

# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

24 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

### Love your enemies...

Today, we hear our Lord saying some words that invite us to live the Christian Charity as fully as He did. Jesus is exhorting us to have a Heart like His, like his Father's: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful", a heart that knows no borders, that welcomes everybody, and invites us to forgive and pray for our enemies.

Charity urges us to love, in the first place, those who love us. It is not possible to abide by what we read in the Gospel if we do not sincerely love our brothers, those next to us. But, right away, Christ's new commandment calls us to reach to the perfection of Charity, and encourages us to open our arms to all, to those who do not belong amongst ourselves, or who want to offend or hurt us in some way.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms that "it is not possible to observe the Commandments of our Lord if we are trying to follow the Divine model only from the outside. It must be a vital participation that comes all the way from deep inside our heart, in sanctity, in mercifulness and in the love of God". We realise that we shall love, forgive and embrace others only if our heart is magnified by our love for Christ.

Fr Mathew

### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Samuel 26:2 7-9 12-13 22-23**

*The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you.*

**SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:45-49**

*Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38**

*Be merciful as your Father is merciful.*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 + Psalm 91 + Corinthians 15:54-58 + Luke 6:39-45

*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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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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**HAWARDEN MASS THIS SUNDAY** at 10.30am, St Raphael's.

**UPDATE ON PARISH PICNIC 3 MARCH** at Scargill Domain 10:30am Mass. Please bring food for a shared lunch, there is BBQ facility provided as well as Tea, Coffee, Milk etc. BYO anything else. Feel free to bring deck chairs for sitting outside. The Kalavali raffle will be held after lunch. No dogs permitted in Domain. 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**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AMBERLEY** once again we will be having Stations of the Cross on each Friday during Lent. This year they will be held after the 9am Mass.

**LENTEN REFLECTION** every Wednesday during Lent with Fr Mathew. Beginning on March 13th in the Amberley church hall after morning mass.

**AMBERLEY ROSTER** will be printed within the next 3 weeks, covering the period of mid March through until the end of May. We are looking for more volunteers for cleaning of the church and also flowers after Lent. Approx. one turn a month. Please contact Mary Bimler 314 8368.

**PANCAKE DAY March 1st, 4.30 – 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). 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.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH CHILDREN** Formation for leaders Tuesday, 19 March 7-9:00pm, Cath Education Office, Registration at mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz 353 0758 by 12 March. New & experienced leaders welcome. Come learn what the Church envisions for her children.

**VACANCY - CLERGY HEALTH COORDINATOR** The Bishop has an oversight over the wellbeing of his priests. On his behalf, the Diocese seeks to employ a Health Coordinator to ensure their medical welfare and general well-being are supported. A vacancy now exists for this part-time position. The successful candidate will have a nursing background and the ability to be flexible with his / her time to be able to provide an adequate service. This is an important position in the care of our priests. Having an affinity with the Catholic faith, the Coordinator will have the ability to relate to the priests and to offer practical advice, to be firm in helping them in their medical care and general well-being. The Clergy Health Coordinator will visit clergy in their homes in order to make assessments and to provide the necessary support, advice and counsel. A full position description is available from Mike Stopforth, Cathedral House, phone 027 5398 542 or 366 9869, email mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz Applications close 4.00pm, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WORKSHOP** for those who compose the prayers Tuesday 12 March 7:15 p.m. St Joseph Parish Centre, 133 Main North Rd. Explore how the Church calls us to pray for the needs of the world. Registration by Friday 8 March 353 0758 mdaly@chch.catholic.org.nz

**PREGNANCY CENTRE VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY** To register for our next Volunteer Training on Tuesday 26 March from 10am-2:30pm, please contact Carly at 03 351 3227 or pregcentrechch@gmail.com. This will also be a great refresher for those of you who already volunteer

**MASS IN THE SPANISH LANGUAGE** This year there will be a Mass in Spanish every second Saturday of the month at 5 pm at St Teresa's in Riccarton. Following the Mass there will be time of conviviality in the parish hall.

**DAVID PARKES - REMEMBER ME 2019 NZ TOUR 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH** Irish tenor, David Parkes, will perform a sacred concert at Christ the King Parish on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. He will also launch 40 Days for Life in Hagley Park with his song 'Let Me Live' at 3pm on 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**Tuesday 5th March**

**Hanmer Springs**

5.00pm

**Culverden**

7.00pm

**Wednesday 6th March**

**Cheviot (Ecumenical)**

9.00am

**Amberley**

7.00pm

