

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

9 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

Life: A Miracle of God's Love

Today, the liturgy takes us to contemplate the healing of a deaf man who also had difficulty in speaking. The cures of the sick Jesus carries through, mean indeed much more than merely relieving the pain or recovering the health. They are meant to achieve that those He loves overcome their blindness, their deafness or their stagnant immobility of the spirit and ultimately, a true communion of faith and love.

We also see how grateful is the reaction of the recipients of this divine gift to proclaim God's mercy. The more He insisted on this, the more they proclaimed it. They bear witness of the divine gift, they deeply experience his mercy and are full of deep and genuine gratitude.

For all of us it is important to know and feel that we are loved by God and we are the object of His infinite mercy. This is the driving force of generosity and love God is requesting from us. In our journey of faith, we gradually discover that all our life is nothing but a miracle of love. So, it is necessary that we first realise our own limitations with a true humility and listen reflexively to God's voice. God bless you all.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7

The the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

SECOND READING: James 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

Who can comprehend the will of God?

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9 + Psalm 115 + James 2:14-18 + Mark 8:27-35

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Mary Greenfield

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
her O Lord.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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IT IS WITH GREAT SADNESS that we share with you the sudden death of Mary Greenfield yesterday morning. Mary was an active parishioner serving as Sacristan in Hanmer Springs and our Parish Council Secretary. Please pray for her and her family at this time. Mary's Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday 12 September at 2.30pm at St Roch's Church, Hanmer Springs.

NO WEEKDAY MASSES this week due to the National Assembly of Diocesan Priests. Please keep Fr Mathew and all the priests in your prayers during this week as they gather for prayer, formation and recreation.

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 information contact 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.

CLERGY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY 180 diocesan priests are gathering in Christchurch for the fourth national assembly with the bishops, which is held every five years. The assembly this year will take place from 10th - 14th September. Please note there will be very few weekday Masses available that week in the diocese.

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP Men's gathering Wednesday 12 September at 7.15pm 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. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise and teaching with real life application. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

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 beatitudesnz@gmail.com 03 314 8837

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

SACRED HEART SCHOOL CHRISTCHURCH - Leavers 1968 If you left Sacred Heart School in 1968 (50 years ago) and would like to catch up with other 1968 leavers, or can help us contact these girls could you please contact either Jennifer Hamilton (Martin) on 0211846908 jenniferwks9@yahoo.co.nz or Janet Verrall (Lendrum) 0274855611 janet_verrall@hotmail.com

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Diocesan Clergy Assembly Prayer

O God, the greatness of your love holds firm undisturbed by ceaseless change.

From the cross, Jesus, your Son and High Priest, cried his loss while embracing your call. Though close to despair he taught the lesson of trust and unfailing hope.

Your priests of Jesus Christ live in a time of unprecedented change with both uncertainty and opportunity. Changes unheralded push horizons too far to see.

Renew in us Christ's lesson of trust and hope
That doubt may not conquer
and, like him, we may embrace your call.
Strengthen us to see your great unchanging love unfolding in our lives and ministry.

Amen.