



# 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

15th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

12th July 2020

#### A sower went out to sow

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews tells us "At many moments in the past and by many means, God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets; but in our time, in the final days, he has spoken to us in the person of his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things and through whom he made all things." (Hebrews1:1-2)

God has spoken directly to us; revealing Himself in the Son - Jesus Christ. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel (Matt: 13:1-23), Our Lord tells us; "Truly I say to you, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it". Why do they not hear and see? Why do *we* not hear and see? It is because we close our hearts, our ears and our eyes. I know because I have done that in my younger days! It brings to mind that saying: "We can take a horse to water, but we cannot make it drink".

In the Gospel, Our Lord uses the parable of the sower to make the same point about us in relation to the *Word of the kingdom*. God has come to us; it is now up to us to open our hearts to Him. The more opened we are to the Word, the more we are like the 'good soil' that makes the seed grow and bear fruit. What is our heart like? - the rocky soil, the soil with thorns, or the good soil? The saving grace is that, God continues to call us (and everyone), and sometimes, even the most hardened hearts mellow!

God bless Fr Michael

#### Prayer Against Euthanasia

Heavenly Father, we call on You in this time of dire need. We fear that our country will embrace legalised Euthanasia, creating a culture of death; whereas You are the Light and Creator of Life. We offer up to You the hearts of those who support Euthanasia, many out of fear because they do not know You and Your great mercy. We know that You have the power to change the hearts of those who think Euthanasia is the only answer to illness and suffering and we humbly ask You to do so. We also ask You to inspire those who are opposed to Euthanasia, but who have yet to make a stand to rise up and speak out. Nothing is impossible to You. We pray for Your help. Amen.



#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:10-11**  
*The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

**Psalms Response:** The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23**  
*All creation is waiting for God to reveal his sons.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-23**  
*A sower went out to sow.*

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**  
**16th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 12:13 16-19 + Romans 8:26-27 + Matthew 13:24-43

#### SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

846 Amazing Grace  
865 I the Lord of sea and sky  
Marian Antiphon: See overleaf

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**July**  
12 Sea Sunday - Day of Prayer for Seafarers  
21 7pm First Holy Communion Meeting

**PARISH COUNCIL** As no one made themselves available for the two empty spots Fr Michael has been trying to tap one or two on the shoulder. Do not be afraid!

**FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING** - Fr Michael hopes to make available a series of videos for parishioners to watch. More information shortly - please register your email with the parish to get Parish Mail-outs

**KALAVALE!** Last Sunday we had a wonderful time with young families joining us in supporting the cause. 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.

**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.



**HOLY COMMUNION 2020** Six children are about to embark on a journey to prepare to make their First Holy Communion on the Feast of Christ the King later in the year. Their journey is to be part of the wider parish's project - i.e. involving parishioners!.

Shortly we will make little prayer card for parishioners to pick (randomly!) so as to remember to pray for them. Fr Michael will also approach "adoptees" to adopt each child on his/her journey.

### Ka Waiata

*(Marian Antiphon for the end of Mass)*

Ka waiata	I sing to Mary
Ki a Maria	Our mother
Hine i whakaae	The one who heard God's call
Whakameatia mai	The call to be
Te whare tangata	The mother of our Lord (of us all)
Hine purotu	Gentle woman
Hine ngakau	Loving mother
Hine rangimarie	Our Lady Queen of Peace
Ko te Whaea	I sing to Mary
Ko te Whaea	The mother of Our Lord
O Te Ao	(of us all)
(o Te Ao)	

**CLOSURE OF ST JAMES CHURCH, ARANUI** The Parish Leadership Team announce the closure of the St James Church in Aranui. The final Mass will be held at 9.00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July followed by morning tea. This is a general invitation for all those who have had an association with the parish over the years who would like to attend.

**WINTER HAS ARRIVED!** Do you have blankets surplus to requirement? Buried in your linen cupboard that you no longer need? The Society of St Vincent de Paul are in desperate need for blankets to provide warmth and comfort to those in need in our community this winter. Blankets can be dropped to one of our three stores Papanui, Richmond or Hornby or placed in our clothing bins located throughout the city. Bin Locations can be found on our website [www.svdphchch.co.nz](http://www.svdphchch.co.nz). Thank you for helping us help others.

**CATHOLIC AUDIO BIBLE** It would be very much appreciated if anyone is able to donate a Catholic audio bible for a Catholic women who cannot read or write. If you are able to help please contact Diana 027 318 6551.

**SACRED HEART SCHOOL 125th CELEBRATIONS** Sacred Heart School opened 125 years in North East Valley in October this year. A variety of functions have been put together to encourage past pupils, teachers and friends of the school to attend and celebrate this milestone at Labour Weekend 2020. If you've been associated with Sacred Heart School, you are invited to email your committee at [reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz](mailto:reunion125@sacredheartdn.school.nz) or phone the school on 03 473 8362. A Registration Form will be available for you to download soon.

**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. **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](mailto:info@jp2.org.nz) for more information or to register.

**PREGNANT? NEED HELP?** Call Gianna's Choice 0800 367 5433 or visit [pregnancyoptions.org.nz](http://pregnancyoptions.org.nz)

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE** Keep updated with the latest news from our Diocese by liking our Facebook Page. [www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic](http://www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic)

**VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD** The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has endorsed the promotion of vocations. Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien at [petercaochitien@yahoo.com](mailto:petercaochitien@yahoo.com) [www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)

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