

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17 June 2018



Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs
(Every Saturday)

6:30pm Culverden
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays Only)

Sunday Mass

9am Amberley
(Every Sunday)

11am Cheviot
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays Only)

10.30am Hawarden
(4th Sunday Only)

11.30am Waiiau
(5th Sunday Only)

Weekday Masses

Tuesday
12pm Beatitudes

Wednesday - Friday
9am Amberley

Adoration

Thursday
9.30am - 10.00am

Reconciliation

Thursday
9.30am - 10.00am
Anytime
by appointment

Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley

Building up the Kingdom of God

Today's Mass readings are about how God works — with us and without us. In another sense, we could say they remind us that God's work will be carried out whether we cooperate or not. If we choose not to cooperate, God's plans will not be disrupted but we ourselves will be the losers.

The parables in the Gospel today, speak about how we are to be part and parcel of the kingdom of God. To belong to the kingdom or kingship of God is to put oneself fully, consciously and deliberately under the power of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus is giving an image of that kingship or power of God at work. He compares it to the situation of a farmer planting seed on his land, "Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how he does not know."

The picture is clear: the building of the kingdom is God's work. It goes on whether we are working with it or not; whether we are aware of it or not. It will not be disrupted by any opposition or passivity on our part. We need to respond to the call to build up God's Kingdom. This is by uprooting all the evil inclinations and strengthening our love relationship. God bless you all.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I have made the small tree great.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 5:6-10

Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing the Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Isaiah 49:1-6 + Psalm 138 + Acts 13:22-26 + Luke 1:57-66, 80

Of your charity pray for

*the happy repose of the souls
of those who have died in our
families and parish community*

May they rest in peace

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION classes will be starting in July. Please contact the parish office for more details.

AMBERLEY COLLECTIONS we require more volunteers to help with counting after Mass. This normally takes about 10 minutes. Please contact Brian Ward if you can help on 03 314 8770. Please note those rostered on the collection are also supposed to help with the counting.

THE NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE promotes a special Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants Sunday 17 June. Pope Francis reiterates Caritas' response to the many migrants and refugees around the world fleeing from war, poverty, natural disasters and persecution. We are called to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate every stranger for the sake of their fundamental dignity.

SEA SUNDAY 8TH JULY Sea Sunday is when we have the opportunity to remember and pray for seafarers, their families and all who support them. It is a day of remembrance, prayer and celebration, and an opportunity to think about and thank those seafarers who work tirelessly throughout the year bringing us goods we often take for granted. If you wish to support them financially please visit www.aos.org.nz.

OFFERING MASS FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION It is a praiseworthy tradition to have Mass offered for a special intention and especially for the happy repose of a person who has died. Take an envelope from the church foyer or collect one from the parish office and fill in the details on the envelope. If the Mass is being offered for someone who has died, their name will be published in the newsletter so that others may pray for them as well. It is usual to make an offering to the priest of \$10 for each Mass offered.

JOIN US FOR THE KALAVALE RAFFLE all parishioners are welcome to a cup of tea after 10am Mass in Amberley on the first Sunday of the Month to support the Little Company of Mary and their Tongan Mission.

COLLECTION

LAST MONTHS COLLECTION \$5440.20 Thank you for your constant generous support of the parish.

MINISTRY ROSTER

Every weekend we have an amazing group of volunteers that roll their sleeves up, put on a smile and serve. If you are interested in helping our parish with alter serving, reading, cleaning or flowers please contact Sarah at the parish office on 03 319 8730.



TALK ON DECLARATION OF MARRIAGE NULLITY by Msgr Brendan Daly at 2 pm July 29 at St Peter's Hall, Fisher Ave, Beckenham. What does Jesus and the Church teach about divorce and remarriage? What is the process and the grounds for declarations of Nullity? How do I start a case which is free of charge or find out more?

5TH ANNIVERSARY PERPETUAL ADORATION RETREAT All are welcome to the annual Perpetual Adoration Retreat being held on Saturday 30th June from 9am until 4pm at St Gregory's Parish Centre, Cotswold Ave. There will be talks, Mass celebrated by Bishop Paul, Adoration, and Reconciliation and a special afternoon tea. Matt 366-9869 moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz. There is a \$5 charge for the retreat or \$20 if you want lunch.

EXCITING NEWS - VINNIES HORNBY NOW OPEN Supporting the community, Vinnies Hornby is selling quality pre-loved donated goods. We are also requiring Volunteers, do you have a couple of hours a week to spare and would like to help us help others? please email Tania@svdpchch.co.nz for further info.

CATHOLIC SHOP Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. 73 Manchester Street, Christchurch, ph 03 366-2853, e-mail catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz

THE SHIFTING GROUND OF THE AGEING PROCESS Later Life Transformation. Presenter Joy Ryan-Bloore, Jungian Analyst. Saturday 30 June 10am - 3.30pm. Mary Potter Community Centre, 442 Durham Street Nth. Bring own lunch. Suggested contribution \$60 or according to means. Booking (03) 379 1298 or roho@xtra.co.nz

DOVE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP Saturday 14th July 1pm-3pm Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Rd. Women of all ages welcome. Diane 0274312026 for more info or Facebook.

MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED When was the last time you and your spouse had a day designed just for the two of you? Growing and building a great marriage does not happen by accident. To take your relationship to the next level requires attention and effort. Marriage Unplugged, will equip you with the tools you need to build the kind of marriage you desire, and have some fun while doing it. Tim and Jennifer Goulding, Saturday July 14th 9:00-4:00 ar Fourviere House of Prayer and Retreat, 67 Leithfield Rd. Leithfield, 7481. Cost is a Donation. 03-314-8096 or beatitudesnz@gmail.com

ANTIOCH CYT invites all year 11-13 to register for Antioch www.cyt.org.nz/antioch-camp/ If you would like to support a camper to go to this event, all donations would be appreciated. Contact cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz

ANNUAL DOMINICAN LUNCHEON 5th August at 12.30pm at the Commodore Hotel on Memorial Ave . The cost is \$37.00 per person. If you wish to attend please RSVP to Kay on 03 3517683 kaypricenz@gmail.com by 30th July.

EMOTIONALLY AND SPIRITUALLY FREE COURSE This course will run each Tuesday evening 7.30pm to 9pm from 31st July to September 25th. At the John Paul II Centre, 88, Idris Road, Bryndwr. Come and experience the Fathers embrace, and his peace that surpasses all understanding. The cost is \$50 per person or \$75 per married couple emotionallyfreenz@gmail.com or Liz on 0220306628