

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

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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



Fifth Sunday of Lent 6th April 2025

Reflection for Today

Like the elder brother in the parable from last Sunday we see people standing in a position of condemnation. Last week we heard: "... this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes" (Lk 15: 30) and today: "... this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery." (Jn 8: 3) The divine response to these allegations is: "But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found" (Lk 15: 32) and "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again." (Jn 8: 11) It helps to remember, as we look towards Holy Week which starts the following Sunday, that the fruit of the Passion, death and resurrection of our Lord is mercy. The question for us today is, how have I manifested mercy in my life? Do I look at others through the eyes of Jesus or am I one with the scribes and the Pharisees who: "... were grumbling and saying: 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them'." (Lk 15: 2) Furthermore, let us all be open to God's mercy so that we can also receive God's forgiveness and know his mercy for ourselves.

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

06 April 2025:

5th Sunday of Lent

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

13th April 2025:

Palm Sunday

Lk 19:28-40, Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Lk 22:14-23:56

RITE 11 RECONCILIATION

SPC: Thursday 10th April, 7.00pm.

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.**



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*)

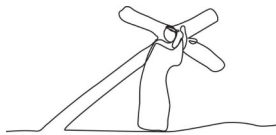
Madonna Maria: Tuesday, 9.00am - 1.00pm

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**

Good Friday Collection | 18 April 2025

The Holy Father's Good Friday Collection is a small gesture of solidarity for the Christian communities that still walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Our New Zealand collection is given for the upkeep of the Shrine Church in Cana, Galilee, and twenty University scholarships to Bethlehem University. In 1342 the Apostolic See confirmed the Franciscans as the legitimate guardians of the Holy Land. Funds gathered by each country is forwarded to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. Please give generously to this collection in support of our brothers and sisters living in the land our Lord ministered. Many thanks for your anticipated generosity again this year, it is very much appreciated. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit:

Diocese Palmerston North Hastings Pastoral Area:

02 0630 0288045 22

(your name as payee, and 'Holy Places' as reference).

Easter Sunday Dues Special Collection | 20 April 2025

Many thanks to parishioners who in the past have contributed to the Easter Dues/Offerings Special Collection. The collection is used by the Clergy Trust Fund to support the priests in the various costs pertaining to their ministries and personal lives. The Clergy Trust Fund is responsible for every aspect of our priests' wellbeing. The priests have always expressed their gratitude for the people's financial support and the care that they receive. There are also specially marked envelopes in the foyer, or alternatively please pay by direct credit:

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(your name as payee, and 'Dues' as reference).

Your support and help is always appreciated!

Fr. Brian Walsh (Chairman of the Clergy Trust Fund)



Hello everyone, and a warm welcome to our highlights of the week! On Friday (28/03), we had an incredible walk with the cross up Te Mata Peak. Despite the rain, 19 of us showed great perseverance, navigating slippery hills and making it to the top. It was a powerful moment of reflection on the Passion of Christ. We praise God for always looking after us as we strive to deepen our faith in so many ways.

On Sunday, Daniel delivered an inspiring talk on the theme “**Painless/Conversion**”. We ended the evening with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where many of us took the opportunity for spiritual healing. We also bid farewell to one of our beloved team leaders, Taylah Vo, who is embarking on a new journey with the NZ Army. We send her our prayers and best wishes for this exciting new chapter.

Today, we’ll be diving into the last theme of this series: “**LOOK MUM, NO HANDS!**” – **MARY AT THE CROSS**. The focus of this theme is for teens to reflect on the significance of Mary standing at the foot of the cross, and to see how she can walk with them through Lent as a loving mother and powerful intercessor.

Confirmation registration forms are now available. Please contact us or pick one up from the parish office. The deadline for submission is April 13th. We’re also selling tickets for our Easter Raffle, with fantastic prizes available! Tickets are just \$2 each. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes and purchased tickets, we appreciate your support.

We have one more walk up Te Mata Peak for Stations of the Cross this Friday at 6pm, starting by the car park. You’re all welcome to join us. Thank you so much for being part of this journey with us!

God bless,
Youth Core Team



5 – 6 April Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



Recently Deceased:



Martha Bone, Magdalen Kneebone, Marie Cameron, Louise O’Connor, Brian Cochrane, Natalie Corbett, Jan Clarkson.

Anniversaries:

Colleen Brady 18/04, Bob Anderson 14/04.

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

Standing with Care & Support Workers An Invitation from the Justice, Peace, Ecology & Development Commission

As we celebrate the Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers this weekend, we pray for those who dedicate their lives to caring for others. At the same time, let us stand in solidarity with care and support workers by using our voices to advocate for them.

One simple yet meaningful action we can take is to learn more about how care workers are striving for a system that provides both quality support for those in need and fair working conditions for those who provide it. Visit <https://etu.nz/transformingcare/> to read more and consider writing to the Government to call for pay equity for care and support workers at <https://etu.nz/payequityletter/>.

We encourage all parishioners to pray and take practical steps to honour and support the sick and healthcare workers in our church and community this weekend.

“Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable.”— Spes Non Confundit, 11

SCHOOL NEWS



As we enter the final weeks of the term, I want to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support and engagement in our school community. This term has been full of wonderful learning, growth, and special moments. With Holy Week beginning and we prepare our hearts for Easter, we warmly invite all families to a special Movie Night, where we will be screening King of Kings. We have had a wonderful Duffy Assembly where our special visitor was storyteller and author June Pitman-Hayes. June sang and told her stories, and we loved it. Our Young Vinnies are working hard on a project to support SPCA. in providing bedding for the animals at the shelter. God Bless.

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



Year 9 students had a great time at the Rippa Rugby Gala Day at the sports park on Tuesday, students were engaged and the weather was perfect! St John's College on Friday 4th April for our joint Fiafia with St John's College. Doors open at 5.20pm. It's sure to be a wonderful evening of connection, culture and kai. Our international students will enjoy a games day at Taradale High School this Friday with many other international students in the HB area. Margo Harvey, our sports coordinator is working her magic getting all the winter sports teams organized and ready to start next term which is not too far away! Just another week of school and then it's some well earned holidays for our kura – it's been a very busy term! God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS TIMES 2025

Palm Sunday – 13th April

Normal Mass Times

5.30pm, Sacred Heart Church: There will be a procession around the block prior to Mass (bring your palms).

Holy Thursday – 17th April

7:00pm at Sacred Heart Church

Good Friday – 18th April

3:00pm at Sacred Heart Church

3:00pm at St Peter Chanel Church

3:00pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Good Friday Pilgrimage: Depart Our Lady of Lourdes, 9am, walk to St Peter Chanel, finishing at Sacred Heart Church for 3pm service.

Holy Easter Vigil – 19th April

8:00pm at Sacred Heart Church

Easter Sunday – 20th April

8:00am at Immaculate Conception, Pakipaki

9:00am at Sacred Heart Church

9:30am at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

10:30am at St Peter Chanel Church



24 Hours for the Lord

The 24 Hours for the Lord event took place on March 28-29, 2025. This was a Lenten initiative of prayer and reconciliation initiated by Pope Francis, celebrated as part of the Jubilee of Hope with the theme "You are my hope." It was wonderful having St. Joseph's School students join us. Thank you to all those who took the time to participate, whether during the day or through the night.

Palm Sunday at Pakipaki

The Palm Sunday procession at Pakipaki will start 08:00am at St Luke's Church with readings and procession to the Immaculate Conception for Mass.