

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Advent

Year C

16 December 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

The humble man-John

Today, well into Advent, God's word introduces us to Jesus Christ's precursor: Saint John the Baptist. God the Father is preparing the arrival of His Son, born of the Virgin Mary, in many different ways, as the beginning of the Letter to the Hebrews says: Patriarchs, Prophets and Kings prepared Jesus' arrival.

We see both genealogies, in Matthew's and Luke's Gospels. Jesus Christ son of Abraham, son of David. Moses, Isaiah and Jeremiah announced His Advent and described the features of His Ministry. But Saint John the Baptist would be the one to point him out to the world, and had the privilege of baptising our Lord. His was to be the very last testimony before Jesus' arrival. And he gave it with his life, with his death and with his word. John is an example of humility: he tells us today, "I am not worthy to untie his sandal". And again he says: "He must increase while I must decrease".

Let us listen today to his word, exhorting us to share what we have and to respect the justice and dignity everybody deserves. Thus, we shall be preparing ourselves to receive He who is coming to save us, and will come again. God bless You.

Fr Mathew



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18

The Lord will exult with you, over you, he will renew you by his love.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is near.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

What, then, must we do?

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 4th Sunday Of Advent Year C

Micah 5:1-4 + Psalm 79 + Hebrews 10:5-10 + Luke 1:39-44

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: C. K Joseph

Anniversaries: Kate Davis

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

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HEARTS AFLAME 2019 any parishioners aged 18 - 35 are invited to attend 10 days of prayer, community, formation and discernment at the Catholic Event Hearts Aflame. If you would like to go but need financial assistance getting there, please contact the parish office. More information on Hearts Aflame can be found here www.heartsaflame.org.nz

RECONCILIATION in your area is coming up! See the times at the bottom of this page.

ANOINTING MASS in preparation for Christmas. Amberley 22nd December 10:30am. All welcome.

SACRISTY BLESSING Fr Mathew will be blessing Amberley's new sacristy after the Anointing Mass on 22nd December. You are all welcome.

CHEVIOT ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE St Anthony's Church December 16 at 7pm. All welcome to come and share in the Christmas readings & Carols, followed by a cup of tea and sharing of mince pies.

HAWARDEN ECUMENICAL CAROL SERVICE Hawarden Park December 15 at 7.30pm.

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

SIMBANG GABI NOVENA MASS Fr Benito will celebrate Mass at Culverden 22 December at 7pm (not 6:30)

DIOCESAN NOTICES

FR GRAEME BLACKBURN'S FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY Bishop Paul and the family invite parishioners and friends to attend a Memorial Mass for the late Fr Graeme Blackburn on his first anniversary, Tuesday 15th January 2019, 11am at Our Lady of Victories Church.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE Formation Programmes and Young Adults Ministry Coordinator + Female Mission Team Supervisor The Catholic Youth Team (CYT) for the Diocese of Christchurch invites applications for the positions of CYT Formation and Young Adult Coordinator (27.5 hours pw) + Female Mission Team Supervisor (10 hours pw). Suitable applicants may wish to apply for both roles as a full time position. Please email us at cyt@chch.catholic.org.nz for more details about the roles and required skills. Applications close **9th January 2018**.

Caring for those in need

During Advent, our parish is holding the **Bishop's Care Appeal**, in support of the caring ministries within the Diocese of Christchurch

"I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat..."



Your gifts will feed the hungry. Last year the Church distributed 4,458 food parcels and made 4,478 home visits across our Diocese

Please prayerfully consider those in the humblest of circumstances with a gift to the Care Appeal. Your support is an answer to someone's prayer.

– Bishop Paul Martin SM

Support the good works of the Church.

Give today: 03 366 9869

www.chchcatholic.nz/BCA18

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP Bishop Paul Martin invites applications from interested individuals who would like to undertake theological studies through Good Shepherd College, Auckland or the programme at the Catholic Discipleship College, Auckland. Contact Mike Stopforth email mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz

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

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE MASS Sunday 24th February, 5.30pm, St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Bishop Paul warmly welcomes all those who work in health care in Canterbury. This is an opportunity for all those involved in health care; doctors, nurses, rest home staff, pharmacists, administrators etc. Afterwards please stay for a glass of wine/beer/juice in the narthex at St Mary's to enjoy the company of others who work in this field. For more information contact: Paula Avery, averypaula@gmail.com or Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz or 027 5398 542

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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| 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 RITE II

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| Saturday 15 December | 4.00pm Hanmer Springs 7.15pm Culverden <i>after Mass</i> |
| Sunday 16 December | 11.45am Cheviot <i>after Mass</i> |
| Wednesday 19 December | 6.00pm Amberley |
| Sunday 23 December | 11.15am Hawarden <i>after Mass</i> |