



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year B

29 April 2018

Sunday Masses

Fifth Sunday of the Month

Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs

Sunday Mass

9am Cheviot

10am Amberley

6pm 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

Vine and the branches

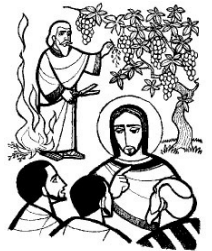
On this 5th Sunday of Easter, scripture selections emphasize the need for Christians to abide in Christ as a condition for producing fruits of kindness, mercy, charity and holiness.

The first reading tells us how the Lord pruned the former Pharisee, Saul of Tarsus, a fanatic who had persecuted the Church, to produce a fruit-bearing branch called Paul, the zealous Apostle to the Gentiles, entirely dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel. In today's second reading, John, in his first letter to the Church, explains that only if we remain united to Christ by putting our Faith in him and drawing our spiritual strength from him, will we be able to obey God's commandments, especially the commandment of love.

In the Gospel, taken from the Last Supper discourse, Jesus uses his favourite image of the vine and branches to help his disciples understand the closeness of their relationship with him and the necessity of their maintaining it. In fact, in using this image, Jesus is explaining to them and to us what our relationship with him should be like.

We need pruning in our Christian life. Cutting out of our lives everything that is contrary to the spirit of Jesus and renewing our commitment to Christian ideals in our lives every day, is the first type of self-imposed pruning expected of us. We need to abide in Christ and let Christ abide in us. Personal and liturgical prayers, frequenting of the Sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation, daily meditative reading of Scripture, and the loving forgiveness of others enable us to abide in Jesus, the true Vine, as fruit-bearing branches. God bless you all.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 9:26-31

He explained how the Lord appeared to Saul and spoke to him on his journey.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

His commandments are these: that we believe and that we love one another.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

He who lives in me, and I in him, bears much fruit.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 10:25 + Psalm 97 + 1 John 4:7-10 + John 15:9-17

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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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.

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. 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.

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

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 have been distributed. 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.

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

DIOCESAN NOTICES

WILDER A time of adoration with praise and worship, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prayer teams on offer! This is an event for all ages. Fri, May 11 @ Christ the King Parish Centre 7:30pm-9:00pm. Got questions? Contact Sam at CYTssivertsen@chch.catholic.org.nz or 03 353 0705.

A DAY WITH MARY will be held at St Peter and Paul's Church Halswell on Saturday 5th May 2018 commencing at 9 30 am and concluding at 3 00pm. Ring Janet on 9605294.

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.

Please place this form in the collection basket:

Name: _____

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Email: _____

I prefer Envelopes

Automatic Payments

DIOCESAN NOTICES CONT.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS You are invited to join with those in the Charismatic Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church. Next Mass: Friday 4th May. www.ccrnz.org

CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM (CYT) invite you to Theology on Tap, May 2 at 7pm, Bentley's Bar, 90 Ilam Rd. Theology on Tap is a young adult event that invites speakers to present on topics of theology. On May 2, David Jackman will present on the topic of God and Science. All over 18's welcome. Contact CYT Young Adult Coordinator, Sinead Gilgunn, for more info. 0220109828.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN Welcomes you to join us Saturday 12th May 1pm - 3pm. All women warmly welcome, Christ the King Parish Centre, Greens Rd. Diane 0274312026.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE is holding an open evening on Thursday 24th May from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at 62 Ferry Road. Everyone most welcome.

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE Open Day Tuesday 8 May 2018 9.00am-2.00pm. Villa Maria College invites friends, parents and their daughters to see the College at work on our Open Day. The Principal, Ms Deborah Brosnahan, will address parents and girls in the College Auditorium at 9am, 11am and 1pm. 348 4165 or go to www.villa.school.nz