

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

23 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

How can we be great?

In life, we find nothing better to get to know each other than walking and travelling in company. Thus, a feeling of trust is easily built, and trust brings confidence. And confidence transmits love. And love surprises us when we discover the mystery hiding in the most intimate part of the human heart. With emotion, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the mystery that hides in His heart. He shares with His disciples whatever He has received from the Father.

Jesus, as their best friend, reveals to His disciples what is going to happen to Him. But it is a sad paradox that while He lives this intimate tragedy, his disciples are debating who will climb on top of the champions' platform when they reach the end of their race towards the Kingdom.

Jesus proclaims new values. To win is not the important thing, but to serve; He will fully prove it at the culminant point of His evangelisation by washing His disciples' feet. Man's greatness lies not in the sage wisdom, but in the innocence of the child. He gives a new lesson: one who makes others great by serving is the greatest in the Kingdom of God. Lets us always try to be part of that Kingdom by serving our brothers and sisters. God bless you all.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

SECOND READING: James 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men... If anyone wishes to be first, he must make himself the servant of all.

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

Numbers 11:25-29 + Psalm 19 + James 5:1-6 + Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Anniversaries: Connie Bamford,
Maisie Thompson

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
her O Lord.*

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Dear parishioners, I express my sincere gratitude towards the flood collection you have made for Kerala, India. The total amount was \$1766.70 which will be sent to my Superior at the Provincial House in Kerala who makes use of this in the local affected area. I do really appreciate this great support. May God bless you for what you do out of your good will.

PARISH NOTICES

SUNDAY MASS AT HAWARDEN 10.30 remember ongoing collection of non perishable foodstuffs for Catholic Social Services. Cup of tea after Mass and a discussion to organise spring cleaning working bee of church- inside and out, gardens etc... in preparation for Bishop Paul's visit late October.

CONFIRMATION CLASS this Sunday at Hawarden after 10:30am Mass.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wed 24th October 7pm.

AMBERLEY CHURCH LAWN MOWING it would be great if we can get a few more people to help with the lawns around the church. Two parishioners have been sharing it for quite some time so many thanks to them. It would be great to get at least six people and set up a roster. Weed spraying and tree or hedge trimming is already taken care of. Please contact Geoff 0277057434.

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.

MASS OFFERING CARDS these are available from the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING TOTALS Thank you for your generous support of the parish.

August 2018 \$4766.60 August 2017 \$4956.80.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC PRIESTS ASSEMBLY PASS ON THEIR THANKS

190 Catholic priests from throughout New Zealand met in Christchurch last week for their five-yearly national assembly. The assembly provided priests with an opportunity for them to renew their commitment to priesthood in an informal gathering. In a real spirit of collegiality, the week's programme gave the priests a chance to spend time together and to openly reflect on and discuss their own experiences in ministry and pastoral life. Thank you to you, our parishioners, for your prayers and support for what was an invigorating and inspirational week.



ST THERESE ROSE PETAL EVENING 2018 The Beatitudes Community invites you to join them at St Teresa's, Puriri St, Riccarton, on Friday **5th October** at 7PM, for an evening of prayer, music and a talk on the theme "All is Grace". All welcome! 03 314 8837

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE *Have you or a family member experienced the grief and pain of conceiving, then losing a baby before or at birth?* Whether this was recently, or decades ago, we invite you to join us for this year's Mass of Remembrance on Monday **15th October** at 7.30pm at St Teresa's Parish, Riccarton. For more information please contact the John Paul II Centre for Life on 03 351 3227. If you need someone to talk to about your loss, or if there is some other way in which we can help you, please let us know.

PRO-LIFE FACTS There were more than 36,000 written submissions to the Justice Committee, 90 per cent were opposed to euthanasia. Anyone who made a written submission to Parliament's Justice Committee on the End of Life Choice (Euthanasia) Bill early this year can request to speak to the Committee for up to 5 minutes. Interested people are urged to contact the Secretariat ASAP at Justice.EndofLife@parliament.govt.nz or 04 817 8506 or 04 817 8305. www.righttolife.org.nz

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.

DOVE Ladies hear the call of the Dove and be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit! Come be encouraged in your faith journey as Wilma Conroy - Dove National Team - leads us in Praise and Worship of Our Lord. Saturday **13 October** 1pm – 3pm. All women welcome. Christ the King Parish Centre Greers Rd Phone txt Diane 0274312026 for more info.

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. Hamper tickets will be on sale the weekend of 27/28 October. For further information contact your parish office.

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