



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 Waiiau
(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

12th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

21st June 2020

Do Not Be Afraid...

Persecution and relief are some of the thread that runs through this Sunday's readings. In the first reading, the prophet Jeremiah feels the betrayal of friends and their threats against him. At the same time the prophet also experiences the protecting presence of the Lord, like a "mighty hero" (v.11) who sustains those who trust in Him and overcomes all who oppose Him.

Psalm 69 combines the plight of those who suffer for the Lord's cause with the experience of the Lord's consolation. "The Lord listens to the needy".

St. Paul reminds us in the Second Reading, the overflowing gift of grace that we have received from God through Jesus Christ. The gift of God in Christ outweighed the sin and physical death that came from it. This is captured also in the Easter proclamation when the priest sings: 'O Felix culpa'. O Happy fault (of Adam) that gained for us such a Great Redeemer.

St. Matthew's Gospel presents Our Lord's instructions to the Twelve. He told them not to fear physical persecution, because there is a far greater threat and danger, that of Spiritual death or "the destruction of one's soul". As His followers we are to take courage in times of darkness, for the Heavenly Father is in control. He governs all creation and will take particular care of His children. We are to continue to give courageous public witness to our Christian faith in God.

Blessings, Fr Michael

Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants Sunday 21st June 2020

"I have always been distressed at the lot of those who are victims of various kinds of human trafficking. How I wish that all of us would hear God's cry, 'Where is your brother?' (Gen 4:9). Where is your brother or sister who is enslaved? Let us not pretend and look the other way. There is greater complicity than we think. This issue involves everyone!"

Pope Francis, 2013, Evangelii Gaudium

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

Psalm Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

God's gift to us is nothing like sin against him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

13th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Kings 4:8-11 14-16 + Romans 6:3-4 8-11 + Matthew 10:37-42

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

883 Christ Be Our Light

892 The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

355 I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary (vs 1-3)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

June

21 Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants

24 The Nativity of St John the Baptist

29 Saints Peter & Paul Apostles

HAWARDEN Clean up/working bee St Raphael's church Hawarden in preparation for return of Sunday Mass. Wednesday June 24th and or Friday 26th 10am start. Contact Monica 3144070.

HAWARDEN MASS SUNDAY 28th JUNE at 10.30am, St Raphael's. There will be a collection of non perishable food for the food bank. All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea afterwards.

CULVERDEN MASS First Sunday of the month 5th July will be returning to Fr Benito the filipino chaplain celebrating Mass at 6:30pm Sunday (rather than vigil).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION All families with children aged 8+ are welcome to start the internet based FHC programme. Please contact the parish office and register your child by 6th July. The First Holy Communion Day has been set and will be held of the feast of Christ the King 22nd November. The cost for the programme is \$50 (\$80 for two of the same family) which covers the cost of the programme, Mass books, medals etc. Any family who cannot afford this please talk to Fr Michael privately. We ask that all parishioners keep these children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.



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.

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.

LITURGY MATTERS – Music and Singing. Please, if you are a musician or have a good voice, can you start thinking of occasionally sharing your talents in helping us to sing during our Sunday Liturgies and on big occasions?. It does not have to be a weekly commitment. Start with the occasional Weekend Mass. More importantly: Please, can we have music for Christmas 2020?. There is nothing worse than Christmas Mass without Carols. Please encourage each other. We can even start planning now if you make yourself available.

In the area of music ministry, and in all matters pertaining to many areas of parish life, if we are not careful, we will act out the classic story of Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

As the story goes; There was an important job to be done and **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** got angry about that, because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realised that **Everybody** wouldn't do it. It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have.

COFFEE, CUPCAKES & CLOTHING The Pregnancy Centre is opening a location in Woolston and to celebrate we are holding a grand opening event with FREE coffee, cupcakes and baby clothes. There will also be giveaways every half hour! Monday 29th June 1-3pm St. Anne's Woolston carpark 739 Ferry Road (if raining in the hall). For more information email info@jp2.org.nz or 351 3227

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

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.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has endorsed the promotion of vocations and asks us to promote vocations regularly. www.holycross.org.nz

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