

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

Deacon: Tevita Faka'osi: 027 275 7086

Finance & Property Administrator: Jean-Ann Ferguson: 027 244 8126

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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



Easter Sunday | Reflection

Given the amazing advances and analyses of the Shroud of Turin I find myself fascinated by the scriptural references to this marvellous relic which I have seen referred to as God's "receipt for the resurrection." All of the gospels refer to the linen cloths: "Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body wrapped it in the linen cloth" (Mk 15: 46), "So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth" (Matt 27: 59), "Then he (Joseph) took it down, wrapped it in the linen cloth and laid it in a rock hewn tomb" (Lk 23: 53) and "They (Joseph and Nicodemus) took the body of Jesus and wrapped it with the spices in linen cloths." (Jn 19: 40). However, it is the gospel of John we hear this morning that places great emphasis on them and gives them as his primary evidence believing that Jesus was risen rather than his body stolen or some other explanation: "He (the beloved disciple) bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed..." (Jn 20: 5-8) The resurrection is an act of faith, "hope in things not seen," (Heb 11: 1) and as John writes: "... for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead." (Jn 20: 9). Nevertheless, the scriptural account emphasizes physically seeing the evidence and being brought to belief through it. When St Paul says to the Galatians: "It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified!" (Gal 3: 1), is he referring to the Shroud? In any event, we are all called to make an act of will today which places our trust in God and reaffirms his power over sin and death not only for Jesus Christ but also for us who believe in him.

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

20 April 2025:

SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION

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

27 April 2025:

Second Sunday of Easter | Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 5:12:-16, Rev 1:9-13, 17-19, Jn 20:19-31

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

YOUTH GROUP:

SH: Sunday, 5.30pm Mass, followed by a shared meal and Life Night (Life Teen Programme - 13-17 years - *Resumes Term 2, Sunday 4th May*). Contact **Faaki, 021 164 4218**

Feast Day of St Peter Chanel | 28 April 2025

Join us in celebrating the **Feast Day of St Peter Chanel**, a Marist priest, the first martyr and patron saint of Oceania, including New Zealand. Mass will be held on **Monday 28 April, 5:30pm at St Peter Chanel Church**, followed by a shared meal in the hall, please bring a plate. Let us come together in faith and fellowship to honour this courageous saint who gave his life spreading the Gospel in the Pacific. All are welcome.

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 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 and chaplet (recited as private family prayer) commencing **Good Friday (18 April) and concluding 26 April (eve of Divine Mercy Sunday)**. Copies of the Divine Mercy 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.



Welcome to our young people's corner!

On Friday, 11th April, over 40 of us, joined by our wonderful priests, Fr Marcus and Fr Vijay - gathered at Te Mata Peak to journey through the Stations of the Cross. Walking in the dark and navigating hills was challenging, but with God's grace, we completed the pilgrimage together in faith and unity.

Palm Sunday was a beautiful celebration as we held our very first procession around the block. The atmosphere was reverent and reflective, as everyone walked with purpose, embracing the significance of this special moment in our liturgical calendar.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated Youth Team for continuing to serve, even during the school holidays. Your commitment does not go unnoticed!

As we enter this sacred season, we wish you all a blessed and meaningful Holy Week. Thank you for your ongoing support during this important time in our faith journey.

A gentle reminder:
Confirmation preparation will begin on the first Sunday of next term, 4th May. If you haven't already, please return your completed registration forms to the parish office as soon as possible.

Wishing all our young people and the Youth Team a safe, joyful, and refreshing holiday break.

God bless,
The Youth Ministry Team



QUOTE OF THE WEEK - EASTER SUNDAY:

"He is not here, for He has risen, as He said."
— **Matthew 28:6**

May the joy of the Resurrection fill your hearts with hope, peace, and new life.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Anthony Mullany.

Anniversaries:

Trish Fea 11/04; Shirley Ingram 11/04; Bob Anderson 14/04; Don McQuade 14/04; Colleen Brady 18/04; 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, 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**

Tax Receipts

These are now available in the church foyers.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Update

SVdP Hastings are needing shopping bags, also jam jars with lids. Thank you for your continued support.

2024 Peter's Pence Collection | Thank You



Dear Parishioners of the Diocese of Palmerston North,

On behalf of the Diocese, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our parishes for your generous contribution to the **2024 Peter's Pence Collection**. Through your collective efforts, an incredible **\$12,884.80** was raised. This offering is a testament to the spirit of generosity and unity that continues to thrive across our diocese. Your generous support plays an important role in the apostolic and charitable mission of the Holy Father, enabling him to respond to those suffering due to war, oppression, natural disaster, and poverty around the world. His Holiness is thankful and assures his prayer for the faithful of our Diocese.

Thank you for your faithful witness to the Gospel and your continued commitment to the mission of the universal Church. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and compassion.

Sincerely in Christ,

+John Adams
Bishop of Palmerston North

SAVE THE DATE

HOPE AND RENEWAL summit

2ND-4TH OCTOBER 2025 • PALMERSTON NORTH

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.** Join clergy, parish leaders, and lay people from around the country as we ask bold questions, explore real answers, and learn how to build thriving parishes where faith is lived, shared, and grown. **Registrations are now open. For more information and to register: hoperenewalsummit.com**

Are you new to our Parish?

Welcome! Please call the parish office (06) 878 7774 during office hours or email us at reception@hastings.parish.nz and talk to our friendly staff who are happy to help and inform you.



Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

On Tuesday, April 15, the Chrism Mass was celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Palmerston North. It was a truly special occasion, marked by a wonderful turnout of parishioners from across the Diocese. The sense of unity and faith in the congregation was deeply moving as priests renewed their vows and the holy oils were blessed. Thank you to all who came and helped make the celebration so meaningful.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

The Sacramental preparation recommences on May 11. For those involved, please to the parish website and email updates.



CPH Media:

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'The Catholic Parish of Hastings'

