

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C 30 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

A Message From Your Priest

Dear parishioners, on the 1st of January I'll be leaving for India to visit my father and family. On 12th January I'll be celebrating the first death anniversary of my mother. It's been nearly a year since I started my ministry in the Hurunui! How the time flies! This time when I go home I will have many stories to tell about all my loving parishioners in the Hurunui and they will surely enjoy listening.

As we have come to the end of the year, I use this opportunity to thank you for all your support, care, concern and prayers for me. You will always be remembered in my prayers though I am away on holiday. I will be back on the 31st January. Please pray for my safe travel and keep me in your prayers during my time away.

There won't be any newsletter over the month of January but Sarah will be attending any urgent phone calls.

On Monday 31st December (last day of the year) I'll be celebrating a year end Mass in Amberley at 9am. All are welcome.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year! God bless you

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6 12-14

He who fears the Lord honours his parents.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

His parents found him in the temple, sitting among the doctors listening to them.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | Epiphany Year C

Isaiah 60:1-6 + Psalm 71 + Ephesians 3:2-3 5-6 + Matthew 2:1-12

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Joan Payton

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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FR MATHEW will be away in India visiting his family during the month of January. We wish him a blessed time and safe travels.

SITUATION VACANT we thank Liz James for all her dedication and hard work she has done for our Parish over the years she has been with us and we wish her all the best for the future. The parish treasurer position involves one day a week and Xero and payroll systems knowledge is preferred. Applications close 11th January 2019. Please send your cover letter and CV to catholichurunuitreasurer@gmail.com

CULVERDEN MASS CHANGE there will be no Mass in Culverden on Saturday 19th January.

FR GRAEME BLACKBURN'S FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY Tuesday 15th January 2019, 11am at Our Lady of Victories Church. All very welcome

GOING TO DUNEDIN IN THE HOLIDAYS? Why not stay at the former Seminary, Holy Cross College, in Mosgiel? Breakfast included. Check out their website www.burnslodge.nz or phone 4892600 or email holycross@burnslodge.nz.

Feast of the Holy Family: Learning to Love, Pray and Live in the School of Nazareth

Jesus spent 30 of his 33 earthly years in Nazareth. Some spiritual writers have called these the 'hidden years', because there is so little written about them in the Gospel narratives. However, they reveal the holiness of ordinary life and show us how it becomes extraordinary for those baptised into Christ. From antiquity the Christian family has rightly been called a domestic church. In our own Christian family we can learn the way of selfless love in the School of Nazareth.

In a beautiful address on December 28, 2011, at his Wednesday audience, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI spoke of the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Here is a short excerpt:

"The house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where we learn to listen, to meditate, to penetrate the deepest meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, drawing our example from Mary, Joseph and Jesus. The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic Church, which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God thanks to the teaching and example of their parents. An authentically Christian education cannot neglect the experience of prayer. If we do not learn to pray in the family, it will be difficult to fill this gap later. I would, then, like to invite people to rediscover the beauty of praying together as a family, following the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth".

- catholic online

