

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

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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 Easter | 4th May 2025

3 – 4 May Jubilee of Workers

Reflection for Today

Jesus threefold question to Peter today is: "Do you love me" (Jn 21: 15, 16 and 17). This reminds us that not only is God declared in the Scriptures to be love: "for God is love" (1 Jn 4: 8) he is also asking us for love in return. This love response is to be found not in the intellect or the appetites but in the heart. It is relevant that Pope Francis' last significant document was a treatise on the Sacred Heart of Jesus since it reveals the depth of God's love for us. It is also from the heart that we find mercy, as we celebrated last Sunday with Divine Mercy. It is also interesting that Peter feels hurt when the question is asked for the third time (Jn 21: 17). His response is to submit to the Lord and his knowledge: "Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you." (Jn 21: 17) It is true to say that God knows us even better than we know ourselves and loves us, likewise, more that we can know. St Paul teaches: "Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." (Rm 8: 26-27) As we journey towards Pentecost may we progressively open our hearts to the Holy Spirit so that we may be transformed by God's love just as Peter was.

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

04 May 2025:

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-9

11 May 2025:

4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14,43-52; Rev 7:9,14-17; Jn 10:27-30

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

Madonna Maria: Tuesday, 9.00am - 1.00pm

RECONCILIATION (OR by appointment):

SH: Friday, 11.30am; Saturday, 8.00am

SPC: Saturday, 5.00pm

LOLOL: Wednesday, 9.30am

ROSARY:

SH: Saturday, 8.00am

LOLOL: Thursday, 9.10am

BAPTISM PREPARATION:

SH: First 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 - 13-17 years). Contact **Faaki, 021 164 4218**



90th Birthday Wishes

We warmly congratulate Margaret Frater and Margaret Percy, who both celebrated their 90th birthdays in April. The LOLOL community and the Catholic Parish of Hastings give thanks for their presence and contribution over the years.

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.

Liturgy: Wednesday 7 May

Finance: Tuesday 13 May

Bishop Owen Dolan RIP

The Diocese of Palmerston North is saddened to announce the death of the Most Reverend Owen Dolan, Emeritus Coadjutor Bishop of Palmerston North. Bishop Owen passed away peacefully after a short illness, aged 96. Ordained a priest in 1954, Bishop Owen served faithfully in parishes across New Zealand and spent time as a missionary in Peru, an experience that deeply shaped his ministry. He was ordained Coadjutor Bishop of Palmerston North in 1995 and retired in 2004.

Please keep Bishop Owen and his loved ones in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

Bishop Owen Dolan's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North on Tuesday, 6 May at 1.00pm.

Following the Mass, hospitality will be offered before Bishop Owen is taken to Kelvin Grove Cemetery for his interment.

Synodal Consultation for May in CPH

During May the following questions will be addressed at synodal meetings in CPH:

- ***What do I like about the Catholic Parish of Hastings (CPH)?***
- ***How can CPH be improved?***
- ***What is my vision for CPH in ten years' time?***

Parishioners can attend as many meetings in whichever location is convenient to them. If you are unable to attend a meeting please send your written responses to the parish office, these will remain anonymous.

The meetings will take place on the following Saturday's:

10 May, LOLOL: 2pm - 3.30pm

17 May, SH: 2pm - 3.30pm

24 May, SPC: 2pm - 3.30pm

Once the meetings have concluded the data received will be analysed and used to create more focused questions and options to drive us forward with a united vision for CPH.



YOUTH CORNER

Welcome back to Term 2!

We hope you had a blessed and restful Easter break. As we return to our parish activities, we also take a moment to reflect on the recent passing of Pope Francis. We join Catholics around the world in prayer and gratitude for his leadership, humility, and unwavering service to the Church. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Confirmation sessions begin this weekend - **Sunday, 4 May at 5:30pm at Sacred Heart Church.** We're excited to launch the LifeTeen Confirmation programme 'Purpose' with your teens. Please note: Parents are required to attend the first session. Bring your teen's Baptism and First Holy Communion certificates. If you still have registration forms at home, please bring those along too.

We look forward to journeying with your family during this special sacramental time.

God bless,
Youth Core Team



QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"God loves us.
May we discover the beauty of loving and being loved."
- Pope Francis

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Recently Deceased:

Pope Francis; Bishop Owen Dolan; Anthony Mullany; Brian Sorensen; Thérèse McAra; Colleen Sellwood.

