

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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14 April 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

Holy Week

With today's celebration of Palm Sunday we enter a week that we call Holy Week. While every week is holy, in this Holy Week we face death. While some will simply look back two thousand years and recall the historic events of Jesus' suffering and death, we Christians today make a decision to walk this path to the cross with Jesus. Not that we will necessarily die this week, but every one of us will face death in some way: uncertainly in a relationship, work and home worries, financial insecurity, anxiety about those we love. Each of these unwanted experiences is a taste of death and every week is holy when we remember the cross of Jesus.

As a child I recall crucifixes hanging prominently in Catholic homes and classrooms. In recent years we seem to have thought it better to focus on the resurrection, egged-on by an emphasis on positive thinking urging us to look on the bright side of life. But our challenge is to recall that resurrection only makes sense for the one who has died, and death (because of the death and resurrection of Jesus) is no longer the problem in life or the obstacle to growth but the pathway to intimacy with God and others now and eternally.

And the Sign of the Cross, the best known of all Catholic prayers, even when signed in silence in a moment of need, is the most simple and profound of all prayers.

An Invitation: Take this week ahead, the journey to Easter, as a retreat in daily life. While you maintain all necessary family, work and social commitments, take time every day to sit with the crucifix. Feel with Jesus the pain of being betrayed and abandoned by friends and unjustly punished and crucified. Know that the crucifix is the reminder that our own struggles, anxiety and suffering when lived with Jesus, is our path to the abundant life we seek here on earth and for eternity.

Fr. John O'Connor www.foodforfaith.org.nz

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

GOSPEL: Luke 19:28-40

Narrative of the Holy passion of our Lord.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | Easter Sunday (Morning Mass)

Acts 10:34 37-43 + Psalm 117 + Colossians 3:1-4 + John 20:1-9

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Mary Kotlowski

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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WE WELCOME Tang Phan who is here on placement from the seminary during Holy Week as part of his formation. Please keep him in your prayers.

SIGNATURES NEEDED We had a good number of signatures last week! This is the last weekend to take part. The Euthanasia bill sponsored by MP David Seymour is about to get its 2nd reading and vote in parliament. The Bill is dangerous and does not contain effective safeguards. Check out the dangers of this Bill by visiting www.carealliance.org.nz or www.defendnz.co.nz

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION Please remember to give generously to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday. Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land.

PARISH FARM AGM Sunday the 5th of May 4pm meet at the Hawarden Catholic Church for a short farm walk. This will be followed by a finger food tea and the AGM. Apologies or any queries contact Jane 03 315 8140 or mjschwass@scorch.co.nz

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DATE CONFIRMED 23rd June 11.00am at St Raphael's Hawarden! *Note the time change for the Hawarden Mass.* All parishioners are welcome to attend this special celebration. It will be followed with a shared lunch in the church meeting room.

ARE YOU EXPERIENCING CHANGE LOSS OR GRIEF IN YOUR LIFE? Seasons for Growth is an educational course about responding to grief, change and loss in our lives. This is a gentle small group experience. We are running a course in Amberley starting Saturday 11th May 10am-12.30pm for four weeks - just two more places available. Register by contacting Lauren at seasons@chch.catholic.org.nz 027 424 6045 PLANNED

FINANCE AND PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Thursday 9th May at the presbytery. 5pm Finance, 6pm Dinner, 7pm Parish Council.

HOLY WEEK

For the complete Holy Week schedule visit www.catholicurunui.nz

Monday 15 April

7.30pm Mass of the Chrism, Pro-Cathedral

Tuesday 16 April

9.00am Mass Amberley

Wednesday 17 April

9.00am Mass Amberley

Holy Thursday 18 April

7.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Amberley

Good Friday 19 April

9.00am Ecumenical Service Hawarden

11.00am Ecumenical Service Cheviot

10.00am Stations of the Cross Beatitudes

3.00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion Beatitudes

CHRISM MASS The Chrism Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral at 7.30pm on Monday 15th April. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

EASTER MASS TIMES Easter Mass times and Holy Week Liturgy times across the diocese are available on the diocesan website www.chchcatholic.nz

THE VATICAN ASTRONOMER Br Guy Consolmagno will be visiting Christchurch as part of his tour of New Zealand. The Diocese of Christchurch will be hosting 3 key events on 30 April: 12-2pm Catholic Business Network Lunch at the Rydges Hotel | 5-6pm 'Faith vs Science' University and High School, The Piano | 7-8pm 'The Vatican Observatory' Public Presentation, The Piano. Any questions contact Marie-Louise 021 081 88668

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY April 28 The annual celebration of the Solemnity of Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at the Pro-Cathedral again this year. All are welcome to attend this special day of grace and mercy. Reconciliation 1.30pm-3.15pm. Mass 3.15pm celebrated by Fr John Adams, followed by veneration of the 1st Class relic of St Faustina. "Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted completed forgiveness of sins and punishment" Jesus to St Faustina.

NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION Inaugural Meeting Saturday 25 May 2019 10am -3pm at St Michael's School Hall, 6 Beatrice Road, Remuera, Auckland \$25 per person. Will include Blessing and Holy Mass from Bishop Patrick Dunn and provide an opportunity for doctors and others involved in healthcare to find pastoral care, support, encouragement and faith development. We wish to extend an invitation to doctors, nurses, midwives, physiotherapist, counsellors, social workers, chaplains, pharmacists, dentists, health administrators, lawyers and anyone who works in allied roles. Registration is required for catering purposes by 20 May 2019. Event details: newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz/event

POSITION VACANT- PREGNANCY CENTRE COORDINATOR Do you have a compassionate, pro-life heart and love supporting women in need? Do you have administrative skills? If this is you, apply now for the role of Pregnancy Centre Coordinator at the John Paul II Centre for Life. Permanent, part time position of 20 hours per week. Training provided. Email director@jp2.org.nz for a job description or 033513225. Applications close 30 April.

12 HOURS OF MERCY Jesus Youth movement is initiating the 12 Hours of Eucharistic Adoration across all NZ dioceses. In Christchurch every Thursday from Easter Monday to Pentecost 22 April – 8 June 8.00am – 7.00pm there will be Eucharistic Adoration at St Teresa's Parish Riccarton 8 Puriri Street. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. For more details contact Albin 020 4098 1512.

VACANCY – FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR Stella Maris Catholic Parish of Ferrymead. We are seeking a person to fill this part-time position (10 hours/week) at our Parish Office in Woolston. Email parish@catholicferrymead.org.nz applications close 3pm Friday 16 April.