The New Zealand Parliament is currently considering changes to legislation related to gene technology and genetic editing. The Nathaniel Centre for Bioethics, a Catholic agency, and the InterChurch Bioethics Council have prepared a resource to explain this complex area of science and law.

Find out more at: <https://bit.ly/ICBCNathaniel>

## SPC Church Cleaning for MARCH

Rebecca and Dean Lyall



## ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday 8th March, 2025**

We would like to show our appreciation for your help. This is for everyone who helps in various roles within our parish. Please contact the parish office to register for catering purposes. Thank you.

## CPH Media:

Please scan the QR code for our parish app and follow us on Facebook

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## CATHNEWS NEW ZEALAND

The Bishops Conference this week launched the renewed CathNews New Zealand project. Sign up to the newsletter, which is sent on Tuesday and Friday mornings. <https://cathnewsnz.com>



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