

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

26 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

Living out the message of the Gospel

We saw last week how shocking were the words of Jesus: "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you." Now, not only the religious leaders but Jesus' own disciples are deeply scandalised: "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"

We know that the words are not to be taken in a literal sense. It is Jesus' dramatic way of saying that we must accept him totally, without any conditions or reservation. His thoughts and attitudes, his values, his life-view must become totally ours. Above all we are to identify with him in the offering of his flesh and the pouring out of his blood on the cross, the symbol of God's ineffable love for us.

Only with a deep, unconditional trust in Jesus will we have that deeper insight into the real meaning of Jesus' words. It requires an absolutely open mind ready to receive what is there, not what we put there. Let us pray for that deep faith that enables us to live out the real message of the gospel in the changing world. God bless you.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21-32

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

Lord, who shall we go to? You have the words of eternal life.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 + Psalm 15 + James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27 + Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

HAWARDEN MASS this Sunday please remember food items for the Catholic Social Services collection basket.

JOIN US FOR A CUPPA in the church meeting room after the 10.30am Mass in Hawarden. Everything provided, just bring yourselves. All welcome!

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

A REMINDER that this Sunday 26 August is our annual collection for the special work of the Church in Aotearoa/NZ of Maori Pastoral Care. If you are part of the Parish Giving Programme there is a brown special envelope that you can use. If not, you are welcome to use a plain envelope marked "Maori Mission Collection".

OFFICE HOURS due to less Masses and decreased parish collections the parish office will now only be open on Fridays 10 - 2pm.

ANY MINOR EXPENSES to be made in your church area? Please contact Fr Mathew or the parish treasurer for approval.

CHOIR if there are any parishioners who are interested in starting a parish choir please contact the parish office.

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 COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday 29th August 7pm in the Amberley Presbytery. Finance Committee will meet at 5pm.

St Augustine

Feast Day 28 August

St. Augustine's Prayer to the Holy Spirit
 Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy. Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy. Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy. Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy.
 Amen.

KERALA DISASTER We will all have seen the television coverage of the monsoon devastation in Kerala in Southern India. Our diocese has a special connection to Kerala as it is the home diocese of several of our priests. CARITAS is sending support to the region and would be appreciative of any financial support offered. Details of how to give are on their website caritas.org.nz Click 'Donate Now' and the details/instructions will come up. Please keep the Kerala situation in your prayers.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

FIRST FRIDAY MASS Friday 7th September 7.30pm. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal go to: www.ccrnz.org

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CHRISTCHURCH - Leavers 1968 If you left Sacred Heart School in 1968 (50 years ago) Contact Jennifer Hamilton nee Martin 0211846908 or Janet Verrall nee Lendrum 0274855611

CARMEL YOUTH MASS Sunday 9th of September, 6.30pm. 52 Halswell Road, Hoon Hay. Come join CYT, Bishop Paul and the Carmelite Sisters at the Carmelite Monastery to celebrate Mass and get the chance to meet the sisters afterwards! Supper and refreshments provided.

DOMINICAN DAY OF REFLECTION Saturday 15th September at the Christ the King Parish Centre starting after 9am Mass. Morning session Mary Betz (Auckland) on Pope Francis' encyclical "Laudato Si" (Care for our Environment). Lunch Provided. Afternoon session Judy Garvey "The Role of the Laity in the Church Today". Cost: Donation to cover costs RSVP kaypricenz@gmail.com or 3517683.

MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED When was the last time you and your spouse had a day designed just for the two of you? 'Marriage Unplugged' is your answer! 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! Saturday 1st September, 9am-4pm, Our Lady of Fourvière House of Prayer and Retreat, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield 7481. Tim and Jennifer Goulding. beatitudesnz@gmail.com Ph. 03-3148837 Registrations \$30 per couple.

REPLENISH RESPITE AND HEALING TRUST operates a house in the North Canterbury Countryside where individuals can rest and recover from life's curveballs (see <https://www.replenishhealing.co.nz>). We are looking for a spiritually mature Christian couple to add to our team. Appointment will be for 1 year with an initial trial period. Please phone 0273009887 or email di.ingle.nz@gmail.com for further information and an application pack.

CYT THEOLOGY OF THE BODY course for Young Adults 18-35. Join the Catholic Youth Team for an 11 week journey to learn more about life, Love, and Theology of the Body. From 3 Sept. - 5 Nov. every Monday evening at a Catholic Community House, Parkstone Ave. No cost. For more info. and to book your place on the course contact CYT Formation Coordinator, Sinead.