



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs
(Every Saturday)

6:30pm Culverden
(1st Sunday 2nd & 3rd
Saturdays)

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)

12pm Fourvière House of
Prayer and Retreat

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday
7am Amberley*

Tuesday - Saturday
12pm Fourvière House of
Prayer and Retreat

Reconciliation

By Appointment
or before Mass
(but not the last 5 Minutes!)

Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall

*May be cancelled when
Parish Priest is away

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Year A

14th June 2020

I am the Bread of Life...

The 'one, holy, catholic and apostolic' Church mentioned in the Creed, i.e. the Catholic Church, has always proclaimed the belief that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist.

Not all Christians believe in the Eucharist as Catholics do. And the Creeds in the earlier centuries never mentioned the Eucharist at all because the teaching was taken for granted, and because the denial of this teachings happened much later in Church history. Today, some Christians believe that Christ is present only 'symbolically' along with the bread and wine. They assert that in taking communion they are receiving bread and wine in which Jesus is 'symbolically' present. Some maintain that Christ is present, not as a result of His power, but as a result of their personal belief. Some say that Christ is present only through the faith of the community, or that Christ does not remain after the 'service'. Some deny that Christ is present at all; they contend that the bread and wine only symbolise the spirit and teachings of Jesus. There are many variations on these themes and they stand in contrast with what the early Christians believed, which is still upheld by the teachings of the Catholic Church. Catholics should carefully distinguish our Church's teaching from other *opinions or wrong teachings*. To remove any doubt, the language used in the Catholic Church is very clear and succinct, for example, in the Catechism;

(Paragraph 1374)

"The mode of Christ's presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend."²⁰¹ **In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained."** "This presence is called 'real' - by which is not intended to exclude the other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too, but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a *substantial* presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present"

The words from John Chapter six says it all: "My flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink".

Christ is with us in the Eucharist – that is why the Eucharist is the source and summit of true Christian life. His Real Presence makes our Eucharistic celebration an act of 'worship' in thanksgiving and praise rather than an act of 'congregating'.

Blessings, **Fr Michael**

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Deu 8:2-3,14-16

He gave you food which you and your fathers did not know.

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 20:10-13 + Romans 5:12-15 + Matthew 10:26-33

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

629 I am the Bread of Life

627 This is my Body

367 Salve Regina

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

June

14 Corpus Christi

19 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

21 Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants

24 The Nativity of St John the Baptist

29 Saints Peter & Paul Apostles

BISHOP BASIL MEEKING Bishop Paul Martin announced on 11 June 2020 the death of Bishop Emeritus Most Reverend Basil Meeking DD. Bishop Meeking aged 90 passed away at Christchurch Hospital after a recent period of ill-health. Bishop Paul said "Bishop Basil had a great love of priesthood and has left us a legacy of priests who have a strong identity in their priesthood" May he rest in peace. For more information about the life of Bishop Meeking read here www.archives.chchcatholic.nz/2019/09/bishop-basil-meeking-1987-1995-retired

HAWARDEN MASS SUNDAY 28th JUNE at 10.30am, St Raphael's.

MASS OFFERING CARDS these are available from the parish office.

INFORM the latest copy of the Inform magazine is now available in your church foyer.

TAX RECEIPTS & PLANED GIVING ENVELOPES due to the lockdown the sending out of receipts was delayed. They are available at Mass this weekend. Please collect yours and save us postage.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION We are about to start an internet based programme. Included will be some meetings of the children and Parents. You will need to enrol ASAP. More information to come.



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.

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. It is usual to make an offering to the priest of \$10 for each Mass offered.

THE BEATITUDES SHOP their shelves are stocked with 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.

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



YOUNG ADULTS TOURNAMENT DAY A time of food, fellowship, good vibes and sporting activities for our Young Adults. Whether you're into sports or not, come for a time to meet other young adults in the Christchurch Diocese. Simply chill in our chill out space, support and cheer on competing teams and have a BBQ with us for dinner, there's heaps to do for you! We can't wait to have you join us to win the first ever Tournament Day Trophy! 18 - 35 years. Saturday 27th June 2020 at Catholic Cathedral College Fields (62 Ferry Road) 12pm-4pm (BBQ to follow). Cost is \$5. For more information, please contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Ever wondered about what the church teaches on life, love, sex, gender and relationships and why? This intensive two day course will answer your questions and equip you to help others do the same.

+ Young adults, youth and parish leaders 4th & 5th July

+ Youth aged 14-18, 8th & 9th August

9am-5pm St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Only \$25 per person, which includes lunch. If the cost is an issue please get in contact with us. Email Aiber info@jp2.org.nz for more info or to register.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL urgently requires furniture to sell in our stores and to give away to families in need. Drop off can be made to our stores, 265 Stanmore Rd, 31 Shands Road or 19 Langdons Rd in Papanui.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? Call Gianna's Choice 0800 367 5433 or visit pregnancyoptions.org.nz "When you said you would help me it was like a light at the end of the tunnel." Kim made two different abortion appointments but in the end could not do it and rang back to say she wanted to take up our offer of help if it was still there. Kim was a mother living on her own with her toddler when she was pregnant with twins. Once the twins were born a volunteer and staff member each stayed over a night a week feeding the twins so Kim could sleep. It was this practical offer of help that helped her to take a leap of faith and choose life for her babies. They are thriving and recently Kim said; "In this whole Abortion Legislation Bill discussion no-one is talking about providing the sort of help you were willing to provide."

IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL When admitted to the hospital, make sure that someone register you as a Catholic. Due to privacy laws, some hospitals do not provide names of Catholic patients to our Catholic Chaplains. If a patient or a family wishes to see the Catholic hospital chaplain please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic chaplain. You may also ask Fr Michael the Parish Priest to anoint you prior to admission. In the Hospital, a Catholic priest is always available for urgent calls by asking hospital staff.

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