

# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

7 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

### Let no one separate...

Today, the Pharisees want to put Jesus to the test again, and they propose him the question of divorce. But, instead of giving them a definite answer, Jesus makes them understand that while Moses' Law is legitimate, it is only temporal: "Moses wrote this law for you, because you are stubborn".

Jesus reminds them what the book of Genesis says: "But in the beginning of creation God made them male and female". Jesus speaks here of the unity of Humankind. This represents a new reality: Two human beings form a unity, not as an "association", but as generator of Humanity and no one can separate what God has joined!

Back home, the Apostles asked him again about the demands of marriage, and this is followed by the tender scene with the infants. The Kingdom of God is for those that become as infants and accept to build something new. And marriage is the same if we have really understood what it actually means, that is: to leave, to join and to become.

Fr Mathew

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24**

*They were two in one flesh.*

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:9-11**

*He who sanctifies, and those who are sanctified, have one origin.*

**GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16**

*What God has joined together, man must not divide.*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 7:7-11 + Psalm 90 + Hebrews 4:12-13 + Mark 10:17-30

*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

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**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)



**THIS SUNDAY!** Join us for the Kalavale raffle and a cup of tea in the Amberley church hall. All parishioners are welcome after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. The raffle supports the Tongan Mission run by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. It is a great social occasion for parishioners while raising funds for those in need.

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

**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.

**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.

**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. 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. If you wish to attend please advise your parish secretary by Friday, 12 October 2018.

**MEN'S GATHERING** hosted by JOSHUA Fellowship at 7.15 pm Wednesday, **10th October** 2018, St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

**DOVE** Ladies hear the call of the Dove and be filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit! **13 October** 1 - 3pm. All women welcome. Christ the King Parish Centre Greers Rd. Phone Diane 0274312026 for more info

**INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY** Monday, **December 10<sup>th</sup>** marks the fiftieth anniversary of the untimely death of the Trappist monk, Thomas Merton in Bangkok, Thailand. As part of a number of events celebrated worldwide, the Christchurch chapter will hold a commemorative event on the day, starting at 6pm in the evening at the Waimairi Cemetery in 195 Grahams Road, Burnside, where members of the Merton Family are buried. This will be followed by prayer and refreshments in the Narthex at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral for approximately an hour. For further information contact Sister Eleanor Capper rsj on: [ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:ecapper@chch.catholic.org.nz).

**PASTORAL SUPPORT PERSON** The Sisters of Mercy have a part-time vacancy for five days a week 5 hours per day and on call those days. [nursemanager@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nursemanager@xtra.co.nz)

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.

