



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiau | Hanmer Springs  
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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

Pentecost

Year A

31st May 2020

### Receive the Holy Spirit...

We emerge from our Lockdown state to resume our first public Mass on Pentecost! It almost replicates the emergence of the Apostles from their 'Lockdown', after living in fear and hiding for fear of persecution.

On the day of Pentecost, we celebrate the birth of the Church; the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and those gathered around them. It was the day from on which the disciples and Apostles blazed the world boldly to proclaim the Good News of Our Lord. From that first nucleus of a small band of Apostles and disciples the Church has multiplied until today we number over one billion Catholics, or more if we included our separated Christian brothers/sisters.



The Catechism (CCC830) says; *"The Church was, in this fundamental sense, catholic on the day of Pentecost and will always be so until the day of the Parousia (the second coming of Christ)"*. Not many people realised that the word 'catholic' means 'universal'. This very word, used to describe the Church's universality and used in speaking of her, is the word attributed to her: the Catholic Church, the universal Church!. Examining the origin of the word 'catholic' from the derivation of its Greek origin tells us more. The word 'catholic' comes from two Greek words; "kata" and holos" – "according to" and "whole". Hence the word 'catholic' means 'universal' in the sense of 'according to, in keeping with the whole'. The Catholic Church's universality is from her 'according to, and in keeping with the whole' – from her unbroken link with the apostolic teaching. And at the root of her apostolicity is the Holy Spirit, the giver of life - the very Spirit who gives life to the Church.

We, as the Body of Christ, the one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, share the one Spirit, to proclaim the good news of joy, forgiveness, peace, and love every day of our lives. Our Eucharistic celebration strengthens us to live out the challenge of Pentecost in our community and in our world. And there is much to do as we emerge from our Lockdown if we are to blaze the world like the Apostles did.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus.....Come Holy Spirit.....

Fr Michael

P/s The bishop has asked for his letter to be read to you during the time of my homily

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

*They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.*

##### SECOND READING: Corinthians 12:3-7 12-13

*In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.*

##### GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

*As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

##### Trinity Sunday

Exodus 34:4-6 8-9 + Corinthians 13:11-13 + John 3:16-18

#### TODAYS HYMNS:

Come Holy Ghost

O Breathe on me

Lyrics overleaf Let us sing to you, O Mary

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

##### May

Month of Mary

##### June

7 Parish AGM

7 Trinity Sunday

14 Corpus Christi

21 Day of Prayer for Refugees & Migrants

**PARISH AGM** as previously advertised in Fr Michael's emails, this will be held in the Amberley church hall on 7 June at 2pm. Parishioners may join us using ZOOM, an email will be sent out with the link. All are encouraged to come along.

**TAX RECEIPTS & PLANED GIVING ENVELOPES** due to the lockdown the sending out of receipts has been delayed. We are working through these now and thank you for your patience.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Fr Michael is exploring an internet based programme (like Waimakariri parish) We envisage the lessons will be done online however there will be perhaps three group meetings with both parents and children and the location will depend on who signs up. More information to come.

**PROPERTY MAINTENANCE** Chris McRae one of our parishioners is available for odd jobs, painting, hedge trimming and minor building repairs etc. Reasonable rates. For prompt, reliable service and a quality job call Chris on 314 3760 or 0275 775 888.

**HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS** to comply with the Government rules around Alert Level 2, the Health & Safety legislation, and to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 churches must do all that is reasonably practical to ensure the rules are being followed.

Physical distancing: Follow the 1m rule and please keep it one bubble per pew and/or stick to the allocated seats marked with tape (in Amberley & Hanmer Springs).

Hygiene and cleaning: Stay home if you are unwell! It is expected that parishioners will sanitise their hands when entering the church (sanitiser is provided). Hymnals are not to be used, please see the song sheet provided with the newsletter. Holy water has been removed from the vessels at the church door. Communion is to be received only in the hand and there will be no chalice. All are to refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace. Cleaning materials are available in the churches, if someone could please assist Fr Michael to clean the churches after Mass he would be very grateful!

Contact tracing: QR codes are on display in the churches for your NZ Government Covid Tracing App, so download the app and bring your phone. Alternatively you can sign a paper form in the entrance of the church.

### Prayer for Pentecost (Prayer of Taize Community)

O Living God, come and make our souls temples of Thy Spirit. *Sanctify us, O Lord!*

Baptise Thy whole Church with fire, that the divisions soon may cease, and that it may stand before the world as a pillar and buttress of Thy truth. *Sanctify us, O Lord!*

Grant us all the fruits of Thy Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, goodwill and faithfulness. *Sanctify us, O Lord!*

May the Holy Spirit speak by the voice of Thy servants, here and everywhere, as they preach Thy word. *Sanctify us, O Lord!*

Send thy Holy Spirit, the comforter, to all who face

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adversity, or who are the victims of men's wickedness. *Sanctify us, O Lord!*

Preserve all nations and their leaders from hatred and war, and build up a true community among nations, through the power of thy Spirit. *Sanctify us, O Lord!*

Holy Spirit, Lord and source of life, giver of the seven gifts, *Sanctify us, O Comforter.*

Spirit of wisdom and understanding, Spirit of counsel and strength, *Sanctify us, O Comforter.*

Spirit of knowledge and devotion, Spirit of obedience to the Lord. *Sanctify us, O Comforter.*

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