

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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Hospital Chaplain: Deb Lucy: 027 355 4830; **Youth Ministry:** Faaki Tuanaki: 021 164 4218
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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



Fourth Sunday of Lent 30th March 2025

Reflection for Today

All of today's readings speak of a new beginning: The Lord tells Joshua: "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt" (Josh 5: 9) and the father of the prodigal son exclaims: "... for this son of mine was dead and is alive again, he was lost and is found!" (15: 24) while St Paul tells the Corinthians: "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything has passed away; see everything has become new!" (2 Cor 5: 17) Lent is not simply a season of self-denial - it is a season of renewal. We are renewed by God's love. The obstacle of our sin is no longer insurmountable because Jesus is risen, and his power is available to us through the Holy Spirit if only we have the courage to trust in him. Unfortunately, many people only realize this once they find themselves in the metaphorical pigsty. It is at this moment: "he came to himself." (Lk 15: 17) The discipline of Lent has the benefit of conforming us more to Christ and thereby opening us up to the gratitude of knowing that our heavenly Father is indeed the one who welcomes us home and restores us to our place in the family which is his Church.

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

30 March 2025:

4th Sunday of Lent

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

06 April 2025:

5th Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16-21, Phil 3:8-14, Jn 8:1-11

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*)

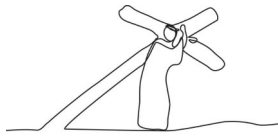
Madonna Maria: Tuesday, 9.00am - 1.00pm

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.

RITE 11 RECONCILIATION

SPC: Thursday 10th April, 7.00pm.

PROLIFE FACTS

A powerhouse team of women and the Maxim Institute have launched a new initiative for Kiwi women passionate about making a difference to the future of New Zealand society. Their first gathering will be in Auckland in April. Entitled "Verity: Women Shaping the Future", the event features speakers Lou Bridges, Maryanne Spurdle and special guest Dr Lara Hoskins, and will explore whether New Zealand's End of Life Choice Act reflects compassion or a society that shuns both suffering and sacrifice. The meeting will be held on **April 10, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Mt Roskill War Memorial Hall, 15 May Road, Wesley.** Please **RSVP** at <https://mailchi.mp/maxim.org.nz/verity> to secure your spot. For more pro-life information, visit www.voiceforlife.org.nz.

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 Vincent de Paul Update



Hastings St Vinnies are needing empty jam jars with lids on please. Hastings Foodbank have asked for pasta, rice, noodles, jam, coconut milk and milo. Thank you for your support.

St Joseph's School Bake Sale



Join us after 9.00am Mass today (Sunday) at Sacred Heart Church 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 have cash ready to buy tasty baked goods and support our school children in their outdoor education.



Welcome to our Youth Ministry! As we enter the third week of Lent, we pray that each of us surrenders to God, allowing Jesus to help us carry our daily crosses. Last Friday, we experienced the power of surrendering to God. Despite challenging weather conditions that made walking up Te Mata Peak difficult, we persevered to carry the cross and reflect on Christ's passion. The path was slippery, and there were many obstacles, but by God's grace, we made it to the top and back safely.

This past Sunday, it was wonderful to hear from one of our young leaders, June, who delivered the proclamation. She spoke thoughtfully about "Prayers, Fasting, and Almsgiving" during this Lenten season. A big thank you to our generous team for their continued support, which makes our Sunday services possible in so many ways.

Today's Life Night theme is **"PAINLESS! - CONVERSION."** The goal of **"Painless!"** is for teens to view the Passion and death of Jesus Christ through the perspective of the apostle Peter, helping them grasp the profound depths of God's love and mercy, which can inspire true conversion. All teens aged 13-17 are invited to join us for our "Sunday Life Night.

Confirmation 2025 - 3rd August. Registration is open now, please pick up a form from the parish office. Sessions Start: Sunday 4th May, Sacred Heart Church, 5:30pm.

A huge thank you to all our generous sponsors, for your ongoing support. You are all in our prayers and please, continue to pray for our young people. Thank you.

God bless,
Youth Core Team



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, Martha Bone, Magdalen Kneebone, Marie Cameron, Louise O'Connor, Brian Cochrane.

