

# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

12 August 2018



### Weekend Masses

#### Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs  
(Every Saturday)

6:30pm Culverden  
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Saturdays Only)

#### Sunday Mass

9am Amberley  
(Every Sunday)

11am Cheviot  
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays Only)

10.30am Hawarden  
(4th Sunday Only)

11.30am Waiiau  
(5th Sunday Only)

### Weekday Masses

Tuesday  
12pm Beatitudes

Wednesday - Friday  
9am Amberley

#### Adoration

Thursday  
9.30am - 10.00am

### Reconciliation

Thursday  
9.30am - 10.00am  
Anytime  
by appointment

#### Rosary

Wednesday  
1:30pm Amberley

### The food for our journey

The book of Exodus tells us about the mighty things that God has done for his people during their captivity in Egypt and while on their journey through the desert. But when something goes wrong, they start murmuring against God, as if, they had no faith in Him. We see similar kind of murmuring in the beginning of today's Gospel. The people complained about Jesus, because, Jesus who had fed them with five loaves has told them that He Himself is 'the Bread of Life' that comes down from heaven.

Like those people, sometimes we too have doubts, doubts about the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. To understand the miracle and mystery of the Holy Eucharist, we must have faith in Jesus. This is exactly what Jesus told the people which we have heard last Sunday. When the people asked Jesus, "What must we do" he answered them, "Believe in the one whom God has sent."

We see in the first reading today that Elijah had been given food for his journey. But we have been given a greater food than Elijah had. We have Jesus himself as our spiritual food. The communion we receive helps us to endure our pains and sufferings with Christian joy. We have all the reasons to rejoice and thank the Lord, rather than murmuring against Him. God bless you all.

Fr Mathew



#### TODAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

*Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.*

##### SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:30—5:2

*Walk in love, just as Christ.*

##### GOSPEL: John 6:41-51

*I am the living bread that came down from heaven.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 9:1-6 + Psalm 34 + Ephesians 5:15-20 + John 6:51-58

#### *We Remember*

Masses have been requested and offered for:

**Mr Varghese Valloppallil**

**Jim Crean**

**Gerald O'Hanlon**

*Eternal Rest Grant unto  
them O Lord.*

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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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**CONFIRMATION** Bishop Paul Martin has kindly consented to come and confirm 3 children from our parish. This will be held on **27th October 7pm at Hawarden**. A light supper will follow. The Confirmation Mass will replace the normal 4th Sunday Mass at Hawarden. Please join us for this special celebration. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

## PARISH NOTICES

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Wednesday 15th August** is the feast of the Assumption of the blessed virgin Mary. There will be Mass at 9am in Amberley.

**SAVE THE DATE!** John Paul II Centre for Life RACE NIGHT will be held on Friday night the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November. Tickets will cost \$55-00 per person and will be available in October. The parish will be booking a table or two so please contact the parish office if you are interested in attending this fundraiser.

**HEY ALL!** My name is Celine Goulding and I'm organising an adventure mission trip to Peru this Nov/Dec. It will involve volunteering at a church where we will visit the sick, work in an orphanage, build homes for the homeless and teach English to children. After 10 days serving the community we'll have a geez at Machu Picchu and some other phenomenal sights in the copious landscapes of Peruvian outback! It's an opportunity to learn about a new culture, delve into a bit of Spanish and serve those in need. After spending 6 months in Peru last year my heart was transformed by God's presence in the people there, it's a truly beautiful place. So please get in touch with me if you are interested, this trip can't happen without beautiful people to join the mission! [celinegoulding@gmail.com](mailto:celinegoulding@gmail.com)

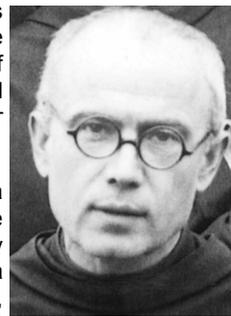
**ROLL UPDATE** if you have changed your contact details recently or know of a parishioner who has moved from your church area, please contact the parish office.

**HAVE A HOLIDAY IN HANMER** and support the parish at the same time! Both parish flats are now available for holiday makers. Just visit [www.bookabach.co.nz](http://www.bookabach.co.nz) and search 46625 for the one bedroom front flat or 35704 for the two bedroom back flat.

**JOIN US FOR THE KALAVALE RAFFLE** all parishioners are welcome to a cup of tea after 9am 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.

*Feast Day 14 August*

O Lord Jesus Christ who said, "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" through the intercession of St. Maximilian Kolbe, whose life illustrated such love, we beseech You to grant us our petitions. (Mention here your requests.)



Through the Knights of the Immaculata movement, which Maximilian founded, he spread a fervent devotion to Our Lady throughout the world. He gave up his life for a total stranger and loved his persecutors, giving us an example of unselfish love for all men – a love which was inspired by true devotion to Mary.

Grant, O Lord Jesus, that we, too, may give ourselves entirely without reserve to the love and service of our Heavenly Queen in order to better love and serve our fellowman in imitation of your humble servant, St. Maximilian Kolbe. Amen.

*Three Hail Mary's and a Glory Be.*

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED** Back by popular demand, Marriage Unplugged will equip you with the tools you need to build the kind of marriage you desire and have some fun while doing it! Sat 1 Sept, 9am-4pm, Our Lady of Fourvière House of Prayer and Retreat, 67 Leithfield Road, [beatitudesnz@gmail.com](mailto:beatitudesnz@gmail.com) 03-3148837 \$30 per couple.

**REVOLUTION CAMP** Catholic Youth Team is running a camp for Years 9-10 students from **28 September to 30 October** at the Woodend Christian Camp. Registration is \$70. Fun, games, praise and workshop good talks and an opportunity for young people to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Register online at <http://cyt.org.nz/revolution-camp/> or contact Carmela at the Catholic Youth Team at [cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz) or call 03 353 0705 for more information.

**DIVINE RENOVATION** The Bishop's Pastoral Office invites you to this one day seminar with Fr James on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September at City Church and St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Fr James is author of the book Divine Renovation and has had wonderful success in renewing and growing his parish. This day costs \$50 and includes four talks, morning and afternoon tea, Lunch and Mass. Register at [www.chchcatholic.nz/frjamesmallon](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/frjamesmallon)

**CATHOLIC SHOP** From saints to sacraments, cards to candles, books to bibles, we have a catholic selection! Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm. Visit us at 373 Manchester Street, Christchurch, next to St Mary's.

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

**LIFEFEST 2018** Attention young people and youth groups! A one day hands-on event providing young people, 13 to 19 years, with important tools to build a new culture of life into the future! Amazing overseas speakers. Formation-Food-Prayer-Prizes. An October holiday day well worth the \$20! Sponsorships available. Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER: 9 am to 9 pm . Epsom Girls' Grammar School, Auckland. ALSO: cheap accommodation available for those travelling a distance for the nights of the 3rd and 4th Oct. For more info or to book the accommodation email: [clare.fli@xtra.co.nz](mailto:clare.fli@xtra.co.nz) txt: 021 2317954.