

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Ascension of the Lord

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2 June 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

The Feast of Ascension

Today, in the Ascension of our Lord, we once more remember the "mission" that we have been entrusted with: "And you are witnesses of these things" (Lk 24:48). God's Word is still alive today: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). Also today, there is a current and urgent demand for the Word of God: "Go, therefore, and make disciples from all nations" (Mt 28:19); He said to them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15).

In this Solemnity, the invitation of our Lord who finishes his mission in this world, strongly echoes, while leaving us to sit at the right hand of the Father and send us the strength from above, the Holy Spirit.

We as followers of Christ should have the fire burning inside, the fire that cannot be stopped: The Word of God is alive. And we should feel like saying: "All you peoples clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries. God mounts the throne amid shouts of joy; the Lord, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise".

God's kingdom is sprouting in people's hearts, in our hearts, like a seed about to bear fruit. Sing, dance, for our Lord. And, if we do not know how to, then, place the Word in our lips until it comes down to our heart. It will surely, then bear fruit. Let us take up this great mission of producing fruits. God bless you.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

He blessed them, withdrew from the, and was carried up to heaven.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 + Psalm 103 + Corinthians 12:3-7 12-13 + John 20:19-23

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Monica Glenn
Carol-Anne Campbell

Anniversary: Terry Bamford

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

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HANMER MASSES Fr Phillip will celebrate Masses on Sunday 11.15am and Monday 8am. Parishioners are welcome to attend.

THIS SUNDAY 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.

BEATITUDES NIGHT FOR PENTECOST 8th June 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Join the Beatitudes Community for an evening of prayer as the Church enters the great feast of Pentecost. The evening will include prayer, music, a teaching, the conclusion of the Novena for Pentecost. Prayer is followed by a pot luck dinner. Our Lady of Fourvière House of Prayer and Retreat, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield 7481. beatitudesnz@gmail.com Phone 03 314 8837

ECUMENICAL PENTECOST SERVICE 4pm 9 June at the Waipara Memorial Hall. All are welcome.

SVDP are in dire need of warm blankets for Winter! Please contact Olivia Shimasaki on 021 0879 8241 if you can help.

FIRST RECONCILIATION for children who are going to receive their First Holy Communion. It will be held in the Amberley church, Sunday 16th June at 8am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WITH BISHOP PAUL 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.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

2-9 June 2019

Dear friends

This week we celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The unity of Christian churches is not usually something that is top in our minds in our daily lives. We tend to focus our time and energy within our own faith community.

Over the last 100 years there have been startling developments in the movement of the Christian churches towards one another. There are doctrinal differences, and differences in styles of worship and prayer. But compared to the animosity of previous centuries, we have made huge strides in learning to work together, especially in assisting the disadvantaged and in joint worship.

The Week of Prayer extends until Pentecost Sunday next weekend. You may have the opportunity to take part in an ecumenical service in your area - don't miss that opportunity. You can use the Eight Days of Prayer for Christian Unity leaflet (www.catholic.org.nz) for personal prayer or in a group, or simply pray in your own way for unity. Consider a practical action, for example, making contact with someone from another denomination, maybe just for a cup of coffee. Other Christians are just like us, followers of Jesus Christ, committed to his way, his truth and his life.

No action is too small in the work of promoting Christian unity. Our small actions are often multiplied by the Holy Spirit in amazing ways.

John A Cardinal Dew
Archbishop of Wellington
Catholic Bishops Committee for Ecumenism

CBS CHOIR & ORCHESTRA present a concert in St Mary's Pro-Cathedral at 3pm on Sunday, 16 June, to mark Trinity Sunday. It includes Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 and his Trinitatus Mass with seasonal choral/organ items.

The NZ Catholic Bishop's Committee for Interfaith Relations is currently launching a new resource titled "Promoting Interfaith relations in Aotearoa New Zealand". It is recognised that as a result of the recent terrorist attacks in Christchurch, there is a particularly increased need for interfaith work in New Zealand. A workshop on the approach of the Catholic Church to Interfaith relations is being held in Christchurch on Tuesday the 4th June - 7pm at the St Josephs Parish Centre, 133 Main North Road, Papanui. All are very welcome to come along to learn about the Church's official teaching on interfaith relations and understand more about this important ministry.

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. BYO lunch, Tea/Coffee provided, no charge but collection to cover costs. Call Maureen 027 5688 338.

SCHOOL REUNIONS Catholic school reunions in Whanganui: St Augustine's College and Marist Brothers this Labour weekend. Henry Newrick on 027 471 2242. www.facebook.com/staugustinewhanganui

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

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN next gathering Saturday 8 June at Christ the King from 1-3:30pm. Under the authority of the Bishop, we offer teachings, prayer ministry, reconciliation and fellowship. Dove is for women of all ages. No sign up required, simply come along. For more information contact: Diane 0274312026 or www.dove.org.nz

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

ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR JEAN VANIER Jean Vanier, founder of the Faith & Light and L'Arche communities, servant of Jesus, widely read author and inspirational speaker died in Paris on 7 May. His message which goes beyond religious and cultural barriers redirects our attention to the importance of "being with" others, especially the most vulnerable. A National Memorial service to honour Jean's, life will be held at St Gregory's Church, 30 Cotswold Avenue Bishopdale at **11am on Saturday 8 June**. All are invited to attend. Contact Anne-Marie Pike 027 227 2471

PENTECOST RETREAT DAY Fr. John O'Connor will lead a four hour retreat at the beautiful new parish church of St. Patrick, 31 Gerald St, Lincoln 7608. **Saturday 8 June 2019** (Pentecost Eve) 11.00am - 3.00pm. All Welcome. Bring your own lunch and a friend or two. www.foodforfaith.org.nz