

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

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

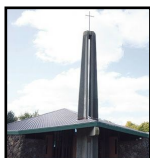


Madonna Maria

901 Frederick Street,
Hastings

Weekday Mass:

Friday - 9.15am



First Sunday of Lent
9th March 2025

Reflection for Today

The fact that Jesus was tempted tells us that it is not a sin to be subject to temptation since: "For we do not have a high priest (Jesus) who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but we have one who in every respect has been tested, as we are, yet without sin." (Heb 4: 15) The nature of those temptations: the appetites, worldly power and glory, and fame through wonder working, are evident in human history and our society today. One only needs to peruse social media and television to see that human nature has not changed in all this time. If anything, with the developments in technology and communications, these things have become even more immediate and sometimes destructive as we see in the power of narcotics. Sometimes we are so inured to our harmful habits we become blind to the temptations which are dangled before our eyes by advertisers or other purveyors of products for sensual gratification. The remedy, however, to these temptations remains the same - the Word of God. Jesus responds to the enticements of the devil by relying on Scripture and its saving message which instructs us to: "Worship the Lord your God and serve only him." (Lk 4: 8) By observing Lent we shine the light of God's Word on our lives so that we may master our petty and insidious idolatries. In this way we are enabled to serve God more fully. It is only in this servitude that we find true freedom.

Fr Marcus Francis

Readings: Year C

09 March 2025:

First Sunday of Lent

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

16 March 2025:

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Luk 9:28-36

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE 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

OLOL: Wednesday, 9.30am

ROSARY:

OLOL: Thursday, 9.10am

SH: Saturday, 8.00am

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.

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**

LENTEN SCRIPTURE DISCUSSIONS AT OLOL

Fr Marcus will lead group discussions on Scripture on the following Thursdays of Lent at Our Lady of Lourdes, after the post-Eucharist morning tea approximately 10.30am - 11.30am: 13 and 20 March; 3, 10 and 17 April. We will be following the readings for Sundays from Year C of the Lectionary. All CPH parishioners are welcome to avail themselves of the opportunity to dive deeper into the meaning of our Sunday readings and the Lenten season.

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

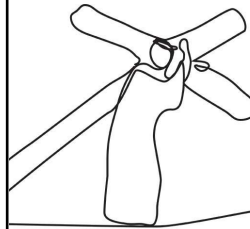
Liturgy: Wednesday, March 19th, 5.30pm.

Calling All Compassionate Volunteers!

Do you have a heart for service? We need your help in bringing the comfort of Communion to the sick and homebound in our community. Full training and resources provided - no prior experience necessary! Your time and care will make a lasting difference in the lives of those who are unable to attend Mass.

If you feel called to this important ministry, please contact the parish office for more information and to sign up
(06) 878 7774; reception@hastings.parish.nz

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent.

SH: 6.00pm - 7.00pm

(during Holy Hour)

OLOL: 1.30pm

The May 2025 Funding Round for the Diocese of Palmerston North Allocations Group is now open.

Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group.

The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation and aligned with the diocesan goals. We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria.

Applications are now open and are due by 31 March 2025. Application forms and more information can be found here: ***Application for Funding – Catholic Charities Allocations | Diocese of Palmerston North*** or please contact **reception@pndiocese.org.nz**; **ph (06) 354 1780.**

YOUTH CORNER

Greetings to you all and a warm welcome to our youth corner.

A huge congratulations to our newly baptised young people: **Delrose Braxton-Tuaputa, Liam Clare, Samuel Griffiths, Thomas Barber, Micah Longdon, Sanlik Chin, William Hay and Wyatt Hay.** May God's Spirit continue to lead and guide you throughout your earthly pilgrimage.

We are grateful to the parents, godparents, and families for your continuous support during this preparation journey, which began last October. Your commitment highlights how essential it is for teenagers to have guidance along the way. Let's continue to accompany them as they approach the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Today, we're exploring our final theme in the series, **"Everything but the Key" - KEY CHAIN: INSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY.**

The goal is to help teens understand the role of authority figures and how working alongside them can help build stronger communities. We invite all teenagers aged 13-17 to join us for this Life Night after Mass.

If you are interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please contact the parish office for a registration form. Sessions will begin next term, with the date to be confirmed.

