

**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; Katey Jewell; Trish Sharp

**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)*

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**2nd March 2025**

**Reflection for Today**

When I read the gospel for today and reflect on my life I am convicted by Jesus' teachings of my own shortcomings. How often have I been blind? Or, failed to notice the log in my own eye while seeing the speck in others? There is a saying that "hindsight is always 20/20." The capacity of human beings to rationalize their own conduct or delude themselves is tremendous. How else could many come to the conclusion that killing babies in the womb is a human right?! To be a Christian is to: "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." (Phil 12: 2) Until we die our lives are a work in progress. The fruit of our lives is manifest often after we have gone. However much of our experience is brought about through self-fulfilling prophecies: "Out of the good treasure of the heart, the good person produces good; and out of the evil treasure the evil person produces evil." (Lk 6: 45) Nevertheless, we do not lose heart. Every Sunday we celebrate the resurrection and are reminded of our loving God's power over sin and death: "The sting of death is sin, and the power of the sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 15: 56-57)

**Fr Marcus Francis**

**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



## Readings: Year C

**02 March 2025:**

**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**09 March 2025:**

**First Sunday of Lent**

*Deut 26: 4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13*

## 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

**LOL:** Wednesday, 9.30am

### ROSARY:

**LOL:** Thursday, 9.10am

**SH:** Saturday, 8.00am

### BAPTISM PREPARATION:

**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](mailto:reception@hastings.parish.nz); (06) 878 7774.

## 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, March 11th, 7.00pm

**Liturgy:** Wednesday, March 12th, 5.30pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

To Fr. Marcus, on your 24th anniversary of ordination. Wishing you continued strength and fulfilment in your ministry. Please keep Fr Marcus in your prayers.



*The ordination of Fr Marcus Francis on February 24, 2001, by Bishop Owen Dolan.*

## Tax Receipts

The end of March is the conclusion of the financial year. I 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.

## Ash Wednesday Mass Times | 5 March 2025

9.00am - Our Lady of Lourdes

12.05pm - Sacred Heart

5.30pm - St Peter Chanel

# YOUTH CORNER

A warm welcome to our young people's corner! We would like to congratulate the teens who have successfully completed baptism preparation since the fourth term of last year: **Delrose-Braxton Tuaputa, Liam Claire, Wyatt Hay, William Hay, Sean Holland, Micah Ross Longdon, Sanlik Chin, Samuel Griffiths, and Thomas Barber**. With open hearts and arms, we embrace them into our Catholic family through the Sacrament of Baptism. We appreciate the dedication of the parents and godparents for being an integral part of this journey. A big thank you to Fr. Marcus and Fr. Vijay for their ongoing spiritual guidance and support of our teens. Please continue to keep our young people in your prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion and Confirmation on the first Sunday of August.

The theme for tonight's Life Night is "**ROOM KEY**". We will hear from different speakers sharing about their vocations – Marriage/ Matrimony, Priesthood, Religious Life, and Single Life. The goal is to help teens understand the role of authority in each personal vocation of the Church, so they can embrace their universal vocation to holiness.

**Youth Mass and Life Night: Sunday, 5.30pm, Sacred Heart.**

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

God bless,  
Youth Core Team



LIFE TEEN  
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

### Recently Deceased:

Eugenie Laracy; Gregory Harrison; John Berry.

### Anniversaries:

V. K. Mani; Graham Hill A22/03.



## 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](mailto:pa@hastings.parish.nz) or to the parish office **by Wednesday, 5th March**.

**Preparation will take place after the Sacred Heart, 9.00a.m. Mass at the Mission Centre (behind the parish office).**

**Session one will commence on Sunday, 9th March.**

## SAVE THE DATE:

### WHARE KŌRERO TALKING HOUSE

To celebrate the birthday of Mēri Hōhepa Suzanne Aubert, Houngarea Marae Pakipaki will be hosting a 'Talking House' with an open invitation for people to come and share their stories about Mother Aubert in Hawke's Bay. The 'Talking House' will be presided by Sister Margaret Anne Mills from the Home of Compassion Island Bay.

**Thursday, 19 June, 2025:**

**09:00am Pōwhiri Welcome**

**10:00am Whare Kōrero Talking House**

**4:00pm Miha Mass**



# SCHOOL NEWS

The term is flying by very fast; we are at week 4 already! It's heartwarming to see all our new students settling in so well with the help of our wonderful teaching team, deans and older students to guide them. New friendships being formed and old ones rekindled – it's going to be a really great term. Tuesday, 4th March is our Year 9 BBQ, a lovely occasion for our year 9 students and their whānau to connect with our teachers in the Amphitheatre. Mrs Harvey is frantically registering students for winter sports, it's such a big job and we thank her for everything she does for our sports teams, plus organizing camps, athletics days etc! Thursday, 6th March is the Future Pathways first aid course, a valuable workshop to get the students work ready for their Gateway work experience later in the term/year but also ready for any emergency that may arise in their day-to-day life. Friday, 7th March is Athletics Day at Marewa Park - weather depending! (back up day will be 14th March). God bless.

**Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)**



Te Kāreti o Ngākau Tapu  
Hearts and minds in harmony

Last week we held our athletics sports at the Hastings Sports Park. It was awesome weather and an awesome day of athletics. This week we held our annual swimming sports at the Hastings Aquatic Centre. This was our first time using this venue due to the closure of Frimley pool. Another awesome day of interhouse sport was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Kane Hokianga, Carl Gibbons and SJC staff for their mahi on both sports days.



**Conor Bolton (DRS, St John's College)**

## THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Centenary  
1925 - 2025

21 / 22 MARCH 2025

FREE  
EVENT

CULTURAL  
FOOD  
STALLS

MUSICAL  
FESTIVITIES

COFFEE  
TRUCK

EVERYONE  
WELCOME



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### RCIA

Our RCIA catechumens and candidates, with their catechists, sponsors and families, are travelling to Palmerston North on Sunday for the Rite of Election and Enrolment of Names. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

### Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025: Put your compassion into action

Giving envelopes for the Bishop's Lent Appeal 2025 are in your church foyer. 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](https://www.caritas.org.nz)

### Lenten Reflection Programme

It's not too late to host a Lenten Reflection Group! If you're interested, please reach out to the parish office for more details. Groups meet weekly at a time that works best for you, and all necessary resources will be provided. Contact us at:

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