

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th Sunday of Easter

Year C

19 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

Love and Service

Love is the Christian identity. Love is the Christian uniform. Love is the Christian habit. If we are wearing this habit we are in. If we are not wearing this habit we are out. Jesus wants the world to recognise us as Christians. We need to evangelise and witness to people around us. But effective evangelisation and witnessing has less to do with how fluently we speak and more to do with how faithfully we live. In the evangelisation of Africa, many missionary groups came early and focused on making converts. Others came later but focused on service to the people, providing needed medical care and integral education. These latter groups succeeded where the former groups failed. Words are only a small part of our witnessing for Christ. As St Francis of Assisi told his friars, "Preach the gospel at all times and use words if necessary".

The great Mahatma Gandhi was asked about his view of Christianity. What he said could show us what probably is keeping two-thirds of the world away from the Good News of Christianity: "I have a great respect for Christianity. I often read the Sermon on the Mount and have gained much from it. I know of no one who has done more for humanity than Jesus. In fact, there is nothing wrong with Christianity, but the trouble is with you Christians. You do not begin to live up to your own teachings".

The greatest homage we can pay to the Christian faith is to live in such a way that through us people begin to have a glimpse of the unbounded and unconditional love that God has shown us in Christ.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

SECOND READING: Revelations 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2 22-29 + Psalm 66 + Apocalypse 21:10-14 22-23 + John 14:23-29

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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FROM YOUR PRIEST

PRIESTS SOLIDARITY I will be away with other priests of the Diocese this week at the Priests Solidarity gathering in Hanmer Springs. Please keep me in your prayers.

HYMN BOOKS I hope you are enjoying the new hymn books, please remember to collect your hymn book as you enter the church and return it as you leave (one book has already gone walkabout!)

PARISH NOTICES

FAREWELL to our parish chair Carl Finnigan. Our parish council and finance committees came together last week to farewell Carl and thanked him for all he has given to our parish over recent years. We wish him well and keep Carl and his family in our prayers.

NO WEEKDAY MASS for Amberley this week while Fr Mathew is away.

HANMER SPRINGS WEEKDAY MASSES will be held during the Priest Solidarity week (21-24 May) Tuesday - Thursday 12pm and Friday 9am.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH - CHANGE OF DATE/TIME the final three meetings will be held on the following dates: 21st May, 18th June and 25th June from 5 - 7.30pm in the Amberley church hall.

THANK YOU! *Last year we raised the grand total of \$1873.20. This was a sterling effort and we are well on the way this year to repeat it. The Sisters were very happy to receive it and will update us to what is happening in Tonga shortly.* Join us for the Kalavale raffle and a cup of tea in the Amberley church hall. All parishioners are welcome after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. The raffle supports the Tongan Mission run by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. It is a great social occasion for parishioners while raising funds for those in need.

FIRST RECONCILIATION for children who are going to receive their First Holy Communion will be held in Amberley, Saturday 22nd June at 10am.

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.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

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. Phone 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.

NEW CHURCH OPEN DAY - ST PATRICK'S PARISH, LINCOLN The Lincoln Parish invite all from the Diocese to their "Open Day" on Sunday 26 May between 1pm-4pm, to look through their beautiful new church.

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

A DAY RETREAT on "The Holy Spirit and Mary" by Fr John Adams and Monica Lee (CV). We invite you to this day retreat in honour of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and in anticipation of Pentecost coming'. Start with Mass at 9am till 2.30pm on 25th May Sat at St Gregory's. No cost. B.Y.O lunch. Enquiries 027 2055 266.

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. Phone Holly on 03 962 7642.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL "LISTENING TO GOD" To hear the voice of God, "that fatherly, whispered, secret word, uttered in the inmost depths of your soul... you must be deaf to all the roar of the world without, and hush all the voices of your own inner life". The Adoration Chapel provides a quiet place to hear the voice of God. Visit anytime and contact Matt on chchadoration@gmail.com or 366-9869 for more details.

Diocesan Youth Events

FIREPOWER YOUTH RALLY! High Energy, Fun Games, Live Music, Free Prizes, Dance Party And Great Vibes!!!!

Who: Years 7 - 13

Time: 7pm - 9pm

When: Friday June 7th 2019

Where: C3 South City Church (510 Colombo St)

FREE YOUTH EVENT! For more information contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz

ANTIOCH CAMP 2019 This an exciting weekend where young people are empowered to recognize 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, etc)

Who: Years 11-13

Where: Woodend Christian Camp

When: Fri 5 - 7 July 2019

Cost: \$90 (Should you have any financial difficulties please don't hesitate to contact Carmela on the email below!)

Register: www.cyt.org.nz/antioch