

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

10 February 2019



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

Following God's will

Today, the Gospel offers us a simple but profound dialogue between Jesus and Simon Peter, dialogue we could also make ours: amidst the tossing waters of the world's stormy seas, we try hard to swim against the tide, while hoping to fish the good news of a Gospel's announcement that bring us a fruitful answer...

But, it is then the basic reality falls upon us; we are not strong enough. We need something else: our trust in God's Word. He, who promised He will never forsake us. "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will lower the nets". Peter's answer can now be understood in relation to Mary's words during the Cana's wedding: "Do whatever he tells you". It is when we confidently accomplish our Lord's will, and then our work turns out to be really profitable.

Only someone who, like Peter, knows his own limitations is able to accept that the fruit of this apostolic work is not his, but belongs to whom has been profiting from him, as of an instrument. The Lord told the Apostles that from then on they would catch men, but the true Fisherman is Him: the good disciple is nothing but the net that catches the fish, and this net only works if it is used as the Apostles did: leaving everything and following him. God bless you.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

Here am I! Send me.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:1-11

I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Jeremiah 17:5-8 + Psalm 1 + Corinthians 15:12. 16-20 + Luke 6:17. 20-26

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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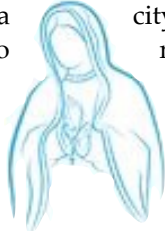
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PARISH PICNIC 3 MARCH at Scargill Domain 10:30am Mass followed with a shared lunch. All are encouraged to attend this special day of communion and fellowship. **There will be no other Masses in the parish except for visitors/tourists to Hanmer 5pm Saturday**

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 11 FEBRUARY Mass will be held in Amberley at 10am. **At the end of Mass individuals who are unwell will be Anointed** and family members can represent those too infirm to come to Mass themselves. Each year a city somewhere in the world is nominated to mark this day of remembrance. For 2019 it is to be Kolkata (Calcutta). The Holy Father is sending a special envoy Cardinal Drozario to represent him. Kolkata is associated with Mother Theresa. World Day of the Sick was first announced by St. John Paul II in 1992, designated to the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11 each year.



CALLING ALL CHILDREN in the parish in years 7-13 who might be interested in the Catholic Youth Team Sports Day! The parish are putting together two teams for the event so please get in touch with Laura Gannaway as soon as possible 027 722 5468. Transport will be organised by the parish. Details are below, its going to be a fun day out!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE Hawarden March 1st 7pm at St Raphael's. This year's service prepared by the committee of Slovenia. All welcome. Light supper to follow.

FINANCE AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday 13th February at the presbytery. 5pm Finance, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Parish Council.

MASS OFFERING CARDS these are available from the parish office.

A THANK YOU LETTER from the provincial superior of Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (Fr Mathew's Order) can be viewed on our parish website and notice boards, regarding the Hurunui donation for the Kerala flood.

CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM

You are invited to join CYT for the Mission Team Commissioning Mass followed by SPORTS DAY!!! Join us for some fun in the sun and a chance to win awesome spot prizes such as paintball, airsoft, movie tickets, etc!

When: Sunday Feb 17 2019

Where: Catholic Cathedral College Fields

Time: 10am Mass, Sports Day follows from 11.30am-3pm

Who: Sports Day games are for youth in year 7-13

Cost: Sports Day - \$5

Let us know at the parish office if you need sponsorship! See above parish notice.

DAVID PARKES IS RETURNING TO CHRISTCHURCH in March this year! David, as some of you will remember, has a powerful ministry in praising the Lord through song and his witness of a miraculous healing from Crohns Disease while, reluctantly, journeying to Medjugorje on a pilgrimage. His witness, humour and wonderful presentation are a great joy for all attendees and we encourage you all, young and old, families, couples, singles, and religious to make a special effort to attend this one-off concert for **Christchurch at Christ the King on March 5 at 7pm in the church.** The First Class relic of St Faustina will also be present.

PRO-LIFE FACTS

The Law Commission's advice on taking abortion out of the Crimes Act and making it no longer a crime to kill an unborn child but making it a "reproductive choice for women" was released on 26th October. The government has chosen option C which allows abortion up to 22 weeks gestation for any reason, after 22 weeks abortion up to birth is permitted if a doctor agrees that it is appropriate. The laity are encouraged to defend life and the welfare of women by opposing this proposal by contacting their local MPs.

For more pro-life information, visit
www.righttolife.org.nz.

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP for MEN Joshua is a Catholic fellowship for men of all ages and all sizes. We celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit working in our daily lives and encourage each other through the ups and downs of everyday life. Just turn up and see if it works for you. 7.15pm Wednesday, 13th February 2019, St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Every second Wednesday. More info? Phone Chris 027-646-4138.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED St Vincent De Paul Please email penny@svdpchch.co.nz or text/call 0212449966 for further information. We look forward to hearing from you!

HELPERS FOR BURWOOD HOSPITAL Anyone able to assist with transporting patients from their wards to the Chapel at Burwood Hospital for an ecumenical service on a Wednesday at 11am, please contact Kirsten Challies at kirsten.challies@cdhb.health.nz.

THE PREGNANCY CENTRE VINNIES HUB is open! Free pregnancy tests, full information on pregnancy options, and baby loss support will be available at the Vinnies Store on 265 Stanmore Road, on Mondays and Thursdays 10 - 2pm.

DOVE is a Catholic fellowship for women from all walks of life and all ages. We gather at Christ the King Parish Centre on the second Saturday of each month 1-3pm. Contact Diane 0274312016/dovechch@gmail.com

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY 2020 Fr Chris Friel will escort a tour to Germany to attend this famous play, where 2000 village residents act out the last week of Jesus' life. The origins of the play date back to 1633. Contact the Travel Warehouse 0800 356 728 info@travcorp.co.nz for full details.