

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

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



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 26th January 2025

Reflection for Today

We hear in the First Reading: "... for this day is holy to the Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Neh 8: 10)

The people are weeping as they contemplate the ruins of the Temple while listening to the beauty of the Torah. Every Sunday we hear of God's mercy and his marvelous deeds, especially in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. We too need to locate the joy of the Lord surrounded as we are by the ruins of a Catholic culture which has been smashed by a tsunami of secularism and materialism. We cannot go backwards just like the Jews could not re-establish what was there prior to their exile to Babylon. We need to build on the foundations laid by God that will bring about an even greater time of conversion and faith.

Let us be filled with the joy of the Gospel and inspired by Pope Francis to live out our missionary discipleship, just as the Jews were given courage and consolation by Ezra the scribe.

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

26th January 2025:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

2nd February 2025:

The Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

Your participation is welcome

EXPOSITION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:

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

St Peter Chanel (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

LOLO: Wednesday, 9.30am

ROSARY:

LOLO: 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: 0276591313; or John: 0278787014

FOCOLARE SHARE: "Living the Word"

1st Sunday each month.

Contact Gerard: 0211216391; or Ellen: 0274484242

MORNING PRAYER: (*will resume Monday 3rd February, 2025*)

SH Day Chapel: Monday - Friday, 9.00am

MORNING TEA: (*will resume Wednesday 5th February, 2025*)

SH: Wednesday, 10.00 - 11.45am.

YOUTH GROUP:

SH: Sunday, 5.30pm Mass, followed by a shared meal and life night (Lifeteen Programme). If you are a teen (13-17 years), please join us.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Contact Faaki: 021 164 4218

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST VINCENT DE PAUL



Hastings shop is looking for help on our shop counter. Only two hours of your time weekly!

Thursdays: 1pm - 3pm

Fridays: 11am - 1pm

Please call Clare: (06) 876 7511

ALL VOLUNTEERS PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 8th March, 2025

We would like to show our appreciation for your help.

Please note the date change to coincide with the Jubilee of the World of Volunteering.



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.

Finance: Tuesday, February 11th, 7.00pm

Liturgy: Wednesday, February 5th, 5.30pm.

TEACHING AND FORMATION MINISTRY

All are invited to our teaching event on the Ark of the Covenant. Saturday 1st February 2025, between 1pm & 4pm at St Peter Chanel Church hall. Our speaker, Allan Gierran from KPF Wellington, will help us understand the mystery of this great title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary with scriptural bases and Church teachings. Registration is free and afternoon tea will be provided for all participants.



LOLO First Sunday Morning Tea Roster 2025

The roster for those people willing to serve morning tea and clean up afterwards is being prepared now for the coming year. We usually have different people serving on the first Sunday of each month, so if you're willing to commit for any month, please see Dan or Susan Doohan after Mass, or contact us by phone. - (06) 877 7733 or 021 924 119 (Dan).

*LOLO First Sunday Morning Tea for 2025 will be after Mass on **Sunday 2nd February**. Come along for tea or coffee and a chat. It is an opportunity to get to know others from our faith community a little better.*



SPC Altar Serving Training

Altar serving training will be held at St. Peter Chanel Church on Tuesday 28th January at 6pm (after 5.30pm Mass).

All children who have made their First Holy Communion are encouraged to join.



CPH Key Register and First Aid



Could all those with parish keys please phone the parish office to advise and please return any keys that are no longer required.

We are required to have a qualified First Aid officer in attendance at our Masses. Parishioners who hold a current First Aid certificate and regularly attend Mass, please contact the parish office.

YOUTH CORNER

New Year warm greetings to you all, our dear Catholic Parish of Hastings family. Welcome to our young people's corner, where we have some exciting glory stories to share with you. Last week, from January 14th to 18th, we took 15 teens, 4 chaperones, and 6 summer missionaries to Life Teen Summer Camp 2025 at St Paul Collegiate, Hamilton.

This year was the 40th anniversary of this wonderful American youth movement and Life Teen Aotearoa Summer Camp was the first camp to celebrate this milestone. Life Teen's goal is **"Leading Teens Closer To Christ Through The Eucharist."** This goal is interesting and real for everyone, as we have experienced a deeper encounter with Christ through the Masses and Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction.

SANCTUARY was the theme, as everyone enjoys being in a safe place where we feel a sense of belonging and love, especially our young people. The host from the US, Matt, was a lovely guest speaker and his testimonies touched everyone's heart. He shared: **"I want my heartbeat to be dialogue with God!"** He talked about how the noise of the world disturbs our relationships with God and our heartbeats do not dialogue with Him.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our priests, Fr Marcus and Fr Vijay, for their ongoing prayers and for supporting our youth ministry. Thank you to all our youth sponsors: St Vincent de Paul, Napier and Hastings; Team Global Express Trucking; Mahons Amusements; St John's College, Hastings; St Joseph's School, Hastings; and all of our generous parishioners near and far, whose names are requested to remain anonymous.

