

# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

30 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

### Christian tolerance

On this 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the readings give us a strong warning against jealousy, intolerance and scandal. In the first reading, we find Moses and 70 future helpers were called by the Lord God to the Tent of Meeting for the Spirit-giving ordination ceremony. But two of the invitees were absent. Hence Joshua could not tolerate these absent men prophesying in the camp without receiving God's Spirit in the Tent of Meeting. Moses had to instruct Joshua to be tolerant.

In the Gospel, we find intolerance among the apostles of Christ. John complained to Jesus that a man outside their group of selected disciples was exorcising demons in Jesus' Name, in spite of their attempt to prevent him from doing so. Jesus then told His disciples to be tolerant.

Christian tolerance asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others, without ignoring the evil they do. Intolerance is a sign of a weak faith. Intolerance is also ineffective. It does nothing but damage to the cause it seeks to defend. An intolerant attitude will alienate, rather than attract, sinners. Only genuine agape love can overcome hatred. The Church should display this patient love to a hate-filled world. We are the Church therefore let us build up a good community through the virtue of tolerance. God bless you.

Fr Mathew

### TODAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25-29

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all men may prophesy?*

#### SECOND READING: James 5:1-6

*Your wealth is rotting.*

#### GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2:18-24 + Psalm 128 + Hebrews 2:9-11 + Mark 10:2-16

*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

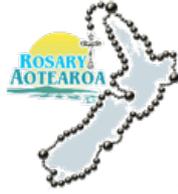
03 319 8730  
Friday 10am - 2pm

**PARISH SECRETARY: Sarah Blair**  
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**PET BLESSING SERVICE** this Sunday at 5pm at Holy Innocents Anglican church, Amberley. With guest speaker from Orana Wildlife Park, followed by a BBQ tea. All welcome.

**ROSARY AOTEAROA** Sunday 7 October 3pm, Feast of the Holy Rosary. Catholics around New Zealand will pray together the Holy Rosary as a one nation, one heart, one mind and one spirit. Our parish will hold this in the Amberley church. More details can be found here [www.rosarynewzealand.nz](http://www.rosarynewzealand.nz)



**OCTOBER THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY** we encourage each area of the parish to gather 30mins before their Mass to pray the rosary during the month of October. We have spare rosary beads at the parish office and for more information on the rosary and how to pray it please visit the parish website [www.catholicurunui.nz](http://www.catholicurunui.nz) and click on the 'Rosary Group' under the 'Ministries' tab.

**DONT FORGET** Bishop Paul will be at Hawarden on Saturday 27th October 7pm. He will confirm 3 children from our parish. The Confirmation Mass will replace the normal 4th Sunday Mass at Hawarden. Please join us for this special celebration. A light supper will follow, please bring a plate.

**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.

**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

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS** You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Rd, Burnside, followed by supper in the Parish Centre. Next Mass: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

**PREPARING ADVENT** Workshop Saturday **13 October** 9:15am-3:30pm. We will explore methods & resources for preparing this liturgical time. Registration required by 5 October. Materials provided. Contact Marianne 03 353 0758 or [mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz)

**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 we can help you, please let us know.

**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.

The annual Suzanne Aubert Celebration Sunday is a day for all Catholics to celebrate and remember the spirituality and good works of this remarkable woman and to be inspired by what she achieved and to follow in her footsteps.

At the age of just 25, Suzanne Aubert arrived in New Zealand from France, to answer God's call to serve the sick, orphaned, elderly and those whom society rejected. She established New Zealand's first soup kitchen which still serves thousands of meals a year. She was a pioneer of New Zealand's health and welfare system and a friend to Māori throughout her life. In the 66 years she lived here, Suzanne travelled widely, visiting more than 24 towns across the country. A special pilgrimage map can be viewed on the website ([www.suzanneaubert.co.nz](http://www.suzanneaubert.co.nz)) which has been designed to help those interested to retrace Suzanne's footsteps in Aotearoa.

Suzanne's wairua lives on in the work of the Sisters of Compassion.

Please continue to pray that the church will soon recognize Venerable Suzanne Aubert's intercession in a miracle which enables her to be beatified.

