

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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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



Second Sunday of Lent 16th March 2025

Reflection for Today

It is only in the Gospel of Luke that we discover the content of the conversation between Jesus, Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration: "... they were speaking of his (Jesus') departure (Gk. exodus), which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem." (Lk 9: 31) The brief revelation of Jesus' glory to the three apostles has a purpose. It tells them that they cannot expect to stay in the realm of spiritual ecstasy while they journey with Jesus. The journey for the disciples is indeed through the narrow gate of suffering and tribulation. The narrative of the Law and prophets is given shape not primarily by the exodus of the Hebrews from Egypt rather it is oriented to the greater victory of Jesus not over Pharaoh but over Satan and death, which is the consequence of sin. Not only does he accomplish this for himself but as the new Moses, he will lead us too to be transformed by his glory, not just in this life, but for eternity. As we hear in our Second Reading from St Paul to the Philippians: "But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself." (Phil 3: 20)

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

16 March 2025:

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luk 9:28-36

23 March 2025:

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 131-9

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

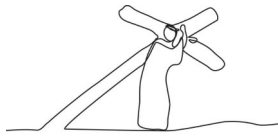
Madonna Maria: Tuesday, 9.00am - 1.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT:

SH: Friday, 6.00 - 7.00pm (during Exposition)

LOLO: Friday, 1.30pm

YOUTH: Friday, 6.00pm - meet at Te Mata Peak main carpark.



RECONCILIATION (OR by appointment):

SH: Friday, 11.30am; Saturday, 8.00am

SPC: Saturday, 5.00pm

LOLO: Wednesday, 9.30am

ROSARY:

SH: Saturday, 8.00am

LOLO: Thursday, 9.10am

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

Please note there are no baptisms during Lent.

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 - *no morning tea on Wednesday*

19th March, there will be Mass at 10.00am for the Feast of St

Joseph. All welcome.

LENTEN REFLECTION GROUP:

SH Day Chapel: Tuesday, 10.00am - 11.15am

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

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

LOLO: Thursday, 10.30am - 11.30am (*Fr Marcus*)

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**

UPCOMING PARISH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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 parish.

Liturgy: Wednesday, March 19th, 5.30pm.



Thermals for Children, 2025

We are at the stage of submitting our school order to Postie. Fund-raising has been quite challenging this year with more applications for funds from our usual funders. We have been fortunate to have built up a good stock of clothing which we will be using this year. There is a small shortfall to date but we are hoping the extra funds will come in over the next few weeks. If you would like to donate to this wonderful project please use the CPH bank account:

Saint Peter Chanel: 02 0630 0288045 23 or speak to us directly. Thank you.

Lee Pepping, 027 353 4869, and Suzanne Rose.

Prison Chaplaincy Role at Hawke's Bay Prison

We are seeking a dedicated and compassionate individual to fill a Prison Chaplaincy position at Hawke's Bay Regional Prison. As Catholics, we are called to live out the corporal works of mercy, and one of the most profound ways to do this is by answering Jesus' call: "I was a prisoner, and you visited me." (Matthew 25:36). This is a truly special ministry that requires a person with a heart for service, empathy, and a deep commitment to making a difference. If you know someone who may be called to this important role, we encourage you to prayerfully consider who would be the right fit and personally invite them to apply.

Together, let's support this vital ministry and bring the love and mercy of Christ to those who need it most.

This role is being advertised on SEEK: Prison Chaplain Job in Hawkes Bay at Tira Tuhaha Prison Chaplaincy Aotearoa – SEEK.



Dovecotes | New initiative

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women is moving to small parish-based groups called Dovecotes, where women may experience the warmth of fellowship, the power of prayer and the joy of worship. If you feel a need for a Dovecote in your area, please contact **Gloria: dovenational.leader@gmail.com Ph 0272456742** or visit **www.dove.org.nz**

YOUTH CORNER

A warm welcome to our young people's corner! As we enter this joyful season of Lent, we began our journey by walking the Stations of the Cross at Te Mata Peak last Friday evening. It was a powerful experience, reflecting on Christ's suffering while navigating the hills, reminding us how His suffering far surpasses our own.

This past Sunday, we wrapped up the first session of our Life Night Series on "Everything But The Key/Authority," where both teens and leaders learned that God is the ultimate source of all authority.

Tonight, we'll gather for a social night and a Lenten reflection.

