

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Most Holy Body And Blood Of Christ

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23 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Napoleon Bonaparte was the French emperor who conquered most countries of Europe and wished to conquer the whole world. Somebody asked him a question. What is the most important day in your life? They expected answers like the day of his coronation as emperor, the day of his royal wedding, the day of his famous victories etc. But he said, "The most important and the most memorable day of my life is my First Communion Day." For six of our children, this Sunday should remain as the happiest and most memorable day of their life.

Why this is the happiest day of their life? It is because they are receiving the biggest celebrity, Jesus our God and Saviour, as the guest of honour into their hearts and lives, for the first time, in Holy Communion. It means somebody very very big is coming to stay with them, bless them, protect them and guide them.

The next question is how does Jesus come to our hearts? Jesus comes to our hearts in the form of consecrated bread and wine. We believe that we are receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. It is because Jesus said that he would be there in the consecrated bread and wine. Nothing is impossible for God. So Jesus is really present in the consecrated bread and wine. That is why we cannot see or touch or taste Jesus' human body and blood when we receive Holy Communion.

I would like to thank Peggy Burrows and parents of these children who prepared them to receive the first Holy Communion. I thank loving parishioners who supported these children with their prayers and those working hard to make this Sunday so beautiful. I remind the parents to continue to train them in Christian faith and practice, not by advice but by exemplary Christian lives. Congratulations!!! God bless you.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:11-17

The Lord loves you and has chosen you.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 13th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Kings 19:16 19-21 + Psalm 15 + Galations 5:1 13-18 + Luke 9:51-62

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Ken Bimler

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord.

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THIS SUNDAY 23rd June, I strongly encourage you all 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. This is also a good opportunity to meet Bishop Paul who is going to be the main celebrant of the Mass.

PARISH NOTICES

SOLEMNITY MASS The Nativity of St John the Baptist (patron saint of our diocese) will be celebrated on Monday 24th June at 9am in Amberley.

SOLEMNITY MASS The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be celebrated on 28th June at 9am in Amberley.

SEASONS FOR GROWTH this Tuesday 25th, 5pm at the Amberley Church hall.

CONFIRMATION the parish needs to know numbers of children interested in making their Confirmation this year (October). Please contact the parish office.

ECUMENICAL DINNER The Hurunui Hotel has been booked for a Mid Winter Dinner on Sunday 7th July at 12 noon. The meal will consist of Ham on the Bone and salad, pavlova, cream and ice cream with fruit couli, tea and coffee. We have been quoted \$35 but if there are over 40 it could be cheaper. If less than 30 it will be pork! Please try to be there by 11.30am. Contact Pat Manning by 1st July as we have to give final numbers by then. Phone 3144160 or email patmanning7348@gmail.com

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.

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

BISHOP'S PROPOSED PLAN Feedback for the Bishop's proposed plan has now opened. There is 2½ months for feedback to be submitted. For ease of collation feedback online is encouraged and will take approximately 10 minutes though if you want to give fuller responses extra time may be required. 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. There will be hard copies of the evaluation form available from next weekend. Information on the Bishop's proposed plan can be found on the website www.ourfaith.chchcatholic.nz A meeting with Bishop Paul in each of the Christchurch regions will be held in July and dates will be available shortly.



WEST PAPUA The Pacific Crisis We Can No Longer Ignore: Hear Rosa Mowiend, West Papuan human rights defender and researcher on Tuesday, 25 June, 7.00pm, WEA, 59 Gloucester St.

ANNUAL PERPETUAL ADORATION RETREAT All are welcome to this annual retreat day being held on Saturday July 6th at St Gregory's Parish Centre from 9am-1pm. There will be talks, Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation. For more information or to register please contact Matt on 366-9869 or email moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz

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 on 366-9869 or email moconnell@chch.catholic.org.nz

ANNUAL SOCIAL The annual social for ex Marist Brothers boys and Greymouth Convent girls will be held at the Papanui RSA on Sunday 29th September. \$10pp closing date 20th September. Contact Frank for more info frankandaudrey44@gmail.com

MASS IN THE PORTUGUESE LANGUAGE 5.00pm Sunday 30th June at St Peter's church, Beckenham 11 Fisher Avenue. This Mass is held on the last Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

National Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants

Across New Zealand this week, Caritas is marking the National Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants on Sunday, 23 June. The day is set aside each year to fall as close as possible to the internationally celebrated World Refugee Day on 20 June. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand has prepared resources for parishes and schools across the country to share the words of Pope Francis and encourage compassion and love in welcoming migrants into our communities.

In 2017, Caritas Internationalis, the network of global Caritas agencies, launched a worldwide campaign, Share the Journey, promoting empathy toward migrants and refugees. "The future is made of us, let's Share the Journey" is inspired by Pope Francis' message during his TED talk in 2017.

Pope Francis has continued to speak for the migrants, refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking who, he says have become "emblems of exclusion." In his message for 2019, Pope Francis voices concern at an increasingly individualist society. He reminds us that the future of humankind is up to us, not just politicians, leaders or big companies. He emphasises the need for each other. When it comes to refugees and migrants, the 'other' is not just a statistic or a number – the 'other' has a face. They are a real presence, a person of innate dignity.