



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year B

22 April 2018

### Sunday Masses

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs

Sunday Mass

8.30am Hawarden

9am Cheviot

10am Amberley

11.30am Culverden

### Adoration

Thursday

9.30am - 10.00am

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday

12pm Beatitudes

Wednesday - Friday

9am Amberley

### Reconciliation

Anytime  
by appointment

### Rosary

Wednesday

1:30pm Amberley

### The Good Shepherd Sunday

Every fourth Sunday of Easter is called the Good Shepherd Sunday in the sense that the readings we use are about Jesus the Good Shepherd. He is the Good Shepherd and in particular, the sheep-gate. We are surrounded by sheep and shepherd therefore we understand the richness of the picture of sheep and shepherd as shown to us in today's gospel. Jesus gives us the criteria of a true and genuine leadership.

Jesus is interested in those who have gone astray and are lost in their lives. He is the Good Shepherd that seeks the lost sheep and in finding it takes it into His arms and heals its wounds. There will always be false shepherds who act as wolves clothed in lamb's skin, lying and mistreating those sheep that belong to Jesus' flock.

It is Jesus the One who has come and continues to be present among us to look after His flock. Jesus does not abuse His sheep; instead, He serves them, even to the point of surrendering His life for them. Jesus knows His sheep by its name, and seeks it with a sincere and generous love.

As we contemplate Jesus the Good Shepherd today, Pope John Paul II declared the fourth Sunday of Easter a **Day of Prayer for Vocations**. We pray that many may listen to the voice of Jesus as he calls, that they may enter the sheepfold through him and be safe and have life and live it to the fullest. Let us pray for the all the seminarians who are under formation to be good shepherds in various parts of the world. God bless you all.

Fr Mathew

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-12**

*This is the only name by which we can be saved.*

**SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2**

*We shall see God as he is.*

**GOSPEL: John 10:11-18**

*The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 9:26-31 + Psalm 22 + 1 John 3:18-24 + John 15:1-8

*Of your charity pray for*

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

*May they rest in peace*

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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**ADORATION** of the Blessed Sacrament will be available to those who want to come, sit, and be present with Our Lord every Thursday morning at Amberley from 9.30am - 10am.

**DEAR PARISHIONERS OF THE HURUNUI** thank you for your kindness and hospitality over Easter and the following two weeks. I have enjoyed getting to know you, your families and community during my pastoral placement. Please keep me in your prayers as I continue my journey through the seminary. I hope to visit in my next break. Yours in Christ, Jose O'Sullivan

**PARISH GIVING ENVELOPES** Parish Giving Envelopes for 2018 - 2019 and the tax receipts for 2017 - 2018 were distributed last weekend. If you have not received yours please contact the parish office.

**PARISH FINANCE AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** the next meeting will be Wednesday 9th May at the presbytery. Finance Committee will meet at 5pm and Parish Council will meet at 7pm.

**HAWARDEN FARM AGM** will be held on Sunday 6th May at 7:30pm at the Hawarden meeting room.

**YOUTH GROUP** any families wanting to join us at youth group please contact Laura & Simon 0277225468 All families welcome.

**WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE** weekday Masses on a Tuesday will be 12pm at the Community of the Beatitudes, Leithfield and Wednesday - Friday will continue to be 9am at Amberley.

**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.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2019** if you know of any young adults 18+ interested in attending WYD 2019 please contact the parish office. Email catholicurunui@gmail.com or phone 03 319 8730.

**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](http://www.bookabach.co.nz)

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**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 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018, at Chateau on the Park, Christchurch.

**A DAY WITH MARY** will be held at St Peter and Paul's Church Halswell on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 commencing at 9 30 am and concluding at 3 00pm. More information please ring Janet 03 960 5294.

If you would like to make regular financial donations to support our parish and the priests of the Diocese this can be done in two ways: Through the envelope system or by automatic payment/internet banking. Please provide your contact details and indicate your preferred method of contribution and a set of envelopes our bank account details will be forwarded to you.

One of the benefits of being enrolled in the Parish Giving Programme, as opposed to making loose cash donations in the collection basket is that your donations are recorded each week and a tax receipt is sent to you at the end of the financial year (31 March). Our parish is registered as a charitable organisation and you can claim back 33.333% of your donations by submitting a simple Tax Credit Form (the IR526) which can be downloaded from the IRD website [www.ird.govt.nz](http://www.ird.govt.nz).

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**P.A.T.H.S.** (Post Abortion Trauma Healing Service) is charitable group based in Christchurch, which provides support nationally for those negatively impacted by a recent or past abortion. It also offers education and training around post abortion issues and healing needs. For more info about our services visit [www.postabortionpaths.org.nz](http://www.postabortionpaths.org.nz).

**DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 1pm - 3pm to hear Maria Schmetzer speak 'A reflection on the practice of confident love, joyful acceptance of our weakness and abandonment to the Divine Will' All women warmly welcome. Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Rd. Call Diane 0274312026 for more info.

**ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE** All parishioners are warmly invited to an Ecumenical Prayer Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity to be held in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on 16<sup>th</sup> May at 5.30pm.

**CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE** is holding an open evening on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 6.30pm - 8.00pm at 62 Ferry Road. Everyone most welcome.

**MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES** The Church envisions all newly initiated, or neophytes, to share Mass with their Bishop. Saturday 5 May at 9:00am at Christ the King. A reception will follow.