

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B 25 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

King Of The Universe

The liturgical year that began with the preparation for the birth of God's Son ends triumphantly proclaiming him as the King of the Universe. How do we understand Jesus' Kingship?

Jesus is a caring King At the marriage of Cana the marriage feast was going on well until the wine ran short. That was the time when his mother intervened and asked Jesus to do something. She was not expecting Jesus to arrange for the purchase of wine but use his power as God's beloved Son. A king wants his subjects to be happy and Jesus is that King.

Jesus is a fearless King The Israelite society in which Jesus grew up was a male dominated society and yet Jesus associated himself with all sections of society including women and children. Like with the woman at the well, it was mid-day and Jesus could easily be noticed but Jesus engaged himself in a lengthy conversation with her brought about her conversion. A king has to be fearless and Jesus our King is fearless.

Jesus is a powerful King The Capernaum official whose son was at the point of death knew that Jesus has the power to heal his son. If a person is at the point of death then only God can help him. Jesus, simply by His word cures his son instantly. Kings during Jesus' time often misused their power but Jesus, the King, used his power for the benefit of His subjects.

Jesus is a peoples King The duty of any king is to see that his subjects do not go hungry. Jesus would perform miracles and feed the crowds that followed him. Unlike the other kings of His time, Jesus ate ordinary food in benefactors' homes and never indulged in luxurious living.

Jesus is the King of Heaven Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem was like a welcome given to a king. Pilate entered the praetorian and questioned Jesus if he was the king of the Jews. In his answer Jesus clearly stated that his kingship was not of this world. Let us ask our Lord to accompany us and enlighten us as we conclude the liturgical year.

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:13-14

His sovereignty is eternal.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 1:5-8

The ruler of the kings of the earth... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

You say that I am a king.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 1st Sunday Of Advent Year C

Jeremiah 33:14-16 + Psalm 24 + Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 + Luke 21:25-28 34-36

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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KALAVALE due to the Amberley sacristy upgrade there will be no raffle on December 2nd however you are more than welcome to make a donation after the Mass.

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.

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.

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.

WE HAVE a handful of 2019 Columban Calendars still available for \$12 each. Please contact the parish office before Christmas if you would like to purchase one.

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

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.

Prayer To Christ The King

Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You King of the universe. All that has been created has been made for You. Make full use of Your rights over me.

I renew the promises I made in Baptism, when I renounced Satan and all his pomps and works, and I promise to live a good Christian life and to do all in my power to procure the triumph of the rights of God and Your Church.

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you my efforts in order to obtain that all hearts may acknowledge your Sacred Royalty,

and that thus the Kingdom of Your peace may be established throughout the universe.

Amen.

ADVENT 2018 ONLINE. Receive daily New Zealand based Advent reflections in your inbox. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

SISTERS OF OUR LADY OF THE MISSIONS (RNDM) JUBILARIANS Sr Anne-Marie Shine (50th), Sr Mary Frawley and Sr Connie Hurley (75th) and Sr Lorraine Lawson (50th) cordially invite parishioners/friends who would like to attend their Jubilee celebration at Sacred Heart Church, Spencer St, Addington at 1pm Saturday 5 January 2019. The Eucharistic celebration will be followed by afternoon tea in the Hall. RSVP ASAP: Sr Kathleen Prendergast prendyk@hotmail.com All very welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS You are invited to join with those in the Renewal on the first Friday of each month as we come together to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm, Christ the King Church Final Mass for the year: Friday 7th December. There will be no Mass in January, but will be celebrated Friday 1st February 2019 www.ccrnz.org

DOVE CHRISTCHURCH welcomes you to join us for a "Very Mary Christmas". Humility, obedience, grace, love and purity allowed Our Blessed Mother to say YES to God. Join us this Advent to honour Mary, full of grace. Saturday 8th December 1-3pm Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road. All women welcome. 027 431 2026 for more info.

PARISH TO PARISH FOR BED & BREAKFAST Since the first book was printed 15 years ago, many hosts have suffered health problems, downsized their homes etc.as we urgently require more hosts in places all over the country, I would encourage anyone with a spare bedroom or two in their home, to come and join us. The accommodation does not have to be 5 star, just clean, comfortable and welcoming, also providing a light breakfast. The purpose of this book is aimed at providing catholic hospitality and making new friends. The hosts charge a small fee of \$35 for one only person, or \$30 per person for 2 or more per night. For further information please contact Marie Anderson on 03 359 5541 or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

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 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>