

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday of Easter

Year C

12 May 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

Good Shepherd... Vocation Sunday and Mothers Day

On this 4th Sunday of Easter, Jesus presents Himself as the Good Shepherd, who accepts under his responsibility the sheep that are given to him by God the Father and takes good care of each one of them. Between him and them He creates a link, a recognition and faithfulness instinct: "My sheep hear my voice and I know them; they follow me". The Good Shepherd's voice is always an invitation to follow him, to enter his magnetic circle of influence.

As we contemplate Jesus the Good Shepherd today Pope John Paul II declared the fourth Sunday as Vocation Sunday. We pray that many may listen to the voice of Jesus as he calls, that they may enter the sheepfold through him and be safe and have life and live it to the fullest. On this day we are asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and to have good shepherds for the people of God especially in our diocese.

Today we thank our mothers, pray for them and honour them by celebrating Mother's Day and by offering our mothers on the altar of God. This is a day to admit gratefully the fact that none of us is able to return, in the same measure, all the love that our mothers have given us. Their influence on their children is so great that it affects the children throughout their lives. Our mothers not only gave us birth but nursed us, nurtured us, trained us in their religious beliefs and practices, taught us good manners and ideal behaviour, disciplined us as best as they could and made us good citizens of our country, our Church and our society.

Let us pray to the good shepherd for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese and remember our mothers during the Mass we offer today. God bless you.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 13:14.43-52

Many became believers.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 7:9.14-17

The Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

I give my sheep eternal life.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 + Psalm 145 + Revelations 21:1-5 + John 13:31-33 34-35

*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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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

"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."

C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

A REMINDER that there is Adoration every Thursday morning in Amberley after the 9am Mass. Feel free to pop in and spend time before the Lord. Reconciliation  is also available during this time.

AMBERLEY ROSTER we are desperate for more volunteers for cleaning of the church and also flowers. If you can help please contact Mary Bimler 314 8368 or contact the parish office catholicurunui@gmail.com

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.

TODAY VOCATIONS SUNDAY all the baptised renew their commitment to creating a Vocational Environment in our parish where we help young(ish) men to seriously consider a call to serve God as diocesan priests. Thank you to all who are active in promoting diocesan priesthood as a fulfilling, God-centred life of service. Vocations Director: Fr. John O'Connor vocations.chch@gmail.com

Pope Francis Prayer for Vocations

LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call. Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and giving for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families with the confidence and grace to invite others to embrace the bold and noble path of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament, so that we may cooperate with you in building your reign of mercy and truth, of justice and peace.

Amen.

DIOCESAN YOUTH MASS Sunday 19th of May 5.30pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Come join CYT and the youth of the Diocese at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral to celebrate Mass! Supper and refreshments provided afterwards in the Narthex. For more info contact Delbert Castillo, Parish Support Coordinator dcastillo@chch.catholic.org.nz

JOB VACANCY - Property Administrator at the Diocesan Office A part time opportunity (20-25hrs/week) has arisen. An interesting project-based role with a range of administrative duties providing support for the Property Management Team, including preparing reports, maintaining databases, handling enquiries, taking minutes and much more. For more information look on the Diocesan website www.chchcatholic.nz or phone Holly on 03 962 7642 or holly@grahamconsulting.co.nz

JOB VACANCY - Professional Standards Officer (PSO) for the National Office for Professional Standards. The PSO plays a key role in coordinating the Church's response to complaints of harm made against clergy or members of religious congregations within New Zealand. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the job description and application form, please contact Virginia Noonan on virginia.noonan@nzcbc.org.nz Applications close 22 May 2019

THE FAMILY PRAYER VIGIL APOSTOLATE invites you to a Candlelit Family Prayer Vigil on Friday 31st May at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr, cnr of Jeffreys and Idris Rds. Opening Mass 7.30pm celebrating Faith in all the generations, midnight Mass for Marriage and Priesthood. Adoration and Rosary throughout the night. Reconciliation available after 7.30pm mass. Enquiries to Daphne 351 5435.

PRAISE & WORSHIP WORKSHOP Saturday, 29th June 10am – 4pm at Christ the King, Burnside. All welcome to join for an experience of spirit-filled Praise & Worship with teaching and shared workshop. BYO lunch; Tea/Coffee provided; no charge but collection to cover costs. Further info: Maureen on 027 5688 338.

OPEN EVENING - CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch. 6.30 - 8pm Thursday 23 May.

OPEN DAY - VILLA MARIA COLLEGE Tuesday 21 May, 9am-3pm. This is an opportunity for prospective students and their families to see Villa in action! For more information go to www.villa.school.nz

FIREPOWER YOUTH RALLY! High Energy, Fun Games, Live Music, Free Prizes, Dance Party And Great Vibes! Years 7 – 13 7pm - 9pm Friday June 7th 2019 C3 South City Church (510 Colombo St) For more information contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz

ANTIOCH CAMP 2019 This an exciting weekend where young people are empowered to recognise the person God has created them to be. This weekend will prove an invaluable experience through the spreading of the gospel in a fun and dynamic way (small groups, activities, praise and worship, sessions. Years 11-13 Woodend Christian Camp Fri 5 – 7 July 2019 Cost: \$90 Should you have any financial difficulties please don't hesitate to contact Carmela on cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz