

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

2 September 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

A Call to holiness

Today, the Word of the Lord helps us to discern that over and above our human usages we have to place God's Commandments. Jesus helps the people to understand the significance of purity before God by telling them that God's laws are supposed to bring people closer to God and to one another.

Jesus tells us: "Nothing that enters one from outside can make that person unclean. It is what comes out from within that makes one unclean". What comes out of a man's heart, from a person's conscious privacy, is what can make us bad. This malice is what harms us specifically.

Religiosity does not consist precisely in washing our hands but in keeping our heart pure.

This is what St. Therese of Lisieux tells us in her Biographic Manuscripts: "Considering the mystical body of the Church, I understood that the Church has a heart and that this heart was burning with love". From a loving heart springs the well done deeds that help precisely those who really need help. God bless you.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8

You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you - keep the commands of the Lord.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Be doers of the word..

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to the traditions of men.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 35:4-7 + Psalm 146 + James 2:1-5 + Mark 7:31-37

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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Dear parishioners, with the new Mass schedule from last June, I realise that our parish is not doing so well financially! I humbly request your generosity in this regard considering a little more offering to the church. I promise God's abundant blessings on you and your family as reward for your generosity.

PARISH NOTICES

THIS SUNDAY! Join us for the Kalavale raffle and a cup of tea in the Amberley church hall. All parishioners are welcome after 9am Mass 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.

PARISH FARM HAWARDEN "TailingTime" The lambs are ready and help is appreciated with this chore. First session is Tuesday Sept 4th starting 1pm. Contacts are Bill 3144262 and Bruce 3144070.

KERALA DISASTER Details of how to donate are on the Caritas website caritas.org.nz Click 'Donate Now' and the details/instructions will come up. Please keep the Kerala situation in your prayers.

THE LETTER from Bishop Patrick Dunn on behalf of the NZCBC relating to the Pope's letter on sexual abuse of minors is available on the diocesan website if you wish to read it www.chchcatholic.nz

CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS the parish office will now only be open on Fridays 10 - 2pm.

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.

Fathers Day Prayer

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen

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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DIOCESAN NOTICES

CLERGY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 180 diocesan priests are gathering in Christchurch for the fourth national assembly with the bishops, which is held every five years. The assembly this year will take place from **10th – 14th September**. Please keep the priests in your prayers during this week as they gather for prayer, formation and recreation.

PRAYER SERIES Noticing God's Presence: Tuesdays 4 and 11 September, 10.30am -11.30am. Scripture and music invite participants into extended time of silent prayer. Venue: Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Facilitator Sr Mary Catherwood.

2018 ROCHESTER LECTURE Christianity; Challenges and Opportunities in the Twenty-first Century. Speaker: Bishop Paul Martin SM. Wednesday 19 September at 7pm Rochester Rutherford Hall 77 Ilam Rd. Supper to follow.

OCDS NOVEMBER CARMELITE RETREAT "Called to holiness with Mary the Mother of Jesus and our Carmelite Saints". Fr Allan Jones, S.M. will be leading our upcoming November Retreat at Rochester Hall again. Dates are from Friday, 16th Nov (11 am registration) to Sunday 18th Nov (approx 3.30 pm) Show Weekend. Costs will be \$215 live-in and \$95 day only. If you would like to join us, contact Megan Emery 027 410 6940 benedictus@windowslive.com