

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

14 October 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

Who can be saved?

On this 28th Sunday in Ordinary time, we see how Jesus wants us all to enter the Kingdom of God giving a strong warning to those who consider themselves as "rich". Those who consider themselves as wealthy do face more difficult challenges to open themselves to God. Their wealth may make them believe they already have everything; they are tempted to risk their own safety and trust by placing them in their possibilities and riches.

We are called to place ourselves in a situation that helps us to see that it is God who gives our lives a meaning, and that we actually are in the hands of God. But, in our modern world, we have so many things that we can feel tempted to believe they can give us security, that we are hanging by a strong rope. But we need to realise that our lives are also hanging by a very fine thread. We are risking having God just as another additional element of our life, another book in our library; important, yes, but just another book; therefore, not considering him as our true and only Saviour.

The point is that whether wealthy or poor we cannot be saved just by ourselves: "Who, then, can be saved?" will wonder the disciples, and Jesus will answer "For humans it is impossible, but not for God; all things are possible with God". Let us all place our full trust in Jesus, and let it show up in our lives. God bless you.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 60:1-6 + Psalm 95 + Romans 10:9-18 + Matthew 28:16-20

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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HELP FOR HAWARDEN in preparation for Bishop Paul's visit there will be two spring cleaning working bees. This Saturday and next Saturday starting at 10am. Contact Monica if you can help 03 314 4070

HAWARDEN/WAKARI Spring Celebration 10am, Sunday 14th October at Bev Forrester's home, Black Hills Karaka Road.

NEXT WEEKEND is Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis' call to be a part of mission especially to the many youth of today, and how we can support mission globally. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday 24th October 7pm in the Presbytery. The Finance Committee will meet beforehand at 5pm.

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.**

HURUNUI LIGHT FESTIVAL Wednesday 31st October 4:30-8:30pm Chamberlain Park Amberley. A free and fun family evening entertainment offering a safe and positive alternative to trick or treat. Clown balloon twisting, bouncy castles, face painting, water walkers, boat on the water, balloon sculpting with story telling, balloon show, capture the flag, laser strike, children's sweet buffet, lolly scrambles etc. Come in your non scary costume and join in the fun of a fancy dress competition with prizes. More information contact Inspire Church Amberley. 0272102917

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.

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Father of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his all-embracing love. Guide these candidates as they begin their preparation for Confirmation. Strengthen them in their baptismal promises, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PATIENT NAMES FOR CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL We currently are not receiving the names of Catholic patients at Christchurch Hospital due to the transition of a new computer system. If you or your family members are going into Christchurch Hospital then please inform the chaplain, Phone extension x89554 or email Angela.Mccormick@cdhb.health.nz

PARISH EDUCATION ADVISER - DIGITAL & YOUNG FAMILIES FOCUS The Catholic Education Office team has a full-time vacancy for a person who will support the Bishop in the ongoing development and implementation of the diocesan pastoral plan for parish life. The major focus of the role is the provision of digital learning resources for parish life and to support and enhance the sense of belonging for parents with young families. For an information pack and position description regarding this position please email Mike Nolan, Manager of the Catholic Education Office, at mnolan@chch.catholic.org.nz

RESPECT-LIFE SUNDAY You are invited to defend life by joining Right to Life under the patronage of Bishop Paul Martin, defending the sanctity of life from conception to natural death. RTL upholds Humanae Vitae and opposes abortion and euthanasia. "Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves." Applications for membership \$12 individual, \$14 for a family may be made to RTL, PO Box 668 Christchurch. For more information on life issues, visit the *Right to Life website at www.righttolife.org.nz*

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020 Fr Chris Friel will escort a tour to Germany to attend this famous play, where 2000 village residents act out the last week of Jesus' life. The origins of the play date back to 1633. Contact the Travel Warehouse 0800 356 728 info@travcorp.co.nz for full details.

WEST PAPUA AND THE SEARCH FOR JUSTICE Meet Wenislaus Fatubun – filmmaker, environmentalist and human rights defender. The camera is his 'weapon' of choice. **Monday 15 October, 7pm** (refreshments from 6.30 pm) at WEA, 59 Gloucester St.

FIREPOWER YOUTH RALLY Come experience STAY (St Anne's, Woolston) Youth Group as they share their story and testimonies about "God's Love". For all ages, held at Catholic Cathedral College Hall on the **26th of October**, from 7pm-9.30pm. A night filled with live worship, testimonies and fellowship! For more info contact Delbert Castillo, Parish Support Worker at dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz or 03 353 0705

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.