

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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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



Third Sunday of Lent 23rd March 2025

Reflection for Today

The God of the Old Testament, mysteriously speaking to Moses from the blazing tree, which remains unburnt, reveals himself as being one of forbearance and love: "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgressions and sin..." (Ex 34: 6-7). The power of God is manifested most in his mercy: "But you are merciful to all, for you care for all things, and you overlook people's sins, so that they repent. For you love all things that exist and detest none of the things that you have made, for you would not have made anything if you had hated it." (Wis 11: 25-28) That God is made flesh in our Lord Jesus Christ. Surprisingly, in the second parable for today he casts himself as the gardener who pleads for time so the tree may yet yield fruit. In his humility and love he not only pleads for us but gives his life for us. This generosity is a fitting prompt for us to work on our spiritual lives throughout Lent so that we may bear fruit for the Kingdom as missionary disciples.

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

23 March 2025:

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

30 March 2025:

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12, 2 Cor 5:17-21, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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*)

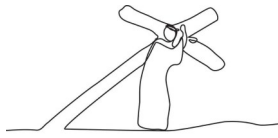
Madonna Maria: Tuesday, 9.00am - 1.00pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (LENT):

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

LOLO: Friday, 1.30pm

YOUTH: Friday, 5.50pm - 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

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*)

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**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME:

SH: Sunday, 9.00am Mass followed by sessions in the Mission Centre.

Notice of Liturgy of the Word

The priests will be away on **Thursday, March 27th**. The Liturgy of the Word will replace Mass and will take place at **LOLO** at **9:30am** and at **SPC** at **5:30pm**.

RCIA Rite of Acceptance and Enrolment of Names

On Sunday, 9 March, our RCIA Elect and Candidates, along with their godparents, sponsors, and catechists, travelled to Palmerston North for the Rite of Acceptance and Enrolment of Names. This was a wonderful opportunity to meet Bishop John Adams and connect with fellow individuals from the Parishes of New Plymouth, Palmerston North, and Dannevirke who are also journeying toward becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil Mass. Please remember them in your prayers.



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 following bank account:

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

Lee Pepping, **027 353 4869** and Suzanne Rose

St Joseph's School Bake Sale



Join us after Mass on Sunday, 30th March for a Bake Sale hosted by St Joseph's School! All proceeds will go towards supporting the Year 5/6 camp in Week 1 of Term 2 and the Year 7/8 camp in Term 3. Please bring cash to buy tasty baked goods and support our school children in their outdoor education.



Greetings and a warm welcome to our young people's corner!

Last Friday, we had an incredible turnout for the Stations of the Cross at Te Mata Peak, with attendance more than twice the number of those who joined the first walk. It was truly inspiring to witness everyone dive so deeply into the reflection of our Saviour's sufferings.

This past Sunday, our Social Life Night was filled with fun and valuable lessons. We played a game that focused on the choices we make every day—how good choices lead to blessings and rewards, while bad ones bring consequences. It was a great way to reflect on our actions and their impact.

Today, we are excited to start a new series titled “**BUT WAIT... THERE'S MORE!**” A Life Night series on Lent. The theme for today is “**GET RICH QUICK! PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING.**”

Through this series, we aim to help teens explore Lenten practices and connect them to different events in Jesus' public ministry. Our goal is to show how these practices hold deep significance and power, encouraging teens to make a more meaningful commitment this Lent. We invite all teens aged 13-17 to join us for this engaging Life Night series as we walk together with Jesus on His way to Calvary.

Additionally, we want to remind those interested in preparing for the **Sacrament of Confirmation** that sessions will begin on the first Sunday of the upcoming term. **Registration forms are available at the parish office or can be obtained by contacting the youth team directly.**

We are also excited to announce an **Easter Youth Raffle** fundraiser to help support our youth camp next year. **Tickets will be sold for \$2.00 each after Sunday Masses or can be purchased from the parish office.**

Thank you so much for your continued support in various ways, especially through your prayers.

