



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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25 March 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

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Friday

9am Amberley

### Reconciliation

Friday 23 March

6-7pm Cheviot

Saturday 24 March

4-5pm Hanmer Springs

Tuesday 27 March

6-7pm Hawarden

Wednesday 28 March

6-7pm Culverden

### Rosary

Wednesday

1:30pm Amberley

For all of us this week contains the most holy days of our faith. Forty days ago we began our journey of Lent. Ashes were placed on our foreheads in the sign of the cross. As disciples we repeat this Lenten journey each year because we know this journey we are on, takes us our entire lifetime. This is a journey to be one with Jesus – to change ourselves – and – to be open to God changing us. We have disciplined ourselves through increased prayer, acts of penance and good works to show our commitment. Yet most of us find ourselves having failed to one degree or another in accomplishing the real changes we know we need to make in our lives.

The days after the Passion Sunday are so important and special to us. It is these days that turn us upside down. It is these days that challenge our faith. It is these days that show us through his example that the glory of God's kingdom comes about not in the ways we think.

We are aware of the journey and hardships. We are aware of the uncertainties. But most of all, as true disciples of Jesus Christ, we are aware of the example of faith that Jesus taught and lived. True disciples live that life of faith – especially when apparent success has been turned around into utter destruction and defeat. It is then that the disciple of Jesus says, "Into your hands I commend my spirit", and turns his life over to the God and Father of us all.

Jesus is not just the Truth and the Way – he is also the Life. Let us complete our journey with the Lord this week and for the rest of our life.

Fr Mathew

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.*

**SECOND READING:** Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

**GOSPEL:** Mark 14:1-15:47

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

Acts 10:34, 37-43. Psalm 118. Colossians 3:1-4. John 20:1-9.

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

**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.

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

**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)

**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 TODAY** 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.

**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](mailto:catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz), or 'like' us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/chchcatholicshop](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### 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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> April.

**THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD?** Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor [vocations.chch@gmail.com](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com)

**HOLY CROSS SEMINARY** [www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)

