



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Year B

1 April 2018

Sunday Masses

First Sunday of the Month

Saturday Vigil

7pm Hanmer Springs

Sunday Mass

9am Cheviot

10am Amberley

6.00pm Culverden

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Friday

9am Amberley

Except Holy Thursday and
Good Friday

Reconciliation

Wednesday 28 March

6-7pm Culverden

Anytime
by appointment

Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley

From Death to Life

Psalms 118 which says "today is the day which the Lord has made" fills out the celebration of our Christian faith. The Father has resurrected Jesus Christ, His beloved Son, whom He indulges in because He has loved to the point of giving His life for all of us. So let us rejoice and be glad from now on.

Let us live this Easter with plenty of joy and love. Death, sin and sadness, have today been defeated by Jesus Christ and He has opened the doors to a new life, the real life, the life we owe to the grace of the Holy Spirit. Nobody should be sad. Christ is our Peace and our Path forever and ever.

The great sign we receive today is that Jesus' tomb is empty. The disciples, who will experience Him alive in a wonderful meeting in faith, also realize His tomb is empty. The 'other disciple', through his faith, realizes that the emptiness and the linen cloths lying flat and the napkin rolled up in its place are signs of the new life.

The "seeing and believing" of the disciples must also be our aim. Let His Life revitalize ours and renew the grace of the baptism we have received. Let us be hopeful witnesses of his Resurrection. May the Resurrected Lord fill your hearts with His peace and Joy. I wish you all a HAPPY EASTER.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34, 37-43

We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in Heaven, where Christ is.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-9

The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Acts 4:32-37 + Psalm 118 + 1 John 5:1-6 + John 20:19-31

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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PARISH NOTICES

DAYLIGHT SAVING Daylight saving time ends 31 March. Turn clocks back for Easter Sunday.

DEAR FRIENDS of the Hurunui, I have just been appointed to a house of our community in Germany. Therefore I will leave Leithfield on 4 April. The activities of the house in Bad Driburg (Germany) are mostly young people apostolate, parish work and New Evangelisation. I loved my time here in New Zealand, in a special way everything I could give and receive regarding my music skills, in working with young people and in being part of the development of the retreat centre project. I will always keep present in my prayer and my heart each one of you, the sisters, New Zealand and Our Lady of Fourvière retreat house. There will be a farewell on the 2nd of April at Fourvière house (67 Leithfield Road) with Mass at 6pm followed by potluck. You are all warmly welcomed! I wish you a blessed time of Lent and a good ascent to Easter. God bless, Sr Gabriela

PLEASE REMEMBER to give generously to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday. Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land. "This is the responsibility incumbent upon the whole universal Church with regard to the Mother Church of Jerusalem, to which all Christians have an unforgettable obligation." Pope Benedict XVI.

PARISH ROLL if you have moved or are new to the area please get in touch with us at the parish office. It's helpful having everything up to date and to keep in touch with the latest notices and updates.

SUPPORT THE PARISH and have a holiday at the same time! This Flat in the heart of Hanmer Springs is probably the best value in town. A comfortable refurbished flat with SKY TV and WIFI all for \$80 a night during the week and \$130 a night at weekends. To book, simply search 27 Amuri Ave, Hanmer Springs on www.bookabach.co.nz

KALAVALE RAFFLE all parishioners are welcome to a cup of tea after 10am Mass in Amberley on the first Sunday of the Month. The raffle supports the Tongan Mission run by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. It is a great social occasion for parishioners while raising funds for those in need. Feel free to bring a donated gift for the prize table! Please contact Teresa Ward if you are able to help in any way 03 3148770.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

INFORM AVAILABLE The latest copy of the bishop's newsletter is available today and online on the Diocesan website. This issue includes full coverage of Bishop Paul's ordination.

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com

HOLY CROSS SEMINARY www.holycross.org.nz



HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Wednesday 28 March
9.00am Mass Amberley
6-7pm Reconciliation (Rite II) Culverden

Holy Thursday 29 March
7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Amberley

Good Friday 30 March
10.00am Stations of the Cross, Community of the Beatitudes Leithfield
3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion, Culverden

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Holy Saturday 31 March
7.00pm Hanmer Springs (*note later Vigil Mass time*)
Sunday 1 April
9.00am Mass Cheviot
10.00am Mass Amberley
6.00pm Mass Culverden

DIOCESAN NOTICES CONT.

CATHOLIC SHOP For candles & rosaries, cards & gifts, books & bibles, NZ Catholic as well as Lent & Easter reflections. Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Visit us at 373 Manchester Street, Christchurch, next to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, ph 03 366-2853, e-mail catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz, or 'like' us on Facebook www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop

DOVE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP welcomes Joan Hauch, MA from the United States. Join us for a practical prayerful look at Joy. Is Joy the same as happiness? What if I don't feel joy? How do I find joy? Saturday 14th April 1.00-3.00pm Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road. For more info contact Dianne 027 4312 026.

NATIONAL MARRIAGE TRAINING WEEKEND Those involved in marriage education (or those wishing to be involved) are invited to the National Catholic Marriage Training Weekend on the weekend of 18th – 20th May 2018, at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch.

GREATER COMPANY OF MARY Members of the Greater Company of Mary and others are invited to attend Mass on Saturday April 7 at 10.30 a.m. at the Mary Potter Community Centre Durham St Nth. Morning tea to follow, all welcome.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 8. All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at the Pro-Cathedral on Sunday April 8. Our new Bishop Paul Martin will be the main celebrant. Reconciliation 1.30pm-3pm. Chaplet of Mercy 3 pm. Mass 3.15pm. Followed by veneration of the Divine Mercy Image and 1st Class relic of St Faustina. Ph Pat 03 359 2087

FIRST FRIDAY MASS You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. Next Mass: Friday 6th April.