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**
- Kathy Kavanagh: (027) 201 7864**
- Margaret Armstrong: (06) 877 7758**

Pilgrimage to Hiruhārama, Jerusalem

On the 8th March, three parishioners joined people from Palmerston North and New Plymouth on a Pilgrimage to Hiruhārama, Jerusalem on the Whanganui River. It was a beautiful experience as we stopped along the way at significant sites. Murray Adams guided us with prayer and information. Bishop John travelled with us and we were privileged to celebrate Mass with him in St Joseph's Church at Hiruharama. There was plenty of time for contemplation, especially at Hiruhārama. We gained many insights into Suzanne Aubert and the Sisters of Compassion along the way and were lucky to have three sisters share with us before we headed home. There will be another Pilgrimage in September and we urge you to be alert to advertising on the CPH App and in newsletters. Marie Leogreen, Bill & Lee Pepping welcome questions you may have. *"Thanks be to God for all He does and is doing for us."* - Suzanne Aubert.

First Reconciliation



Please note First Reconciliation will now take place on **Saturday 5th April, 2pm** **at Sacred Heart Church.** The children are asked to meet Liz and Sian in the church foyer at 1.45pm. Parents are most welcome to receive this sacrament after the children. For those families who cannot attend, please contact the parish office.

SCHOOL NEWS



This week our futsal team travelled to Wellington to compete in the NZ Secondary Schools Futsal Tournament. They placed 17th out of 32 teams! The competition was tough, but coach, Ben Quane, and manager, Lisa Brassington, were impressed how well they all played for such a young team playing in a senior competition. Watch this space in the years to come as they continue to develop and grow as a team. Year 9 students head off to enjoy their camp at Tukituki Christian Camp this week. It'll be a chance for them to bond with their cohort in a fun way. Lots of team-building activities, outdoor adventures, and shared experiences to create lasting friendships. Come along to Fiafia at St John's College on Friday 4th April, doors open at 5.20pm. Sacred Heart & St John's are sure to put on a wonderful evening of connection, culture and kai! See you there. God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)



This week our 1st XI cricket team was in Palmerston North competing in the "Ross Taylor Bat" competition. One of our students headed off to the East Coast as part of the Young Marists' Neighbours program and last Sunday three Japanese students arrived from Tokyo to spend a few weeks at St John's and explore Hawke's Bay. Next Friday we are holding our joint Fiafia Evening with Sacred Heart College which will be held in our school gymnasium. Our young men have settled into the routine of things and are gearing up for the winter sports as we head into Autumn.

Conor Bolton (DRS, St John's College)

Hope and Renewal Summit | Save the Date

The Diocesan Pastoral Team is excited to announce the Hope and Renewal Summit. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, join Fr. James Mallon and parish leaders from across New Zealand as we embrace our mission, inspire hope, and transform our culture. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and collaborate with fellow parish leaders, priests, and community members. **2-4 October 2025 (for Clergy), 3-4 October (for everyone) at the Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North.** Registration opens soon, join our email list to get notified once registration opens: <https://news.divinerenovation.org/h/y/90965FA3EE808169>

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.

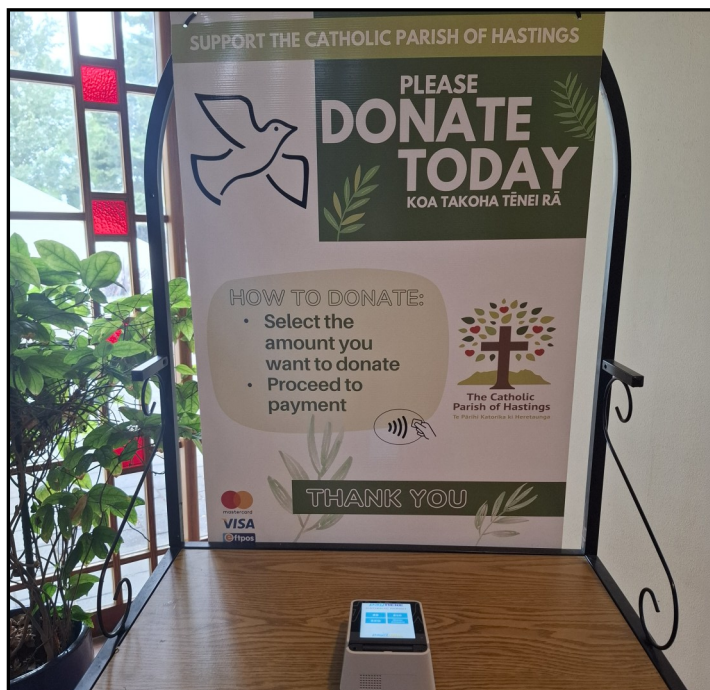
Are you new to our Parish?

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



SPC Church Cleaning for April

Ancy Thomas, Jasmi Joseph, Cecily Philip



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. Thank you for your support.

CPH Media:

Please scan the QR code for our parish app and follow us on Facebook ['The Catholic Parish of Hastings'](https://www.facebook.com/TheCatholicParishofHastings)

