



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Divine Mercy Sunday

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8 April 2018

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Today being the 2nd Sunday of Easter, Pope John Paul II decided to call this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday. It is something that goes far beyond a particular devotion. In his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, the Holy Father explains that Divine Mercy is the ultimate manifestation of God's love in a history injured by sin. In Latin "Misericordia" (which means "mercy") comes from two words: "Miseria" (misery) and "cor" (heart). Our own disgraceful situation due to sin is placed by God in Jesus' loving heart, that is faithful to His Father's designs.

Jesus Christ, dead and resurrected, is the supreme manifestation and acting of the Divine Mercy. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" and has sent him to die to save us. And, once resurrected, He has constituted Him into a source of salvation for all those who believe in Him.

By faith and conversion we receive the treasure of his Divine Mercy. We shall thus go to the source of Divine Mercy. And we should not doubt either to bring our friends to these sources of life, to the Eucharist and to Penance. Wish you all the blessings of the Divine Mercy Sunday.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-37

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

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

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

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 3:13-15 + Psalm Ps 4 + 1 John 2:1-5 + Luke 24:35-48

Sunday Masses

Second Sunday of the Month

Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs

Sunday Mass

8.30am Hawarden

9am Cheviot

10am Amberley

11.30am Waiau

Weekday Masses

Tuesday - Friday

9am Amberley

Reconciliation

Anytime

by appointment

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

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YOUTH GROUP 8 April starting with 11:30am Mass at Waiiau followed with lunch, lessons and activities at 19 School Road, Culverden. All families welcome.

WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE as of the 17th April, 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.



**WYD
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2019**

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

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!

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

INNER CITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The newly formed Inner City Catholic Women's League's next Meeting will be held on Wednesday evening 11th April at 7:00pm in the Narthex at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Our Speaker is Catherine Williamson; she will speak about the Women's Service at the City Mission. Attendees are welcome to bring women's items or blankets for donation to the City Mission Women's Service. All are welcome. For more Information phone Michelle on 027 5515848.

REFLECTION DAY Wednesday 18 April, 10.30am – 2.30 pm. Come and rest a while. Pray in the spirit of Easter. Brief sessions using scripture, music and images will support silent private prayer. At Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College, Peer Street. Bring own lunch, tea/coffee provided. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood (Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre).



You expired, O Jesus,
but the source of life gushed
forth for souls
and an ocean of mercy
opened up for the whole
world.

O Fount of Life,
unfathomable Divine Mercy,
envelop the whole world
and empty Yourself out upon
us.

O Blood and Water,
which gushed forth from the
Heart of Jesus
as a fount of mercy for us,
I trust in You.

Amen.

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

DOVE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP welcomes Joan Hauck, 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

ALL DAY VIGIL FOR LIFE Can you spare one hour to pray for greater respect for Life opposite Christchurch Hospital on April 9th, Feast of the Annunciation? To book a time between 7am-6pm in this all-day Vigil for Life, call us at the JP2 Centre for Life, 351 3225.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAMME Couples for Christ and its Family Ministry invited you to come and join our Christian Life Program - Rekindle! Formation, fellowship and personal testimonies. 8th of April 2018 at 1.30pm, Sacred Heart Hall, 70 Spencer Street, Addington, Christchurch. 0223431074 christchurch.clp2018@gmail.com

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. For more information, speak to your parish priest and view the website www.chchcatholic.nz/mtw

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