



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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28 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

TEACH US HOW TO PRAY...

On this 17th Sunday of ordinary time, the Lord's Prayer in the gospel teaches us how to pray. Let us pay great attention to what his attitude enlightens us. Quite often, Jesus Christ feels the need to meet face-to-face with his Father. In his Gospel, Luke emphasises this point.

Pope Benedict XVI comments on the Lord's Prayer that "it is significant for Luke to place the Lord's Prayer in the context of Jesus' personal prayer. Thus, Jesus let us share His praying; He takes us inside the intimate dialogue of Trinitarian love; in other words, He lifts our human weaknesses up to the very heart of God".

The Lord's Prayer consists of a filial conversation with His Father who loves us madly. St Teresa of Avila defines a prayer as "nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us".

Our liturgy puts this prayer upon our lips when we are about to receive the Body and Blood of Christ. The seven petitions that it involves and their own sequence give us an idea of the kind of behaviour we have to take on when we receive the Holy Communion. Each time we make this great prayer, we encounter Christ.

Fr Mathew

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS | 18th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Ecclesiastes 1:2;2:21-23 + Psalm 94 + Colossians 3:1-5 9-11 + Luke 12:13-21

We Remember

Masses have been requested and offered for:

Recent: Frank Bojarski

Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord.

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THIS SUNDAY 28TH JULY (4th Sunday 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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION 15th August Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the Patronal Feast Day for New Zealand. Mass will be at Amberley 9am.

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 Beatitudes 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.

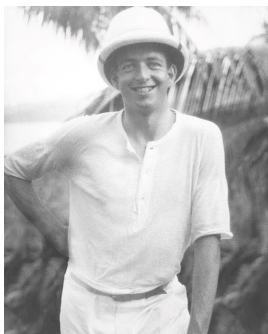
KALAVALE! Join us for the Kalavale raffle and a cup of tea in the Amberley church hall. All parishioners are welcome after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. The raffle supports the Tongan Mission run by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. It is a great social occasion for parishioners 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.

**Prayer for Scott Grainger'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 complete healing of Scott Grainger. You live and reign for ever and ever, Amen



Fr Emmet McHardy SM
1904-1933

BISHOP'S PROPOSED PLAN UPDATE Information is being added to the website for the Bishop's Proposed Plan. Latest information to be added includes 2018 Mass counts from every parish and some statistics from the 2013 Diocesan Census. The website can be found at www.ourfaith.chchcatholic.nz.

Feedback remains open until August 30 and over 230 submissions have been received to date. 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 for people to ask questions.

The dates and venues for the remaining meetings with Bishop Paul are below.

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

Waimakariri/Hurunui - Tuesday 30th July 7.30pm at Chervier Centre, 41 Victoria Street, Rangiora

FIRST FRIDAY MASS 2nd August at Christ the King, 90, Greens Road, Burnside, commencing at 7-30pm. The evening includes Praise & Worship, Prayer Ministry and Mass is followed with supper/fellowship in the lounge. Please bring a plate. This event presented by Christchurch Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Maureen 0275688338.

MARIAN DEVOTION The Chinese Catholic Community in Christchurch is under the Patronage of Our Lady of Assumption. Sunday 4th August at Christ the King Parish. 3pm Marian Devotion, 4pm Chinese Mass and followed by a Cuppa at the parish centre. Come and meet your Chinese speaking friends, everyone is welcome!

MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED "A healthy marriage always takes work. Look for ways forward instead of ways out." For couples at all ages and stages of marriage to help strengthen their love and commitment to one another. Saturday 28th September 9:30 – 4:30 Fourviere House, 67 Leithfield Rd. Leithfield. Contact Jennifer Goulding 3148096 or jennngoulding@outlook.co.nz

WILDER Join the Catholic Youth Team for a time of Adoration with Praise and Worship. Join us to take some time out in this busy world, as well as praying for the Bishop's Vision for our diocese. All welcome! Friday 2 August, 7:30-9pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre, cnr Vagues Rd & Main Nth Rd.

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 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 office@stmaryschch.school.nz.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME Begin your journey today by contacting 0508 HOME NOW (0508 466 366).