We are now accepting registrations for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Registration forms are available at the office or through our Youth Team.

If you'd like to support our youth ministry's Sunday meals, please contact the parish office or the youth team directly. Wishing you all a blessed journey with Jesus this season.

God bless,
Youth Core Team

"Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me" (PS.138)



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**. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:



Eugenie Laracy, Gregory Harrison, John Berry, Kathy Vian, Peter Trapski, Brian Lee.

Anniversaries:

V. K. Mani, Graham Hill A22/03, Giuseppina Ercolano, Dominic Lentino.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Fenton Kelly, Anthony Mullany.

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

St Patrick's Day Mass | March 17th



Join us for a special St. Patrick's Day Mass on Monday, 9:00 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes (LOL).

Cathedral Centenary | March 2025

The Cathedral of the Holy Spirit will be celebrating 100 years in March! There will be a free event on the weekend of **21 – 22 March** to mark this special occasion, featuring coffee trucks, cultural food stalls, musical festivities and more! Everyone is welcome.

March 2025 Funding Round Catholic Charities Foundation

Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group. Applications are now open and are due by **Monday, 31 March 2025**. Application forms and more information can be found here: <https://pndiocese.org.nz/who-we-are/application-for-funding-catholic-charities-allocations/> or please contact reception@pndiocese.org.nz



We held our Ash Wednesday Liturgy to mark the beginning of the season of Lent. A season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. On Thursday we welcomed our RNDM Sisters to Sacred Heart College with a mihi whakatau. It was a pleasure having Sr Josy, Sr Josephine Kane SNDM Superior General, Sr Lucy, Sr Carmel and Teresa Shanks (Principal of Reignier Catholic School) join us for morning tea with our staff and a tour of our Kura. Congratulations to our futsal team who won the HB Futsal Challenge Cup for the second year in a row last Friday. They played as a team with real HEART and were gracious in victory – well done! We look forward to seeing you for our combined Sacred Heart and St John's College Mass, this Sunday 16th, 10.00am at St Patrick's Church in Napier. God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)

Message from Bishop John on the closure of WelCom

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we bid farewell to WelCom, I wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge the deep gratitude we owe to all those who have contributed to this publication over the years. WelCom has been a cherished source of news, reflection, and formation, faithfully serving our diocese and the Archdiocese of Wellington. It has connected us as a community, kept us informed about the life of the Church, and helped us grow in our faith.

While it is always difficult to say goodbye, I want to assure you that our commitment to communicating the Good News remains steadfast. As we move forward, I encourage you to stay connected through Tūmanako, the newsletter of the Diocese of Palmerston North. Tūmanako—meaning “hope”—will continue to share stories of faith, highlight the work of our communities and ministries, and provide resources for spiritual growth. Soon we will be launching a print edition of Tūmanako, in collaboration with the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference. This print edition will carry the same content as the online version, along with key national news from the NZCBC, ensuring that all members of our community—especially those without easy access to digital resources—can stay connected and informed.

I invite you not only to read Tūmanako, but to contribute to it. Our faith is enriched by the voices and experiences of our people, and I encourage you to share your stories, reflections, and news items so that we may continue to support and inspire one another.

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers as we embrace new ways of staying connected as a diocese. May we, as a faith community, continue to be a people of hope, strengthened by the love of Christ and the fellowship of one another.

God's blessings and peace to you all,
Bishop John Adams.

To send a submission for Tūmanako, contact
communications@pndiocese.org.nz

Tax Receipts

The end of March is the conclusion of the financial year. We would like to encourage all parishioners to ensure that they receive the tax rebate of 33% from the government which they may keep for themselves or choose to give back to the parish. If there are parishioners who are uncertain about how the system works, please contact the parish office for assistance.

Please be mindful of the availability of the pay-wave option at Sacred Heart church, especially for those who do not carry cash. It also means that we can provide a receipt for gifts which is valid for tax purposes. CPH is grateful for the generosity of all the faithful who choose to support the parish and its apostolates in so many ways. Bequests from parishioners are welcomed and most recently this has enabled us to re-paint Sacred Heart church and renew all its gardens.

FOOD FOR FAITH for Lent

Fr. John O'Connor offers brief daily encouragements for those seeking greater maturity in relationship with Jesus Christ. Visit www.foodforfaith.org.nz

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