Anniversaries:

Trish Fea 11/04; Shirley Ingram 11/04; Bob Anderson 14/04; Don McQuade 14/04; Colleen Brady 18/04; Mary Moran 24/04; Mary Pyke 29/04; deceased members of the Jonas and O'Farrell families.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

We will continue to pray for all our parishioners who have ongoing health challenges.

Fenton Kelly, Ian Sandral, Carmel Martin, Bryan Thompson.

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



Welcoming New Members into the Church

At the Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday, our parish joyfully celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation. We congratulate Moana Enosi, Natalie McGarva, and Kynan Motley, who were baptised and began their new life in Christ. We also warmly welcome Zaldy Castillo, Pippa Donovan, and Jenny Millare, who were received into full communion with the Catholic Church.

We give thanks for their witness and are blessed to have them as part of our parish family. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.

Music Ministry and Liturgy at Sacred Heart Church

Over time the needs of music ministry in the Church have changed. This is the case at Sacred Heart Church. A meeting to discuss the future of music ministry, especially the grand piano and organ, at Sacred Heart, will take place in that church on **Sunday 11 May at 3pm.** Anyone in the parish who is involved or interested in these matters is invited to be part of the conversation. This will also have implications for the sound equipment, visual media and other issues in the liturgy.

Thermals for Children

We appreciate all parishioners who have given donations and prayers to help our annual project. We are overwhelmed with your generosity in helping us reach our target. There will be 1,400 warm & snug children this winter. We thank you and may God continue to bless you. Suzanne & Lee



We warmly welcome back all our students, staff, and families as St Mary's School begins Term 2. We hope the Easter break was a time of rest, renewal, and special moments with loved ones. We look forward to a term filled with learning, growth, and shared faith. May God bless all our tamariki and kaiako as they return to school. In Loving Memory of Pope Francis. It is with great sorrow that we acknowledge the passing of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. A humble and compassionate shepherd, Pope Francis was truly the People's Pope—his warmth, simplicity, and unwavering dedication to justice and mercy touched hearts across the globe. He reminded us to care for the poor, welcome the stranger, and protect our common home. May he rest in eternal peace with our Risen Lord. Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers and give thanks for his extraordinary life of service to the Church and the world.

"We must restore hope to young people, help the old, be open to the future, and spread love. Be poor among the poor." - Pope Francis.

Paul Wallace (Principal, St Mary's Catholic Primary School)



Welcome back to Term 2. We have a busy and exciting term ahead, with O' Shea Shield, Kapa Haka regionals, Mission and Te Toa cup, Manu Korero, and winter sports and many more events. With the sad news of Pope Francis' passing on Easter Monday, we came together and held a beautiful liturgy in remembrance of our Pope. In this week of mourning our students have been wearing white ribbons as a sign of respect. We were also saddened to hear of the passing of Bishop Owen Dolan. He was a kind and caring man of deep faith. May he rest in peace.

Our whānau learning meetings will be held on Wednesday 7 May. These meetings are a chance for family to connect with our teachers. There will be no classes from 12.30pm onwards to facilitate these meetings. Next week our level 2 future pathways students will partake in a health and safety workshop, a chance for them to upskill before heading out on their Gateway work experience. If you would like to be a part of our Gateway Programme, it is a very valuable programme designed to strengthen career pathways for senior students to progress from school to the workplace or tertiary study. It provides students with structured workplace learning, to "test drive" a range of industries and businesses, while they continue to study at school. You can contact Fiona Quane for more information. Ph: 835 3761, Em: fquane@shcn.school.nz. God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)



Week 1 of Term 2 and we are back into the swing of things and winter sports. On Monday we had a liturgy for the passing of Pope Francis, followed by a pōwhiri to welcome our new Grounds Keeper John Edwards and our new Deputy Principal of Pastoral, Seamus Flood. During the holidays several of our staff and senior student leaders attended ANZAC ceremonies around Hawke's Bay. We also held an ANZAC Liturgy as a school on Friday. Finally, our Gateway students have started their work experience placements and we acknowledge the businesses that have agreed to take our young men under their wings. We continue to keep Pope Francis in our prayers and pray for the election of a new Pope.

Conor Bolton (DRS, St John's College)

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Sacramental preparation recommences on **Sunday 11 May, after the 9.00am Mass**. For those involved, please refer to our website and email updates.



CPH Media:

Please scan the QR code for our parish app and follow us on Facebook:

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