

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

11 November 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

A total detachment

Today, the Gospel presents Jesus Christ as the Master, who speaks to us about the detachment which we must live by. In the first place, a detachment of our honour and recognition which, every so often, we are looking for and in the second place, detachment of material things.

He who does not live the detachment of worldly things does live full of his own ego, and is incapable of loving. In such a state of mind there is no "room" for others: neither compassion nor leniency or understanding towards our neighbour.

Saints provide us with examples. Here is a fact of Saint Pius X's life, when he still was the bishop of Mantua. A merchant wrote slanders against the bishop. Many friends advise him to sue the slanderer, but the future Pontiff replied: "This poor soul is more in need of prayer than of punishment". He did not indict him, he prayed for him. But that was not the end of it; after a while, this merchant went bankrupt. All creditors fell on him, and he lost everything. Only one person helped him out: it was the very same bishop of Mantua who, anonymously, sent him an envelope with some money, by saying that it was coming from the most Compassionate Lady, that is, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Do I truly live the detachment of the earthly realities? Is my heart empty of things? Can my heart become aware of others' needs? "The program of a Christian —the program of Jesus— is a "heart that sees" says Benedict XVI. God bless you.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daniel 12:1-3 + Psalm 16 + Hebrews 10:11-14,18 + Mark 13:24-32

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Maurice Gallagher
Paul Lagan

Anniversaries: Myna Cook

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

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THE MASS & SOCIAL GATHERING on Wednesday 14th in Hanmer has been cancelled.

ALL SOULS BOX 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.

ROSARY CRUSADE There will be someone to lead the Rosary in the Amberley church on December 8th at 2pm instead of 3pm as Father has to leave for Hanmer.

In February, a group of lay Catholics became concerned about the possible changes/relaxation to our abortion laws and the push to legalise euthanasia in New Zealand. They decided it would be a good time to organise a Rosary Crusade in New Zealand with **the Intentions for Life and Faith** to pray - for the Church in these difficult times; and for the re-evangelisation of our nation. Please view our website at www.rosarycrusade.co.nz The Rosary Crusade will be held on 8th December 2018, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, at 3 pm. The Rosary event will take approx 30 minutes i.e. an opening hymn, an opening prayer, the Rosary, a closing prayer and a closing hymn. The 8th December is also the date of the March for Life in Wellington. We would encourage as many people as possible to attend. The Rosary Crusade will be prayed at the end of the March i.e. in the Parliament Grounds at 4pm.

INFLUENZA PANDEMIC EXHIBITION This special temporary exhibition commemorates the Influenza Pandemic of 1918 and the response of the Sisters of Compassion nursing in a stricken city. The exhibition will be open to the public from Sunday, 11 November 2018 to 31 March 2019. The Ryan Room, Suzanne Aubert Heritage Centre, Our Lady's Home of Compassion, 2 Rhine Street, Island Bay. For more info contact Deirdre at heritagecentre@compassion.org.nz

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK - AMBERLEY fun for the whole family. Saturday 15 December 6:30 - 9:30pm Chamberlain Park. Bring a picnic and enjoy a Christmas performance.

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.catholicurunui.nz

INNER CITY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The last meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday 14th **November** at 6.30pm in the Catering Lounge at John Rhind, 19 London Street. Please bring something to share for a potluck dinner.

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP MEN'S GATHERING 14TH November 2018 at 7.15 pm Wednesday, 14th November 2018, 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. This month we hear from Fr Frank Kelly about some aspects of his prison ministry. For more information phone Mark on 027-702-7889.

CHANGE IN SUNDAY MASS TIME AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY as from Sunday 25th November the Sunday Mass time at the Carmelite Monastery will change from 8am to 8:30am

RNDM ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL The Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions are an International Missionary Congregation of women who desire to facilitate change by being present with compassion and sharing God's love and justice among those with whom we share life. Their annual Christmas Appeal is now on. Collect a Christmas gift catalogue from the foyer today to help support this work. Thank you.

GLOBAL HEALING how our faith helps us to care for our common home Christ the King Parish is holding two sessions of a new programme produced by CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration Film Company), sponsored by the Bishops of the UK. We invite any interested parishioners of other parishes to an inspiring evening of film, food & friendship responding together to Pope Francis' call to care for creation and to pass on a healthy planet to our children's children. Two Sessions, Wednesdays 28 November and 5 December. Parish Centre, Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Road. 7.30 pm All Welcome.

SUNDAY SCRIPTURE SERIES Year of Luke. An overview of the Gospel according to Luke to begin preparation to listen more deeply to the Sunday readings during Year C. Series continues in 2019. Presenter Sr Kathleen Rushton, Wed 14 Nov, 7.30pm. Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College. Indication of attendance requested.

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact vocations.chch@gmail.com

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

CHRISTMAS RECONCILIATION TIMES RITE II

Saturday 15 December	4.00pm Hanmer Springs 7.15pm Culverden <i>after Mass</i>
Sunday 16 December	11.45am Cheviot <i>after Mass</i>
Tuesday 18 December	6.00pm Amberley
Sunday 23 December	11.15am Hawarden <i>after Mass</i>