Thank you so much for your huge contribution that enabled our youth group to be part of a life-changing camp. We are praying for you all. May God's Spirit fill your hearts with His gifts and fruits you require on this earthly pilgrimage.

Our youth gathering will resume on Sunday 9th February. We welcome all teens (13-17 years) to join us. If you need further information, please contact the parish office or our youth team directly.

God bless,

Youth Core Team



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Recently Deceased:

Russell Hutchins, Lawrence and Nola Maloney, Patrick and Ivy Carroll, Brian Epplert, Elizabeth Elmore, Graham Harris, Michael Craven, Margaret Martin, Veve Timu (Steph's sister), Rex Ingram.

Anniversaries:

Nicholas Bot A10/01, Antonius Bott, John Anderson A17/01.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Fenton Kelly, Ted Miller, Martha Bone, Val McMillan.

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: 878 8643; Eleanor McFlynn: 878 9928;

Patricia Webley: 877 8172;

or Margaret Armstrong: 877 7758





First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the 7 youth from our Indian Community who made their First Communion on Saturday 18th January. Please continue to pray for them to support them on their faith journey.



PROLIFE FACTS

Shortly before the end of 2024, the latest annual abortion report was published. The number of abortions per 1000 known pregnancies has climbed from 193 (as reported in the previous year's report) to 221, corresponding to a 14.9% increase. The New Zealand abortion rate has now reached 16, 277, marking an almost 23% increase in abortions since the passing of the extreme Abortion Legislation Act in our country. The introduction of the 0800-dial-an-abortion service is also likely to have contributed to the increase in abortions. The report also showed that a relatively small proportion of pregnant women (15%) sought pre-abortion counselling, and 11,610 women were undergoing a repeat abortion. One positive is that 26 abortion providers had at least one instance of pregnant women who had been scheduled to have an abortion deciding to keep their baby.

For more information, please visit: www.voiceforlife.org.nz



Columban Calendar 2025

Available for purchase in the parish office, \$13 (cash or direct credit).

S.P.C Church Cleaning for FEBRUARY

Jasmi Joseph/Cicily Philip (Indian Community)

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER 2025

To ensure a space is available, any notices for the newsletter need to be submitted by **Wednesday lunchtime**. If you wish to receive your newsletter via email, please email reception@hastings.parish.nz

If you change your address, email, or phone number please contact the office so they can amend your details.

OPENING OF THE YEAR OF JUBILEE

Pilgrims of Hope

2 FEBRUARY 2025, 9:30AM
CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
197 BROADWAY AVE, PALMERSTON NORTH



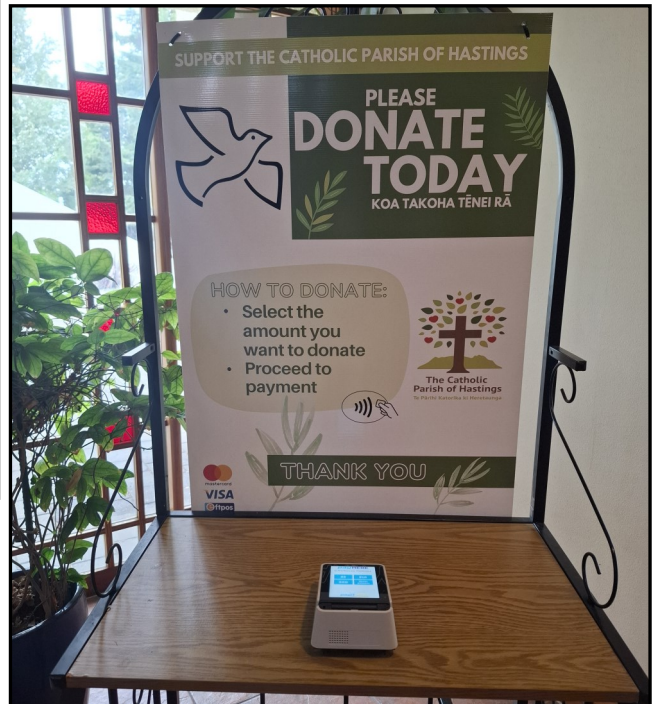
Are you new to our Parish?

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

TAP AND GO



An Eftpos machine is now located in the foyer of Sacred Heart church. This is to give parishioners an alternative way to make donations to our parish. This works like a regular Eftpos machine and you can easily determine the amount you want to donate. Thank you for your support.



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