

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



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23rd February 2025

Reflection for Today

Jesus tells his disciples: "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them." (Lk 4: 32) We are called to a higher standard of morality and conduct. This is a challenge for Catholics: "since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rm 3: 23) and "but sin is not reckoned where there is no law" (Rm 5: 13) The objective teachings of the Catholic Church mean I cannot invent my own, personal morality that meets my subjective needs and criteria. I cannot rely on values and good intentions. No, I am held to the standard set forth by the Lord himself and the example of the saints.

Our Lady is a model of holiness for the whole of the Church. However, we should not wallow helplessly in our failures and inability to live up to the demands of Christ's law of love: "For the love of Christ urges us on." (2 Cor 5: 14) We have to journey as missionary disciples and pilgrims of hope. We are sustained by the grace of God, assisted by the sacraments and given forgiveness by the mercy of God. The place to start this project is in our own homes and congregations where our welcoming attitude and invitational smiles will be a sign of our desire to serve the Lord and love others as he asks us to.

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

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

02 March 2025:

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

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**

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. We will have Mass at St Peter Chanel at 10.30am, followed by lunch. Please contact the parish office asap to register for catering purposes: reception@hastings.parish.nz; (06) 878 7774.

Jubilee of Deacons 22 – 23 February 2025



This weekend, we joyfully celebrate the Jubilee of Deacons, giving thanks for their steadfast service and unwavering commitment to the Church and its people.

Deacons are called to embody the spirit of Christ's servant heart, dedicating their lives to ministering in compassion, humility, and love. They reach out to those in need, offer comfort to the suffering, and strengthen our communities through acts of faith and service. Today, we honour their vital role in our Church, acknowledging their devotion and the countless ways they guide us closer to God through their words and deeds. Let us give thanks for their ministry and pray for their continued strength and grace in their calling.

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.

Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025:

Put your compassion into action

Giving envelopes for the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025 have been distributed today at Mass. Every donation given will support Caritas life-changing humanitarian and development work around the world and create change not just for today but for the future.

This year, Caritas are encouraging you to give online or through direct deposit if possible, to reduce costs and to make processing donations faster. To learn more or to donate visit Caritas.org.nz

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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

Huge demand for food boxes:

We welcome your Sunday Mass food donations e.g. pasta, pasta sauce, rice, crackers, jams, toiletries etc. Thank you for your support.



YOUTH CORNER

Welcome to our young people's corner. We had an amazing gathering last Sunday with our first 'Life Night' on 'Everything but the Key'. One of our leaders, Daniel, made an amazing proclamation on 'LOCKED OUT - The Necessity of Authority'.

Today, our theme is 'KEEPER OF THE KEYS - Understanding Ecclesial Authority'. The goal is for teens to understand that the Catholic Church is entrusted with the authority of Jesus Christ to continue His work on earth.

Some of our teens preparing for baptism next Sunday will receive the anointing of catechumens today. Please include them in your prayers and join us for their big day on Sunday 2nd March, 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church as we welcome them into our Catholic family.

Youth Mass and 'Life Night': Sacred Heart Church, 5:30pm - every Sunday during the school term.

If you wish to support our young people's Sunday meals, please contact the office: reception@hastings.parish.nz; (06) 878 7774 or our youth team directly.

Thank you so much to all those who had contributed to our youth ministry in multiple ways.

God bless,
Youth Core Team.



Rite of Election (RCIA)

The Rite of Election for the Diocese will be celebrated on Sunday 9 March, 2.00pm at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North. Contact Lee Russell: 021 560 071; leerussell553@gmail.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:



Rex Ingram; Kenneth Wilson; Ana-Maria Lolagi; Eugenie Laracy.

Anniversaries:

Johanna Palmer-Wilson; Daniel Taylor; Joe O'Boyle A09/02; Lewis Caldwell A10/02; Gregory Harrison; John Berry; V. K. Mani.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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 MARCH 2025

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 or bring it to the parish office by March 5th. Further details including dates, times, and the location will be updated on our website.

Marriage Enrichment Programme Update

The Marriage Enrichment Programme held last Saturday was a success. Thank you to those couples who attended.



SCHOOL NEWS



Kia Ora everyone, as we complete our fourth week of the new year we reflect on the wonderful start for all of our children. The Senior students have started their Tech Art at Havelock Intermediate. We have been learning about the 25th Jubilee and the history around it. The symbols of the Jubilee on the logo are very interesting and worth researching. The Junior School is looking forward to the Catholic Tabloids day coming up at Reignier School, such a fabulous opportunity for our tamariki. We have started our whole school assemblies on the new day and time fortnightly at 2.00pm so that parents and caregivers can come along. Well done to all of the new leaders announced on Friday and those children that received Catholic Character Awards. Have a wonderful week everyone and God Bless.

Paul Wallace (Principal, St Mary's School)



A number of classes enjoyed their time at Waimarama last week, learning essential information around sea safety. I had the privilege of accompanying our school leaders to the Sacred Heart open Mass last Friday. They represented our school with pride, embodying the Gospel values that are deeply woven into our school community. Senior/middle school Swimming Sports will take place on Monday 24th February; Pool Party: Wednesday, 26th February; Senior Leaders Retreat: Thursday, 27th February; Tabloid Sports at Reignier School: Friday 28th February; and our whole school Mass: Sunday 2nd March at Sacred Heart Church. Lots happening at St. Joseph's School.

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



We are delighted to be joining the Hastings Parish for our first combined Mass on Sunday. Thursday 27th and Friday 28th of February all Year 11 students will be visiting a range of local sites in Napier and Hastings including Suzanne Aubert's church in Pakipaki as part of their NCEA Level 1 studies. This is an information-gathering trip focusing on our local history and environment, as well as deepening their understanding of Mātauranga Māori. Our Gateway programme are 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, social work 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 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)

OLOL SUNDAY ROSTERS

Sunday ministry rosters for March, April and May 2025, have been completed and are available from the church porch and on the parish website from next week. Thank you.

CLASS REUNION - SHC Whanganui Form 3A & C of 1967

Saturday 31 May – Sunday 1 June 2025

If interested contact: **Bev (Connors) Absolom:**
bgabsolom19@gmail.com; 027 5183 199 or
Liz Hickey rsj: lizhickey@inspire.net.nz; 021 2080 929.

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