

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th Sunday of Easter

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26 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 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

Our choice to love:

Today, before the celebration of the Ascension, we read once more the words of the so called sermon of the Last Supper, where we should see the different ways to present a unique message, insofar as it all emanates from the blessed union of Christ with the Father and from God's will to associate us closely to this mystery of love.

One day, St. Therese of the Child Jesus was offered several gifts for her to choose one but quite decidedly, despite her youth, she said "I choose everything!". When she grew older she realised that choosing everything actually meant desiring to be love and devotion in the Church, for a body without love would be totally meaningless. The mystery of God's love, is a concrete, personal love incarnated within the Son Jesus, who gives us everything: Himself, his life and his deeds are the best and clearer God's message to us.

From this love encompassing everything is where "peace" is born from. A word that, today, we all dream about: we want "peace" but alarm and violence surround us. Peace will only be achieved if we turn towards Jesus, as He gives us his peace as a fruit of his total love. Though He does not give it as the world does as the peace bestowed by Jesus is not made of calm unconcern, but just the opposite: of a solidarity that becomes brotherhood; of a capacity to take a look at ourselves and at others with new eyes, as the Lord does, and thus, forgives us. A great serenity overflows us and helps us to see things just as they actually are, not as they look like. And by following this way we shall reach happiness.

"The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of all that I have told you". In these last days of Easter let us beg to open up to the Holy Spirit; we received it when we were baptised and confirmed, but now we must—as a last gift—make the Spirit to spring up from within us to take us where we would not have dared by ourselves.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2 22-29

It seemed right to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you beyond what is essential.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:10-14 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60 + Psalm 96 + Apocalypse 22:12-14 16-17 20 + John 17:20-26

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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THANK YOU for your prayers while I was away for the Priest Solidarity gathering in Hanmer Springs. It was a lovely time spent in prayer, sharing and fellowship.

THE AMBERLEY CHURCH has recently had some work completed like the new sacristy, decorating and lighting (If you haven't visited the Amberley church recently I suggest popping in next time you are driving past.) These works were able to be done due to the kind heart of a **generous donor**. Please pray for them and their family that God will bless them abundantly.

OUR NEW HYMN BOOKS are working out well and we hope parishioners might consider contributing \$20 towards the cost of one book per family. You can do this by using a separate envelope (indicating Hymn Book donation) in the collection basket.

PARISH NOTICES

INFORM the latest copy of the Inform magazine is now available in your church foyer.

HAWARDEN MASS THIS SUNDAY 10.30am Cuppa and chat to follow in the meeting room. Over the next week (Monday 27th onwards) it is intended that we start the "big clean up" of the church and gardens in preparation of Bishop Paul's visit later in June for First Holy Communion. Starting on Tuesday we will be tidying up the memorial garden, the hedge and painting the church sign. Please come along with gardening tools, ladders and paint brushes. We also need a trailer and a spray unit for moss/mould treatment. Phone 314 4070 for further information.

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

SEASONS FOR GROWTH - CHANGE OF DATE/TIME the final two meetings will be held on the following dates: 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.

CHANGE OF DATE FOR 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 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.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL "The best time on earth" St Mother Teresa of Calcutta said "the time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth... (it) will deepen your union with Him and... will help bring about everlasting peace on earth." Visit anytime and contact Matt on chchadoration@gmail.com or 366-9869 for more details.

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.

ECU-ACTION FORUM – Climate Change and a Faith Response. 30 May, topic is Water. Speaker: Kathleen Gallagher with Hugh Thorpe responding. Knox Hall, 5.00pm for 5.30pm start. Contact Marilyn 021 061 3940.

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

THE FAMILY PRAYER VIGIL APOSTOLATE invites you to a Candlelit Family Prayer Vigil on Friday 31st May at Holy Trinity Parish, Bryndwr. 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. More info? Phone Daphne 351 5435.

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 15 June at Christ the King from 1-3:30pm. 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