

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Most Holy Trinity

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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

Feast of Holy Trinity

Today, we celebrate the solemnity of the mystery at the centre of our faith, where everything originates from and where everything returns to; the mystery of the unity and of God, and at the same time, his subsistence in three equal and yet, different Persons. The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: unity in communion and communion in unity.

In this great day, we must realise that this great mystery is ever present in our lives: from the very Sacrament of our Baptism —which we have received in the name of the Holy Trinity— till our participation in the mystery of the Eucharist, which is made for the glory of the Father, by his Son Jesus Christ, thanks to the Holy Spirit. And it is also the signal by which we Christians recognise one another: the sign of the Cross, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The mission of the Son, Jesus Christ, consists in the revelation of His Father, whom He is the perfect image of, and in the gift of the Spirit, which has also been revealed by the Son. Today, the proclaimed evangelic reading shows it up to us: the Son receives everything from the Father in perfect unity:

Let us today learn the great and comforting truth: the Holy Trinity, far from being distant and aloof, comes to us, dwells within us and transforms us in its interlocutors. And this, through the Spirit, which guide us into the whole truth. The incomparable “Christian dignity”, which, St. Leo the Great, at times, speaks about, is this: to keep God’s mystery within us and, thus, revel in our Earth of our own Heavenly “citizenship”, that is, into the Holy Trinity’s bosom. God bless you.

Fr Mathew

TODAY’S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:22-31

Wisdom was born, before the earth was made.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-5

To God through Christ in the love which is poured out through the Spirit.

GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

Whatever the Father has is mine. The Spirit will receive what I give and tell you about it.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS | The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ

Genesis 14:18-20 + Psalm 109 + Corinthians 11:23-26 + Luke 9:11-17

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Ken Bimler
Mr Joesph

*Eternal Rest Grant unto
them O Lord.*

PARISH PRIEST: Fr Mathew Valloppallil MCBS

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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FROM YOUR PRIEST

NEXT SUNDAY 23rd June, you are encouraged to come along as a whole parish to celebrate our young parishioners receiving their First Holy Communion. Mass at Hawarden will start at 11am which will be followed with a shared lunch, please bring a plate.

PARISH COUNCIL/FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS Bishop Paul would like to meet with you after the First Holy Communion Mass. Please try your best to attend.

PARISH NOTICES

THIS SUNDAY! 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. Parents are welcome to make their reconciliation as well.

NEW ROSTER for Amberley is available now. Please collect your copy from the church porch.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH this Tuesday 5pm at the Amberley Church hall.

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.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH CHAIR you are most welcome to place your nominations via email to Fr Mathew sijvm17@gmail.com by Saturday 22nd June.

OFFERING MASS FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION It is a praiseworthy tradition to have Mass offered for a special intention and especially for the happy repose of a person who has died. Take an envelope from the church foyer or collect one from the parish office and fill in the details on the envelope. If the Mass is being offered for someone who has died, their name will be published in the newsletter so that others may pray for them as well. It is usual to make an offering to the priest of \$10 for each Mass offered.

National Day of Prayer for CEC

Trinity Sunday is a powerful reminder of mission. It helps us remember that Jesus emptied himself. He stepped out of the timeless total joy of the inner intimacy of God to share with us the struggles, doubts and tragedies of our lives. He died like us, shamefully and painfully as some of us do. Our mission as Catholics is to share that remarkable story with others.

But our world has changed. The pace and anxiety of modern life, the lure of living through the virtual world of media and social communications has made the message of the gospel very distant and seemingly irrelevant for so many among whom we live.

CEC strives to touch a new generation by reaching out through our Catholic Discovery Facebook pages.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

BISHOP'S PROPOSED PLAN Following Bishop Paul's announcement last weekend, the information on the Bishop's proposed plan can be found on the website www.ourfaith.chchcatholic.nz In the bishop's announcement he invites us to reflect and pray about his proposal for another week before the feedback process opens on 22nd June. For ease of collation feedback online is encouraged although there will be hard copies of the evaluation form available if needed. The feedback questionnaire comprises specific questions as well as space for people to give general feedback. The feedback process allows for individual or group feedback.



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION This exhibition, featuring 17 large panels, is going to be held at St Gregory's Parish Centre from **July 2-7**. The exhibition was put together by an Italian teenager who died aged 15 in 2006. His beatification process is underway. For exhibition opening hours & more details contact Matt 366-9869 moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz

PRISON CHAPLAIN VACANCY A vacancy exists in the Catholic chaplaincy team for a full time position (40 hours per week) working in both Rolleston Prison and Christchurch Men's Prison. The role requires a special combination of experience, skill, formation and personal qualities. Applicants will come from a committed Catholic ministry background, should demonstrate a personal faith commitment, relevant pastoral formation and experience, a high level of personal maturity and judgement, a resilient personality and success in working in teams. For more information about this position, a job description and an application form please contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, email: mstopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz, phone: 027 5398 542. Applications close on Friday 5th July.

WOMEN'S AFTERNOON RETREAT "Come To The Water You Who Are Thirsty". Isaiah 55. **June 22nd**, 1-5pm at St Francis of Assisi Lounge. Treat yourself to some spiritual refreshment and soak in God's presence. To register contact Kirsten Challies kirsten.challies@mairehauparish.org.nz

Trinity Sunday and Mission Today!

Yet nothing reaches out and touches so deeply as personal witness and example. You who read this are now Jesus' disciples here in New Zealand. CEC wants to help you by providing reflections, prayers, and videos to help spread this message. Our older supporters are diminishing. We need your support. So pray for us, tell others about us and donate to keep our work going.

Please open your hearts to our work this Trinity Sunday. Look us up on www.catholicenquiry.nz and on our Catholic Discovery Facebook page. Pray about becoming a sponsor and supporter and keep Christ's work alive.

Neil Vaney SM, pastoral director CEC