



# 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

17th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

26th July 2020

...when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

Some of us are good at 'investing' for our future, at least from a worldly perspective; sound investment in the share market, property portfolio for future security and retirement, money set aside for education of the children, and so on. The first two parables in this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 13:44-52) speaks to us also about good investments, but not from a worldly point of view. The investment is about the discovery of true security and lasting wealth in the Kingdom of Heaven. Once discovered, it calls for an all-or-nothing approach.



The Biblical expression, the "Kingdom of Heaven", could easily be replaced with words such as "eternal life", or "full union with God". In fact eternal life IS full union with God who is eternal! As faithful followers of Christ, we should be convinced that life is more than just our time on earth. There is more beyond as Christ has promised us and shown us. The question is; are we investing enough for the real future – our eternal future? Or are we only concerned about worldly things? Sometimes, it is our death that sharply focuses our lives' meaning; what are we living for?

Several years ago I was 'blown away' by a woman, presumably a person of means, who left a small sum to each and every priest in New Zealand! The legacy came with the request that Masses be offered for the happy repose of her soul. She was concerned of her eternal future. Hers was a statement of faith, and also the expression of the belief in the "communion of saints". She knew the 'treasure in the field' or the 'fine pearl' alluded in the parable, and presumably in life she had also taken the all-or-nothing approach to attain it.

God bless Fr Michael

Ps - Welcome to Bishop Paul and we thank you for covering our Saturday Vigil at Hanmer Springs.

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Kings 3:5 7-12**  
*He sought to give you wisdom.*

**Psalm Response: Lord, I love your commands.**

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30**  
*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 13: 44-52**  
*He sells everything he owns, and buys the field.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**18th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Isaiah 55:1-3 + Romans 8:35 37-39 + Matthew 14:13-21

#### SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

721 How Great Thou Art (3vs)  
877 Will you come and Follow Me  
356 Hail Queen of Heaven (2vs)

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**July**  
26 Mass at Hawarden

**August**  
2 Kalavale  
25 7pm First Holy Communion Meeting  
30 Mass at Waiau

**WE WELCOME TO THE PARISH COUNCIL** Rico Lim and Virginia Bagrie! We can support our parish councillors by keeping them and all who serve our parish our prayers.

**HAWARDEN MASS THIS 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.

**PRIESTS ATTENDING "SOLIDARITY" AT HANMER SPRINGS** Several priests including Fr Michael are attending a yearly gathering called "Solidarity". It is a time for the priests to be together and to support each other. Therefore Weekday Masses in Amberley will be cancelled from Monday to Friday (27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> July) but there will be weekday Masses in Hanmer Springs. Tuesday to Thursday (28<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup>) at noon, and Friday (31<sup>st</sup>) at 9.00am.

**FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING Part II** The video series by Bishop Robert Barron are proving very popular! If you are keen to be on the mail out list please register your email with the parish office.

**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.

**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!

**LEARN ABOUT THE DANGERS OF EUTHANASIA AND CANNABIS** Come and meet Family First's Bob McCoskrie and Nick Tuitasi as they travel throughout New Zealand to meet and share with families and supporters. You'll hear why a NO vote is the only safe option for both referendums, and what other issues need to be considered as families prepare to vote in the General Election in September. **Wednesday 2nd September** at the Rangiora Baptist Church, 111 East Belt, Rangiora. You can see their promo video here <https://youtu.be/BadURsD0Ynk>

*"A tick for cannabis and euthanasia will be a cross that our children and their children will have to bear."* Nick Tuitasi QSM

**DEACON TANG PHAN ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD** After completing six and a half years study at the national seminary, Deacon Tang Phan has returned to Christchurch Diocese. He has taken up his first appointment at Greymouth Parish, assisting the parish priest, Father Mathew Siji. Deacon Tang will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 11am at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this special event in the life of the diocese. Please keep Deacon Tang in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination. As has happened for the other Vietnamese priests, we invite those who would like to, to send a monetary gift to Deacon Tang for his ordination. Contributions can be made as follows: Account name: Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. Account number: 03-0802-0948733-00. Please include the reference: Tang

**END OF LIFE CHOICE REFERENDUM** Dr Amanda Landers, a palliative care physician will speak about the End of Life Choice referendum on Sunday 2 August at 7pm at the Riccarton Community Church, 44 Elizabeth St.

**SINGLE PARENTS GROUP** Are you interested in connecting with people in a similar situation to you within a social setting? Single parents in the Christchurch diocese have the opportunity to meet once a month (without kids), in our Cathedral Parish Narthex (foyer) to get to know others. Come along on August 6th at 7:30pm or contact Liz [lizdotdick@gmail.com](mailto:lizdotdick@gmail.com) for further information. We look forward to seeing you!

**CHRISTCHURCH CHORAL FESTIVAL** A Christchurch Choral Festival, involving church, community, youth and concert choirs, lasting about one hour, will be held in the Catholic Pro-Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street, at 2 pm on Sunday, 30 August, 2020. Admission will be free.

**CATHOLIC PRO-CATHEDRAL BEETHOVEN CONCERT** Free hour-long Beethoven concert at the Catholic Pro-Cathedral 2 pm Sunday, 16 August. CBS Choir & Orchestra presents Beethoven's Hallelujah Chorus, Fifth Symphony, and Choral Fantasy.

**TRANSITION FACILITATOR - NEW CHANGE AND TRANSITION SUPPORT ROLE - SUPPORTING THE DIOCESE VISION AND STRATEGY** The Transition Facilitator is a new role in the Diocese, to support the Bishop in implementing the Diocese Vision and Strategy of 'Our Faith, Our Future' with the establishment of new parish structures and assist in the shaping and defining of the strategic direction. Reporting to the Bishop, this role will support the planning, implementing and embedding of changes across the parishes of the Diocese, including building engagement of commitment to the Diocesan vision. The role will support parishes through facilitation, coaching and creating an environment where positive change happens and supporting those in leadership roles. A fuller description of this position is available on the diocesan website [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz)

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