

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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1st Sunday of Lent

Year C

10 March 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

Pope Francis reminds us that the three temptations Jesus experienced are also common for us: the temptation to play God, the false security of economic well-being, and giving in to evil as a short-cut to power. A temptation is an empty fantasy, always powerless to deliver what it promises. When we give into temptation we are left feeling even more unsatisfied than before.

It is helpful to know when we are most vulnerable to sin. Think H.A.L.T! When we are hungry, angry, lonely or tired we are likely to grasp at anything or anyone promising even a moment of satisfaction. Maturity of self-awareness (knowing our vulnerabilities) prepares us for growth in relationship with Jesus and therefore with each other. A healthy and positive discipline is required for this growth, like the athlete in training for competition or the musician rehearsing for performance.

The greatest achievement of the devil in our world today is that so many people think he doesn't exist. This means he can operate without being noticed and in ways that are devious and destructive.

An Invitation: Take a few moments every day to notice Jesus present and active in the events and encounters of your life in the last few hours. Now become aware of where you have experienced the presence and action of the devil in your life today. Conclude these moments by remembering that in a conflict between Jesus and Satan, Jesus always wins.

Fr. John O'Connor (Food for Faith)

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
The confession of faith of the elect.

SECOND READING: Romans 10:8-13
The confession of faith of the believers in Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:1-13
Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where he was tempted.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 2nd Sunday of Lent Year C
Genesis 15:5-12 17-18 + Psalm 26 + Philipians 3:17-4:1 + Luke 9:28-36

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Nicola Mary Fitzpatrick

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

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I THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart for making the parish picnic a great success. It really was a blessing for all of us to come together, profess our faith, share a meal and to have some fun. Thank you all.

THIS IS THE SEASON OF LENT a season to be closer to God and seek forgiveness from God. During this time of 40 days, if you know anyone in your area who would like to have a visit from a priest, please let me know and I can visit them. Reassuring them of healing, hope and strengthening of faith.

PARISH NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AMBERLEY we will be having Stations of the Cross every 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.

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.

LENTEN PRAYER God of goodness and mercy, hear my prayer as I begin this Lenten journey with you. Let me be honest with myself as I look into my heart and soul, noticing the times I turn away from you. Guide me as I humbly seek to repent and return to your love. May humility guide my efforts to be reconciled with you and live forever in your abundant grace. Transform me this Lent, heavenly Father. Give me the strength to commit myself to grow closer to you each day. Amen.

Pro-Life Facts

The Parliamentary Justice Select Committee after considering 35,000 written submissions with 90% opposed to euthanasia will soon deliver its report to Parliament on the End of Life Choice bill. This will be followed by the second reading of the bill. We all have a duty to defend the lives of the most vulnerable members of our community, the aged, the disabled and the seriously ill. Euthanasia is about doctors killing their patients or assisting in their suicide. Right to Life encourages you to contact your local MPs to ask them to vote against this dangerous and evil bill.

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

“One thing is clear: Temptation is always present in the life of Simon Peter and temptation is always present in our lives. Moreover, without temptation, you cannot progress in faith. In the ‘Our Father,’ we ask for the grace to not fall, but we don’t ask to not be tempted.” Pope Francis.

AN INVITATION to a time of stillness and silence before the Blessed Sacrament, every Tuesday of Lent, 5.30 - 6.30 at St. Mary’s pro-Cathedral. 5.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 5.50pm reflection, concluding with Benediction beginning at 6.20pm.

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP for MEN WEDNESDAY 13 MARCH Lenten reflection lead by Fr Jack O’Connor. 7.15 pm Wednesday, **13th March, St Gregory’s Centre**, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise singing, formation and friendship. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Every second Wednesday of each month. Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

CATHOLIC SHOP Lent & Easter resources and gifts now available, including reflections, books and candles. Visit us at 373 Manchester Street, Christchurch, next to St Mary’s Pro-Cathedral 366-2853 catholicshop@chch.catholic.org.nz, Open Mon-Fri 9.30am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

GOLDEN CATHOLICS I am very pleased to advise that our two speakers at our first “Golden Catholics” event for 2019 are Bishop Paul Martin SM and Mr Tony Sewell, Manager, Property and Development. The topic is Bishop Paul’s vision for the Diocese. For those over 65 who enjoyed our previous Golden Catholic events a warm invite is extended to you again. A special invitation to those who have not been before – we would love you to come. No costs are involved. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, 27 March 2019 from 11.30am – 1.30pm at St Gregory’s Church, Cotswold Avenue, Bishopdale. Parking is also available behind the church on Colesbury Street. (Please note change of venue). If you wish to attend please advise your parish secretary by Wednesday, 20 March 2019.

THINKING DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD? Speak to any priest or contact Vocations Director Fr. John O’Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com

PREGNANCY CENTRE VOLUNTEER TRAINING DAY To register for our next Volunteer Training on Tuesday 26 March from 10am-2:30pm, please phone Carly 033513227

FULL TIME POSITIONS Society of St Vincent de Paul Christchurch (Vinnies) “Assistant Retail Manager” and “Office Manager” please contact Betty Tannous bettan1701@gmail.com or phone 022 150 9827

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. 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. Cathedral House 03 366 9869.