



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

16th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

19th July 2020

Let them both grow till the harvest

Last Sunday, in the Gospel Reading, we were given the parable of the Sower, and this Sunday we move to the parable of the 'Wheat and Darnel' (Matthew; 13:24-43). In both, Our Lord spoke about the idea of the 'harvest' at the end of time.

The parable of the Wheat and Darnel suggests that the harvest for the kingdom is not yet ready in its present form. 'Good' and 'bad' coexist within the 'kingdom' for now, and in His wisdom God chooses to leave them to grow together until the harvest at the fullness of time. The emphasis is on the co-existence of good (wheat) and evil (darnel) within the 'kingdom' with the implication that it is only in the end that our destiny will be decided. There is hope for repentance and change. Like the 'parable of the Sower, this is also 'Good News'. There is time still for God's kingdom to take root, and therefore there is still time to change. With God's grace, even 'darnel' can change into 'wheat'!! Indeed part of the message of the parable is to exhort us to change, to repent. As long as we are still alive, there is still time to repent, time to have a change of heart.



God bless Fr Michael

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING Part II

Remember just before the Lockdown, I started sending a series of video links to watch and discuss. This effort is part of the First Goal I and the Parish Council have set for the Parish namely;

- To facilitate the growth in the understanding of the Catholic faith amongst Parishioners
- To help all parishioners in being more Informed of the Catholic faith so as to be able to articulate it, and be proud of it
- To help parishioners grow in appreciation of the connection between faith and reason

Providence has since intervened and we now have a subscription available to us. It's run by an American Bishop, Robert Barron who gained fame through his "Catholicism" videos. Here is a link to the trailer www.wofdigital.org/the-sacraments/videos/the-sacraments-trailer My suggestion is that you take the opportunity to watch the videos I recommend in family groups or groups of friends/parishioners. If you are keen to be on the mail out list please register your email with the parish office.

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13 16-19
In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Psalm Response: Lord, you are good and forgiving.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-27
The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43
Let them grow together until the harvest.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Kings 3:5 7-12 + Romans 8:28-30 + Matthew 13: 44-52

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

770 Shine Jesus Shine
825 Church of God, Elect and Glorious
(vs 1-3) (to the tune of, Alleluia Sing to Jesus)
365 Immaculate Mary (Vs 1, 8)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

July
21 7pm First Holy Communion Meeting

ROSARY THIS WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY the regulars are all away this Wednesday. However, if you turn up, and if Fr Michael is not there, just ring his doorbell to join you just in case he got distracted.

HAWARDEN MASS NEXT SUNDAY 26th JULY 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.

PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN Six children from our parish 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! This Sunday at Amberley they will be publicly introduced to parishioners and picking up their Mass Books. We have made little prayer card for parishioners to pick (randomly!) so as to remember to pray for them.



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

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.

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. He has found one and still looking for another. Do not be afraid!

WIRED FOR SOUND! Fr Michael has arranged for a microphone to be installed on the lectern at Amberley. He has also bought a portable sound unit to be carried around between the other churches. If this proves useful he might leave one permanently in St Roch's, Hanmer. The problem with carrying one around is he has no time to set up, especially in Cheviot and Culverden. I know this is a very Catholic thing to do but please can you not sit in the back row when the church is quite empty!

Of your charity pray for

the happy repose of the soul of
Kevin Fitzgibbon (cheviot)
from our parish community

Eternal Rest Grant unto him O Lord.

MONTH'S MIND MASS FOR BISHOP BASIL MEEKING You are invited to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral for a Month's Mind Mass for the late Bishop Meeking this Wednesday 22nd July at 5.15pm. The celebrant will be Bishop Paul Martin SM. Fr Michael Pui is the homilist.

MARRIAGE RETREAT "The Two Shall Become One: Called To Be Happy In Marriage" Hosted by Fr Arsene Kapyra, St Peter Chanel Parish. All welcome. Saturday 1 August 9.30am-4pm @Rosburn Receptions, Spark Lane, Rangiora. Plus Discussion Time and Talks/Testimonies by Jennifer and Tim Goulding, Marriage Unplugged, and Carly and Wayne Mulqueen, Focus on the Family NZ. Suggested Donation \$40 per couple (Sponsorship available). Lunch included. To register or for more info contact Carly at alpha@waimakariricatholic.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 and a half day course will answer your questions and equip you to help others do the same. Youth aged 14-18 7th- 9th August. Fri 7pm-9pm + Sat/Sun 9am-5pm St. Joseph's Parish Centre. Only \$35 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.

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 26th 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.svdpchch.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.

PREGNANT? NEED HELP? Call Gianna's Choice 0800 367 5433 or visit pregnancyoptions.org.nz

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 www.holycross.org.nz

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