

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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30th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

28 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

Spiritual Blindness

Today in the gospel we see a man finds his true happiness and thanks God amidst his own aches and pains. He got two shortcomings: he cannot see and he is unable to work for a living, which forces him to beg. He is lucky to be there by the roadside when Jesus is passing by. Obviously, that blind man has heard about Jesus; he must have been told about the miracles He made. He starts to call out to have mercy on him. Jesus grants him the gift of a double sight: the corporeal sight and most important, the faith which is the inner vision of God.

We often say: —I do not know how to pray. Let us then follow the example of the blind man in the Gospel. We need more faith? Let us just say: —O Lord, increase my faith. We have relatives or friends who have ceased to practice their Catholic faith? Let us just say “O Lord, let them see again”. We realise faith is so important to regain our lost graces and blessings.

St. Clement of Alexandria says: “Let us put an end to the oblivion of the truth; let us unclothe our heart and dispel the ignorance and darkness that, as a cloud, darkens our eyes, and let us contemplate he who is really God”. God bless you all.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

I shall lead them back in mercy—both the blind and the lame.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-6

You are a priest for ever according to the order of Melchizedek.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

Master, grant that I may see.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 6:2-6 + Psalm 17 + Hebrews 7:23-28 + Mark 12:28-34

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Stephen Gillon

Anniversaries: Kurian P. Gregory

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

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WEEKDAY MASS NOTICE there will be no weekday Mass in Amberley on Wednesday 7th November due to the All Souls Mass in Hawarden.

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

ROLL UPDATE if you have changed your contact details recently or know of a parishioner who has moved from your church area, please contact the parish office.

HOLY SHOP We have some beautiful rosary beads from India and small holy items available at the parish office, the sale of these items will support the parish financially. A small sample of what we have in stock can be found on the parish website www.catholichurunui.nz

MASS OFFERING CARDS these are available from the parish office.

ALL SOULS DAY AND CEMETERY BLESSING

Friday 2 November	9.30am Brackenbridge 10.00am Balcairn
Saturday 3 November	3.00pm Culverden 4.00pm Hanmer Springs
Sunday 4 November	12.00pm Cheviot
Wednesday 7 November	10am Mass Hawarden followed by cemetery blessing at Horsley Downs and Waikari

From the 1st - 30th November there will be an **All Souls Box** at the foot of the alter in churches across the parish. You are most welcome to put in the names of deceased family and friends. The Masses offered during the month of November will be for the happy repose of their souls.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve	
Monday 24 December	5.00pm Hanmer Springs 7.00pm Culverden 9.00pm Amberley
Christmas Day	
Tuesday 25 December	9.00am Amberley 9.30am Cheviot 11.00am Hawarden

Mass for those concerned about abuse, and to pray for victims of abuse – Wednesday, 7 November At 6.30pm Virginia Noonan (National Director – National Office for Professional Standards) will be available to share and answer questions to help us understand how the church is currently dealing with abuse. Mass will follow at 7.30pm. All to be held at Christ the King Parish Centre and Church, Wednesday 7 November.

TUI MOTU The Board of *Tui Motu* magazine invites subscribers and non-subscribers to an evening event to share ideas and feedback about the magazine on Thursday **1 November at 6.00pm** at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College, 21 Peer Street. Guest speaker is **Bishop Paul Martin SM**. For catering purposes please let us know how many you will be bringing admin@tuimotu.org or call 03 477 1449

PRO LIFE FACTS Everybody should see the brilliant pro-life documentary film Fatal Flaws opposing euthanasia. All are invited to attend a screening of Fatal Flaws at the Christ the King Parish Centre, on Wednesday **21 November** at 7.30PM, supper will follow. This is a ground breaking film. The assisted killing movement is trying to redefine the ethics of medicine to change our doctors from carers in to serial killers. For more information on life issues, visit the Right to Life website at www.righttolife.org.nz

THE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE invites you to a Candlelit Family Prayer Vigil on **Friday 23 November 2018** at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr. Opening Mass 7.30pm celebrating faith in all the generations, 12 midnight mass for Marriage and Priesthood. Adoration, and rosary throughout the night. Reconciliation available: 8.30pm. Enquiries phone Cathy on tel: 3555 841.

MARIAN COLLEGE Vacancy Marian College is a family based, state integrated Catholic school for girls. We seek a Pastoral Chaplain to support the spiritual growth and spiritual well-being of the students and staff of the College. Work up to 20 hours per week in term time, by negotiation. Support for the Special Catholic Character of the College is a condition of appointment.

THE CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM and Jesus Youth are celebrating their final event for the Ave Maria Campaign on Sunday the **28th October**. After 10:30am Mass at Sancta Maria Parish (70 Spencer St. Addington). Join us for a family friendly fun day with lunch, music, activities and the final celebrations of the Ave Maria Campaign.

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

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O'Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com

