



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B 18 March 2018

I was born in 1976 of good catholic parents. Because of the influence of the catholic faith in Kerala, south India (St Thomas came to Kerala in AD 52), my state is known as the land of vocation to priesthood and religious life. I joined the missionary congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS) in 1992 when I was 15 years old. After four years, I made my first religious profession. After 12 years of long formation, I was ordained priest in 2003. I was sent to the mission areas of central India including Mumbai where I worked as parish priest of two parishes. Almost 8 years I served outside my state, mostly in formation. Two years I spent to do my master degree. (MSc-Master of Science in Counselling Psychology and MPhil-Master of Philosophy in Counselling Psychology). After 10 years of my priestly ministry in India, I had been asked to go overseas and continue the mission.



Thus, I arrived in New Zealand on 14th February 2014 and served as assistant priest in OLF, Mairehau. After two and half years of service, I was sent to Ashburton as assistant priest. It is my third appointment to serve you in the diocese and first appointment as parish priest.

I do really enjoy being with the people of New Zealand. I will share more about me and my society when I am with you. Thank you all for keeping me and my family in your prayers. God bless you all. Fr Mathew

Sunday Masses Third Sunday of the Month

- Saturday Vigil
5pm Hanmer Springs
- Sunday Mass
9am Cheviot
10am Amberley
6pm Culverden

Weekday Masses

- Tuesday - Friday
9am Amberley

Reconciliation

Anytime upon request.

Rosary

- Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley

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

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-7. Psalm 22. Philippians 2:6-11. Mark 14:1—15:47

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be at Amberley 5pm and Hawarden 6.30pm each Friday during Lent.

LENTEN ENVELOPES are now available. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. You may either return your donation envelopes during the parish offertory collection, or send them to Caritas directly. A freepost envelope is available for this option. NZ Post specifies that cash must not be sent in the post.

40 BAGS IN 40 DAYS! For each day of Lent, fill a bag with things you no longer need/use and donate to St Vincent de Paul to help those in need.

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

BEATITUDES COMMUNITY You are invited to join the Beatitudes Community for the Easter Triduum retreat, accompanying Jesus step by step in His passion, death and resurrection. Talks, liturgy, Mass, silence, personal prayer and the beauty of nature will help you to stay close to Jesus and to enter into the central mystery of our faith. Beginning: Holy Thursday 29th of March 5pm. End: Easter Sunday 1st of April 11.30am. Fee: \$180 (Unwaged \$120)

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.

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



Thursday 22 March

9.00am Mass Amberley
6-7pm Reconciliation (Rite II) Amberley

Friday 23 March

9.00am Mass Amberley
6-7pm Reconciliation (Rite II) Cheviot

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday 24 March

4-5pm Reconciliation (Rite II) Hanmer Springs
5.00pm Mass Hanmer Springs

Sunday 25 March

8.30am Hawarden
9.00am Cheviot
10.00am Amberley
11.30am Culverden

Monday 26 March

7.30pm Mass of the Chrism, Pro-Cathedral

Tuesday 27 March

9.00am Mass Amberley
6-7pm Reconciliation (Rite II) Hawarden

Wednesday 28 March

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

Holy Thursday 29 March

9.00am Mass Amberley
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.

GOLDEN CATHOLICS The next Golden Catholics get together will be held on Wednesday, 21 March at 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui. All those receiving the Gold Card are most welcome. Lunch will be provided. We would love to see you. Our guest speaker is Father John O'Connor, a wonderful and captivating speaker. His topic will cover the joys of being a Catholic in the third age and also about his very popular blog "Food for Faith". If you wish to attend please contact your parish secretary before Friday, 16 March 2018.