

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

3 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 Waiau
(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

Preparing for Lent

Pope Francis begins his message for Lent 2019 emphasising that Lent is a JOYFUL season. Let's remember too that the word Lent comes from the old English "spring-time". While Lent does coincide with the season of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, it's different for us here in New Zealand where autumn is just around the corner.

The spring-time thought helps us to appreciate Lent. Think of new life, a time of growth, and signs of hope after a cold and dark hibernation.

Pope Francis continues his message with a focus on the dark struggle of sin: "the mentality expressed in the slogans "I want it all and I want it now!" and "Too much is never enough." But the mature person realises that all their plans and efforts are powerless to deliver the depth of happiness we seek in life.

Pope Francis concludes his message with an invitation: "Let us not allow this Lenten season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus."

An Invitation: Set aside five minutes each morning and evening of Lent to sit in stillness and silence, aware of your need for Jesus and asking that he will keep you aware of his loving presence with you every moment.

Fr John O'Connor (Food for Faith)

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7

Do not praise a man before he has spoken.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

A man speaks from what is in his heart.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 1st Sunday of Lent Year C
Deuteronomy 26:4-10 + Psalm 90 + Romans 10:8-13 + Luke 4:1-13

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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LENTEN REFLECTIONS ON WEDNESDAYS (begins on Wednesday 13th, March after the 9am Mass in the church hall): Lent is a time of ongoing reflection on the gospel. Through these reflections, we find how Jesus could tackle the problems of His life and how he was submissive to God. At the Wednesday reflection time, the gospel reading of the upcoming Sunday will be pondered over within a guided meditation. You are most welcome!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (all Fridays during Lent from Friday 8th March after the 9am Mass): This is a time to walk with Christ and with His Suffering. We reflect that the pains we have are nothing when compared to Christ's. Sufferings always lead to glory. All are welcome!

PARISH NOTICES

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.

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 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.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Tuesday 5th March

Hanmer Springs

5.00pm

Culverden

7.00pm

Wednesday 6th March

Cheviot (Ecumenical)

9.00am

Amberley

7.00pm

“it would seem that Our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased”. *The Weight of Glory. C.S. Lewis*

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.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE This year the ecumenical Ash Wednesday service will be held at the Anglican Transitional Cathedral at 5.30pm on Wednesday 6th March. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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

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.

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

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.

DAVID PARKES - REMEMBER ME 2019 NZ TOUR 5th MARCH Christ the King Parish on 5th March at 7pm. Donation only. Ph Pat Barrett 03 3592087 for information.

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

RITE OF ELECTION Next Sunday, 10 March 1:00 St. Mary’s Pro-Cathedral Bishop Paul.