

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Year C

5 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

Do you love me?

Today's Gospel narrative shows us the rehabilitation of Peter, who denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of Caiaphas, repented and then received from Jesus the Primacy in the Church. The Gospel also shows us God in search of man, even when man tries to evade Him.

After the Easter events, the Apostles seemed to go back to their usual jobs, as if they had forgotten the Master had transformed them into "fishers of men". The Evangelist willingly admits when he says that —despite having tried their best— "they caught nothing that night". It was the disciples' night. But the appearance, at dawn, of the Lord completely overturned everything. Simon Peter, who had previously taken the responsibility for the unprofitable fishing, now pulls the net completely full.

The two metaphors used in the story, namely fishing and shepherding, are the duties of the Church in her missionary work. Peter, as a forgiven sinner, is chosen for the quality of his love to serve as leader in a community of friends. As his primary mission, he is given the care of the vulnerable lambs and sheep, and he is told that fidelity to this mission will lead him to martyrdom.

We often fail to acknowledge the presence of the risen Jesus behind our unexpected victories, great achievements, job promotions, miraculous healings and success in relationships. Let us remember the Divine warning, "Without Me you can do nothing". God bless you all.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32 40-41

We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 5:11-14

The lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, wealth, glory and blessing.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14.43-52 + Psalm 99 + Apocalypse 7:9.14-17 + John 10:27-30

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Mathew Joseph

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

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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. *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.*

PARISH FARM AGM THIS 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

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.

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.

MARIAN MONTH OF MAY Do you ever feel like you could use some help approaching God in your prayers? The Memorare is a prayer that reminds us that we have a wonderful advocate and protector in the mother of our Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In our prayers to her we honour and worship her Son, who is more than happy to listen to His mother's pleas on our behalf. The Memorare, printed below, invites us to ask the Blessed Mother for her assistance and her grace, especially when we feel most troubled in our daily lives.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

THEOLOGY ON TAP Speaker Dean Mischewski on The Resurrection – Fact or Fiction at Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy, 5 Rountree Street, Upper Riccarton on 8 May at 7pm. Anyone over 18 is most welcome.

JOSHUA FELLOWSHIP for MEN Wednesday 8 May Presentation by Fr Alan Jones on 'Praying the Gospel with Mary in the Rosary'. 7.15 pm Wednesday, 10th April, St Gregory's Centre, 30 Cotswold Road, Bishopdale. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise singing, formation and friendship. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Every second Wednesday of each month. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND A FAITH RESPONSE 9 May, topic is AIR. Speaker: Dr Richard McKenzie with Sr Kath Rushton responding. Knox Hall, 5.00pm for 5.30pm start. Contact Marilyn (021 061 3940) for further details.

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

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY 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 honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and in anticipation of Pentecost coming'. "Come, Holy Spirit at the voice of Virgin Mary who calls you and grant us the outpouring of your Spirit." Start with Mass at 9am till 2.30pm on 25th May Sat at St Gregory's. No cost. B.Y.O lunch. For booking and inquiry 0272055266 or monicalee2405@gmail.com

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

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP ANNUAL GATHERING Saturday 11 May Fr Brian Traynor will explore the themes of 'Belonging' and 'Teams'. 12.30pm for cuppa and start 1.15pm. Our Lady of Victories, Sockburn. Presentations followed by 6pm mass and bring and share pot luck dinner. All are welcome come for some or all of the afternoon and evening

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. 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

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