

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

17 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

Abundant Blessings

What is the good life which God intends for us? And how is it related with the ultimate end or purpose of life? On this 6th Sunday, Jesus addresses this question in his sermon on the mount in the gospel reading. The heart of Jesus' message is that we can live a very happy life. The call to holiness, to be saints who joyfully pursue God's will for their lives, can be found in these eight beatitudes. Jesus' beatitudes sum up our calling or vocation - to live a life of the beatitudes. The word beatitude literally means "happiness" or "blessedness".

Jesus' beatitudes also confront us with decisive choices concerning the life we pursue here on earth and the use we make of the goods He puts at our disposal. Jesus tells us that God alone can satisfy the deepest need and longing of our heart. St Teresa of Avila's (1515-1582) prayer book contained a bookmark on which she wrote: Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you. All things pass - God never changes. Patience achieves all it strives for. Whoever has God lacks nothing - God alone suffices.

The beatitudes which Jesus offers us are a sign of contradiction to the world's understanding of happiness and joy. How can one possibly find happiness in poverty, hunger, mourning, and persecution? God reveals to the humble of heart the true source of abundant life and happiness. Jesus promises his disciples that the joys of heaven will more than compensate for the troubles and hardships they can expect in this world.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Unhappy is he who trusts in man; happy the man who trusts in the Lord.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:12. 16-20

If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:17. 20-26

Happy are the poor; their reward will be great.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Samuel 26:2 7-9 12-13 22-23 + Psalm 102 + Corinthians 15:45-49 + Luke 6:27-38

Of your charity pray for

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Mr & Mrs Payton,
Nessie Morland

May they rest in peace

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Mathew Valloppallil MCBS
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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**

MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED When was the last time you and your spouse had a day designed just for the two of you? Marriage Unplugged is designed to equip you with tools to help you build the kind of marriage you desire and have some fun while doing it. **Saturday, April 6th 2019** 9am-4pm Fourviere House of Prayer and Retreat 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield Registration: \$35 per couple Spoiler alert: There is no group sharing – or group work! For further information and to register contact Joanne joannehassan4@gmail.com or call 03 310 6044.

PANCAKE DAY March 1st, 430 – 6.30pm It's time to get your team of 4 together - challenge your neighbours, gather the family, your friends, work colleagues or sports team and head down to Holy Innocents for an evening of fun, laughter and of course pancakes! Spectators welcomed to cheer on the participants. Please enter your teams by Tuesday 26th February, pancakes are provided for tossing but it's BYOP (Bring your own pan). Then after the frivolity enjoy a light meal of sweet and/or savoury pancakes (gold coin donation to help with expenses). For more information or to register your team contact Patricia on 0273067783 or email: amberleyanglican@outlook.com.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE March 1st 7pm at St Roch's. All are welcome.

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

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Tuesday 5th March

Hanmer Springs

5.00pm

Culverden

7.00pm

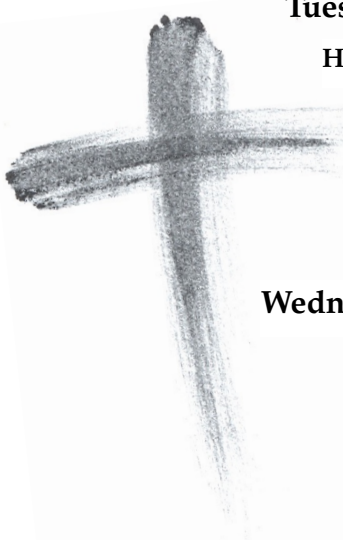
Wednesday 6th March

Cheviot

9.00am

Amberley

7.00pm



LENTEN WORKSHOPS Learn the key aspects to liturgy preparation with the focus on Lent. Parish teams encouraged. **Tues, 12 Feb 10am-3pm or Sat 23 Feb 9:30am – 2:30pm.** Morning tea & resources provided, bring your lunch. Registration required by Feb 8th & 15th respectively, 03-353-0758 or mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST PATRICK'S CHURCH, GREYMOUTH A Mass to commemorate the opening of the Church on 20 March 1994 will be held at 9.30am on Sunday 17 March 2019. The celebrant will be Bishop Paul Martin SM. Morning tea will follow at the Marist Rugby League Rooms.

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. It is a fairly long walk and you may be required to push a wheelchair for about 300m at a time. Services will be fortnightly for 30mins. You may not be able to assist fortnightly but if you are able to assist on a monthly basis, please email Kirsten.

DAVID PARKES IS RETURNING TO CHRISTCHURCH in March this year! 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.

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. Every second Wednesday of the month at St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. More info? Phone Chris 027-646-4138.

Caring for those in urgent need

Thank you!

\$89,000



Already, Bishop Paul has distributed

\$10,000 to help distribute food parcels to over 502 households across the Diocese during Christmas.



\$5,000 to provide food, clothing, bikes and other material goods to children in low decile schools, both Catholic and State.

We will report back to you later in the year on further works your generosity is making possible.

Thank you for caring for 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

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