God bless,
Youth Core Team



LIFE TEEN
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

24 Hours for the Lord

An initiative of Pope Francis for Lenten reconciliation and spiritual renewal which goes back to 2014. We will celebrate this devotion again in 2025. Please watch for details on the parish app and website. If you do not have the parish app on your phone please download it by scanning the QR code on the back of this newsletter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Recently Deceased:

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

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, 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

Tūmanako for the Palmerston North Diocese

It is important for parishioners to stay informed about not only parish events but also those things happening elsewhere in the Diocese and nationwide. Recently, the printed version of Welcom, the newspaper of the Wellington Archdiocese and Palmerston North Diocese, was discontinued. The replacement for these publications is Tūmanako for the Palmerston North Diocese and Cath News for the national Church. For the same reasons that it was unfeasible to print the Welcom so it is for CPH to print for everyone these publications. The best way for parishioners to access Tūmanako is to register at: www.pndiocese.org.nz. Any requests for printed copies of these publications from CPH will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. For parishioners wanting to read Fr Marcus' scripture reflections, for today and in the past, they can access his blog: <https://marcusfrancis.blogspot.com/>



SPC Church – Parking Reminder

We kindly remind everyone not to park on the footpath or grass areas at SPC. The grass area is a designated emergency assembly point, and the footpath poses a safety hazard for pedestrians. Blocking these spaces makes it difficult for people to move safely, particularly in the event of an emergency. Please note that the council may issue infringement notices for parking on the footpath.

SCHOOL NEWS



Kia Ora everyone. Another busy week at St Mary's School. On Wednesday we celebrated St Joseph's Feast Day. Thank you to Fr Marcus for coming and taking a school wide Mass in our hall along with the Young Vinnies giving get well soon cards for Pope Francis, a lovely act of service. This was then followed up by a fun tabloid's afternoon, a huge, shared lunch then fun activities in the afternoon in classrooms. On Thursday the Junior school visited Kohupatiki Marae with a pōwhiri and some very special activities. We look forward to another fun-filled week ahead. God Bless.

Paul Wallace (Principal, St Mary's School)



Our school have celebrated St. Joseph's Day in wonderful style. Our children have been busy with crafting and art during this day, with Mass being celebrated by all as we honour St. Joseph, and the example he is for us. The Bouncy Castle was a big hit with all the children. We had the pleasure of welcoming a team from the National Aquarium of New Zealand recently who brought to school their interactive and engaging presentation about the fascinating world of Marine Life. Friday 21 March is Teacher Only Day as the staff unpack the new Maths Curriculum. Our Easter Raffle tickets are on sale in the school office. This is a fundraiser for Year 5/6 Camp. God Bless.

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



We enjoyed an uplifting combined school mass with St Johns on Sunday, it was a full house with only standing room left, thank you to everyone who joined us – we're looking forward to the next one. Last week we had the privilege of attending the Palmerston North Diocese for the DRS and Principal's conference. There we had the opportunity to connect with our fellow Catholic schools. We spent time breaking open the NCEA Level 1 RE achievement standard 'Our Sacred Place', which focuses on a pilgrimage. As a school we use Pakipaki as our sacred place and our Level 1 students have been to visit a few weeks ago. There they heard from Matua Charles Ropitini on the life of Susanne Aubert and the establishment of the Māori missionary.

Next week is a busy week for SHC students. It's Summer tournament week and we have our futsal team, waka ama team, canoe polo team and canoe sprinting all traveling to represent our kura. We are very proud of how well our students perform in sports. For a small school we are well represented with high performances in every area. Our student leaders will be traveling to Waikanae to the RNDM retreat. Here they will meet our sister schools from around the island and be emersed in the RNDM charism with a focus on communion, contemplation and mission. Please keep all who are traveling in your prayers this week. God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)



We are now well over halfway through term one and it seems like the first week back was only yesterday. Last week our senior students of Te Reo Māori spent several days in Mahia learning about tikanga and Māori tradition. We had a combined Mass with Sacred Heart College at St Patrick's Church on Sunday, which was well attended and a lovely celebration. This week our Senior Canoe Polo Team participated in the National Secondary Schools Competition held in Palmerston North.

Conor Bolton (DRS, St John's College)

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.

CPH Media:

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