

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

5 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

Hunger for Spiritual food

Our gospel today centres our attention on the danger of remaining fixed at the physical level of life. The people followed Jesus because they knew that they would become hungry and Jesus can feed them. They hoped that Jesus would keep on feeding them. However, Jesus wanted them to move to a new level of reality. He says "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life".

Many of us are still looking for physical satisfaction because we are not yet fully satisfied due to our various situations in life. But Jesus invites us to go deeper, to the levels of the spirit where God is at work in us and in all reality. In other words, a change, a growth and maturity in faith are necessary.

The challenge for us today is to recognise that the false god of materialism, which promises satisfaction but leaves us ever more hungry, has seduced our society. We hear the spiritual truth of the word of God but we understand it in terms of satisfying our selfish desire for wealth and power. The cure is to follow the example of Jesus and flee the worldly allure and promises of materialism. Then can we pray with St Augustine: "O Lord, you have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in You." God bless you all.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from Heaven upon you.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new man that has been created in God's image.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8 + Psalm 34 + Ephesians 4:30—5:2 + John 6:41-51

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Patricia

Jacob Mathew

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord.

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SAVE THE DATE! John Paul II Centre for Life RACE NIGHT will be held on Friday night the 2nd 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.

YOUNG ADULTS are invited to "Journey to the Father" an annual retreat run by CYT for those aged 18-35. This will be held 24th - 26th August. Register online at cyt.org.nz/journey. For more information please email Sinead Gilgunn sgilgunn@chch.catholic.org.nz

BEATITUDES NIGHT FOR THE ASSUMPTION Saturday 11th August, 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Join the Beatitudes Community for an evening of prayer in preparation for the solemnity of the Assumption, NZ's patronal feast. The evening will include prayer, music, a teaching, a procession (weather permitting). Prayer is followed by a pot luck dinner. Our Lady of Fourvière House of Prayer and Retreat, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield 7481. beatitudesnz@gmail.com Phone (03) 314 8837

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

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 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.

WILDER Sat 11 Aug, 7:30pm @ Holy Trinity Bryndwr Parish Hall. Come and spend time with Jesus in Adoration with Praise and Worship and prayer teams available ssivertsen@chch.catholic.org.nz or 353 0705.

MEN'S GATHERING 7.15pm on 8 August 2018 hosted by Joshua Fellowship at St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Michael and Mark will share with us their personal insights of their recent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

IGNATIAN RETREAT in Daily Life. Saturdays 11 and 25 August, 10am - 3pm facilitated by Kevin Gallagher and Sr Mary Catherwood at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre. Villa Maria College, Peer Street, Upper Riccarton. Daily silent prayer for the two intervening weeks encouraged. Bring own lunch; tea/coffee provided. Suggested contribution \$70 or donation according to means. Bookings roho@xtra.co.nz or 03 379 1298.

DOVE FELLOWSHIP welcomes Jeanette Dodds as our August speaker. Jeanette has a special interest in releasing women into 'all they can be in Jesus Christ'. A not to be missed presentation! Women of all ages welcome. Saturday 11th August 1pm - 3pm Christ the King Parish Centre Greers Rd. Dove Library, Prayer Ministry, Afternoon Tea, Friendship, Praise & Worship. Phone txt Diane 0274312026.

DIVINE RENOVATION The Bishop's Pastoral Office invites you to this one day seminar with Fr James on Friday 14th 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

MAX18NZ a National Catholic Event for Men, 28-30 September 2018, Kings College, Auckland. Great line up of international speakers, single room accommodation, excellent food, not to be missed. Details available at www.max18nz.info

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 Pro-Cathedral, ph 03 366-2853, e-mail catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz, or 'like' us on Facebook

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or Fr. John O'Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com

'Living the Splendour of Truth' International pro-life, pro-family conference This amazing weekend conference will help you, your family and our entire culture rediscover the newness of the faith and its power to enlighten and transform our communities. This is also once in a lifetime **opportunity to meet the daughter of St Gianna Beretta Molla** - the daughter she gave her life for. Experience beautiful liturgies, pray and learn how we can live of Christ and allow Him to encounter our culture - *a culture that is in desperate need of His Love and Mercy*. 5-7th October. Epsom Girl's Grammar School. Early bird rates apply only for a short time. Register now at www.fli.org.nz/prolifeconference2018 or phone 09 629 4361.