

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

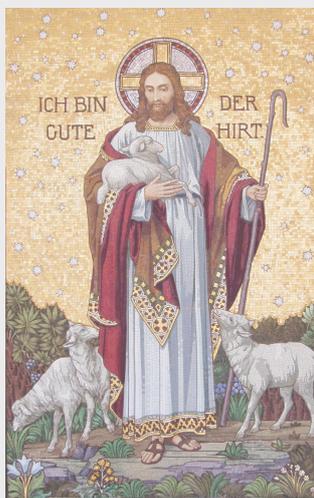
PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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21 July 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
Church Hall

A Call to Choose the Best Part

Today, in the attitude of the two sisters, Martha and Mary, we can detect two different ways of living the Christian vocation: the active and contemplative life. We see Mary "who sat down at the Lord's feet", while Martha was busying herself with plenty of chores and all the serving, always happy, but tired. Two different models of Christian life we must coordinate and integrate: to live Martha's way as much as Mary's way. We have to be attentive to the Lord's word and, at the same time, be alert for the noise and daily bustle that may hide God's presence.

Most of us have been called by God to be like "Martha". But, we should not forget that the Lord wants us to be more and more like "Mary" too: Jesus Christ has also called us "to choose the best part" and to let no one take it from us. He reminds us that the most important is not what we can do, but God's word, that lightens our lives by infusing our works and deeds with the Holy Spirit's love.

To rest in the Lord is only possible if we can enjoy the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. It is the greatest treasure we Christians have. In John Paul II's last encyclical we read: "The Church lives from the Eucharist. Our Lord has many things to tell us, many more than we think. Let us, therefore, seek those moments of silence and peace, to help us find Jesus again and, in him, to find ourselves once more". Jesus Christ invites us today to take an option: to choose "the better part". God bless you

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10

Lord, do not pass by your servant.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

Jesus speaks with Martha and Mary.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32 + Psalm 137 + Colossians 2:12-14 + Luke 11:1-13

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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NEXT SUNDAY 28TH JULY (4th of the month) Mass at Hawarden 10.30am followed by a cup of tea. Please remember the Collection of non perishable food items for Catholic Social Services.

VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED for the cleaning of the Amberley church. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

CONFIRMATION we would like to know numbers of children interested in making their Confirmation this year (October). Please contact the parish office 03 319 8730 or catholicurunui@gmail.com

THE BEATITUDES SHOP their shelves are stocked with some new arrivals, including the latest shipment of modern spiritual classics by Fr Jacques Philippe, plenty of gift ideas and lovely greeting cards. Please support the Sisters of the Beatitude Community, their shop is located at Our Lady of Fourvière, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield.

FEEDBACK FOR THE BISHOP'S PROPOSED PLAN Individual and group forms can be found online at www.ourfaith.chchcatholic.nz or please ask the parish office for a hardcopy if there are none available in your church area.

KALAVALE! 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.

You are most welcome to become a member of the Greater Company of Mary as an affiliate member. It is basically a commitment to daily prayer for the suffering and dying of the world. Please contact the parish office for more details.

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.

GROUP LEADERS FEEDBACK TRAINING SESSION

The Bishop's Pastoral Office would like to assist group leaders in facilitating group feedback sessions on the Bishops proposed plan "Our Faith, Our Future". On Sunday 21st July at 3.30pm they will run an information and support session at the Assisi Lounge, Mairehau Parish, 380 Innes Rd. Contact Matt on 366-9869.

HELP US TO HELP OTHERS Volunteers required for our Shops! Volunteering for Vinnies is a rich and rewarding experience in a supportive working environment. For more info please email stanmoremgr@svdpchch.co.nz or text/call 022 384 7503.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN

Saturday 10th August from 1pm-3pm. With a wonderful gift for teaching, Fr Michael Therese will share his insight on the Dos and Don'ts of being Catholic. Christ the King Parish Centre, Burnside 027 431 2026.

ST MARY'S SCHOOL, CHRISTCHURCH 125TH

JUBLIEE - 30/31 August 2019 All former students, staff and parents are invited to help celebrate 125 years of education at St Mary's School. Drinks and Nibbles function Fri 30 Aug and Celebration Mass and afternoon tea Sat 31 Aug 4pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Please register by emailing the school office requesting details: office@stmaryschch.school.nz

Bishop's Proposed Plan area meeting

The Bishop Paul continues with his area meetings around the greater Christchurch area. These meetings are an opportunity to hear from Bishop Paul about his vision and the opportunity for people to ask questions. The dates and venues for the remaining meetings with Bishop Paul are below.

Central - Tuesday 23rd July 7.30pm Cathedral College Hall, 62 Ferry Road

Selwyn - Sunday 28th July 2.00pm at Lincoln Event Centre, 15 Meijer Dr, Lincoln

Waimakariri/Hurunui - Tuesday 30th July 7.30pm at Chervier Centre, Rangiora

To date over 200 submissions have been received online and a good number of hard copy submissions as well.

Prayer for Scott's Healing - Fr Emmet McHardy

Most Holy Trinity, if it is in accordance with your design that your servant Emmet McHardy should be glorified by the Church, show us the power he enjoys in your sight by granting us the favour we ask through his intercession for the full body healing of Scott Grainger. You live and reign for ever and ever, Amen



Scott Grainger is from our neighbouring Waimakariri Parish. Scott is 42 years old and a loving husband and father to two little girls. He has been diagnosed with metastatic colon cancer which has spread to his liver, lymph nodes and peritoneum and he needs a miracle.

Some years ago, another parishioner - Mark Milnes, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. He was a young father and he, his family and the wider community prayed fervently to Our Lord through the intercession of Fr Emmet McHardy for healing and a miracle happened! Mark was healed, him and his wife went on to have more children and he now enjoys a beautiful life with many grandchildren. Scott Grainger needs the same miracle.

For more information on Fr Emmet McHardy please visit www.wn.catholic.org.nz/fr-emmet-mchardy