

# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

16 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 Waiau  
(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

### Discipleship

The events described in the gospel of today mark an important turning point in the life of Jesus and his disciples. In Caesarea Philippi, Jesus wants to know from his disciples what opinions people hold about him. Jesus is not happy with the answers that he is John the Baptist, or Elijah or one of the prophets. When he repeats the question, Peter comes out with the right answer that he is the Messiah. But something very essential is missing from Peter's understanding of the Messiah. They hope for a king who will restore justice and the good fortunes of God's people. But Jesus is the suffering Messiah. It is through his suffering and gruesome death on the cross that he will save his people.



Jesus then teaches them a lesson on discipleship. Anyone who wishes to follow him should be ready to take up his own cross and follow him. Jesus wanted them to understand that he is not to be a spectacular and outwardly successful hero, driving out the hated Roman rulers and setting up a Jewish state, as many had hoped. Instead, he is to be a humble, patient, loving peaceful Messiah, God's suffering servant.

God Bless you all

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9

*The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.*

##### SECOND READING: James 2:14-18

*Christ came to save sinners.*

##### GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

*There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 + Psalm 54 + James 3:16-4:3 + Mark 9:30-37

*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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#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Friday 10am - 2pm

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Thank you for all your prayers, for me, my fellow priests and our diocese during the National Assembly. These past few days have been very fruitful spending time praying and sharing together.

### PARISH NOTICES

**PARISH EMAILS** some parishioners have been finding the parish newsletter in the spam/junk folder. If this is happening to you, please add the parish email address to your 'safe senders' list.

**2019 COLUMBAN CALENDARS** are now available for \$12 each. They will be in your church foyer over the next few weeks.

**BISHOP PAUL** has requested that each parish take part in the fundraising for the various diocesan earthquake building projects. We have been advised that the best way for our parish to be involved is through bequests. Leaving a gift in your will is easy to do and an excellent way to ensure that your assets are able to continue or put into the effect the good work you cared about during your lifetime. If you would like further info contact the parish office.

**MASS OFFERING CARDS** these are available from the parish office.

**KERALA, INDIA** for those that missed the special collection you can still donate via Caritas caritas.org.nz Click 'Donate Now' and the details/instructions will come up. Please keep the Kerala situation in your prayers.

**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.

### PARISH GIVING PROGRAMME

Please place this form in the collection basket:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer Envelopes  Automatic Payments

**GOLDEN CATHOLICS** For those over 65 who enjoyed our previous Golden Catholic events a warm invite is extended to you again. A special invitation is extended to those who have not been before. No costs are involved. Please note your diaries that the next luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 17 October 2018 from 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui. To date approximately 100 people have been attending these luncheons. We will have two excellent guest speakers, Triona Doocey, Archivist for the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch and Virginia Noonan, Director for the National Office for Professional Standards for the Catholic Church in New Zealand. If you wish to attend please advise your parish secretary by Friday, 12 October 2018.

**JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** All supporters are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the John Paul II Centre for Life on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 5.00pm to 6.00pm starting with drinks and nibbles. The AGM will be held at the offices of the Centre, 88 Idris Road. Please rsvp to the Chairperson, Matt O'Connell, on moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz or 366-9869 for catering purposes.

**ST. THERESE ROSE PETAL EVENING** Join the Beatitude Sisters and St. Teresa's Parish Community in celebration of St. Therese of Lisieux's feast day. All are welcome to come join in an evening of Adoration, prayer and worship on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October**, 7pm in St. Teresa's Church Riccarton.

**THURSDAY TALKS w THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN** This month's topic is 'Introduction to Theology'. Every Thursday beginning 6<sup>th</sup> September and finishing 18<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm in St. Teresa's Parish hall. All are welcome!

**2018 ROCHESTER LECTURE** Christianity; Challenges and Opportunities in the Twenty-first Century. Speaker – Bishop Paul Martin SM. Wednesday 19 September at 7 pm, Rochester and Rutherford Hall, 77 Ilam Road, 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. Retreatants are encouraged to live in to gain the full benefit of a silent retreat. This covers all meals, accommodation and other retreat costs. If you would like to join us, contact Megan Emery 027 410 6940 or benedictus@windows live.com

**REVOLUTION CAMP** Catholic Youth Team is running a camp for Years 9-10 students from 28 -30 September 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 or call 03 353 0705