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.

Anniversaries:

V. K. Mani, Graham Hill A22/03, Giuseppina Ercolano, Dominic Lentino.

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

Fenton Kelly, Anthony Mullany.

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

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday 29th March, 9.30am - 6.30pm, St Peter Chanel hall. For further information or to register, please contact **Matthew Mabalay: 02108319758**

The Catholic Parish of Hastings
Te Pārihi Katorika ki Hēretāunga

KPF
MISSION MINISTRIES

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

SATURDAY 29 MARCH 2025
9:30AM - 6:30PM
ST. PETER CHANEL CHURCH HALL
817 GORDON ROAD, RAUREKA

FIRST PART

SECOND PART

FREE REGISTRATION & LUNCH

THREE INSPIRATIONAL LENTEN-BASED TALKS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SMALL GROUPS

HOLY EUCHARIST

SPEAKERS:
FR. MARCUS FRANCIS & FR. DAVID KENNERLEY

Consequently, he is able to save, for all time, those who approach God, through him. He always lives, to intercede on their behalf.
Hebrews 7:25

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SCHOOL NEWS



We welcome the season of Lent. On Tuesday we had the burning of the palms at school with Fr Vijay. Wednesday, we held a special Ash Wednesday Mass in our school hall. Last Friday our junior school had a fantastic trip to Reignier School to take part in the Catholic Schools Annual Tabloids Day. An added treat was going on the bus. It was a perfect day for the event and the children had a wonderful time. It is so special to have these connections across our parish. On Monday, some of the Year 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8 students took part in swimming sports at St Joseph's School pool. It was a very hot morning and St Mary's did so well. A special mention to Pippa, Chester, Flynn, Honor and Kees, who won all their events. On Friday, we have our first of two-maths professional development to upskill our amazing teachers in the new curriculum. We are looking forward to starting the sacramental programme, remember forms are available at the school office for this. Next week the school welcomes the Education Review Office (ERO) and we know that they will enjoy visiting our wonderful school. A big thank you to the Home and School Committee for running an amazing Colour Run and BBQ on Friday. So many happy kids! Check out the photos on our Facebook page. God Bless everyone and have a wonderful week ahead.

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



What a wonderful Mass we had on Sunday, the children were amazing and sang beautifully. Thank you to all students and their parents who were able to attend and also Miss Anderson for her organisation of this Mass. Fundraising is taking place for Year 5/6 camp. Parent Interviews will take place next week, 10/11 March. God Bless for the week ahead.

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

Our Sacred Heart College Waka Ama team competed in the HB regional championship on Saturday 8th March at Pandora Pond – well done to all involved. Lots of exciting opportunities in our arts department now with the dance groups preparing for a competition in term 3, our school choir getting together for the first time this year for something new and exciting (watch this space), and the creation of a worship band which will be a really great addition to our school! Now that our seniors are settled into the term, our universities will be visiting us from all over NZ to share what opportunities they have to offer our year 13 students next year. God bless.

Maria Neville-Foster (Principal, Sacred Heart College)



This week we commemorated the start of Lent with an Ash Wednesday liturgy at school. Students were informed about Lent and had the opportunity to receive ashes. On Wednesday and Thursday our Gateway students attended First Aid courses and several of our senior students were involved with a Young Enterprise event held at Toitoti in Hastings. The college is looking for a handy man to sand down and reseal the college chapel pews. If someone in our parish community is interested in helping with this, please contact **Anna Vignolini** at the school office, **(06) 878 6853** or email **avignolini@stjohns.school.nz**.

Conor Bolton (DRS, St John's College)

LENTEN STUDY GROUP AT SACRED HEART

Richard and Diana Jennings will be leading a Lenten Study Group every Tuesday from 10:00am to 11:15am during Lent, starting on Tuesday, the 11th. The group will meet in the Day Chapel at Sacred Heart Church and will explore materials provided by Caritas. For more information, contact **Richard and Diana: 022 651 0946**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Preparation for these sacraments will begin this Sunday, 9th March, following the 9:00am Mass at Sacred Heart, at the Mission Centre (located behind the parish office). For families who have registered their children, please check your emails and visit the "Catholic Parish of Hastings" website (under the 'Sacraments' section) for updates. For any further inquiries, please contact the parish office.