



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

14th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

5th July 2020

My yoke is easy and my burden light

As we journey through life in a world affected by sin, we are bound to face grief, suffering and turmoil. At times like this, we can be heavy of heart, and we can feel abandoned and alone. Yet, the fundamental message of the cross is that God became one of us and joined us in our struggles so that He could lead us to the joy of His peace.

This Sunday's Gospel (Matt 11:25-30), Our Lord reminds us again to turn to Him in our struggle. His words are very comforting; *"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light"*. The words are so comforting that the passage is used often in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and also in our funerals. In all our sorrows, we must learn how the tears of Good Friday give meaning to and magnify the joy of Easter Sunday. Remember, we are not alone in our struggle, on the cross, the eternal God shows He is with us.



Blessings, Fr Michael

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened and I will give you rest"

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

Psalm Response: I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9 11-13

If by the spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11 + Romans 8:18-23 + Matthew 13:1-23

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

695 Glory and Praise to Our God (vs1,2 & 4)
795 I heard the Voice of Jesus say
Marian Antiphon: 347 (vs 1-2)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

July

12 Sea Sunday - Day of Prayer for Seafarers

A HEARTY THANK YOU to those who express participation in our parish by giving of your time and talent.

THIS WEEKEND - 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).



FINAL CALL FOR 2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION All families with children aged 8+ are welcome to register. Please fill in the form found on the parish website and register your child by 6th July. There are 4 meetings between now and First Holy

Communion Day (22nd November, feast of Christ The King) the schedule can also be found on the parish website under the 'Sacraments' tab. The cost for the programme is \$50 (\$80 for two from 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.

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.

MASS OFFERING CARDS these are available from the parish office.

OFFERING MASS FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION it is a praiseworthy tradition to have Mass offered for a special intention and especially for the happy repose of a person who has died. Take an envelope from the church foyer or collect one from the parish office and fill in the details on the envelope. It is usual to make an offering to the priest of \$10 for each Mass offered.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK *Let us pray for those who are suffering with ill health.*

Let us never let go of the possibility of miracles of healing. In our diocese there are powerful experiences of miraculous recovery as a result of the prayer of friends, family and parishioners.

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer for miracle of healing, please, if they are happy for us to publish the request, let us know.

Remember that any private intention or request for prayer can be made of a priest at anytime and this will be kept confidential.

BELIEVE – REFLECTIONS ON THE CREED You are invited to join us for a six-week CaFE (Catholic Faith Exploration) course streaming online, commencing Wednesday 8 July at 7.30 pm. We do hope you can join us. More information www.fdm.org.nz/believe

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.

SITUATION VACANT Catholic Parish of Christchurch West. We need leaders who have energy, vision and creativity that want to work as a member of our Parish Senior Leadership Team to help all to live with and in the Spirit, for the Father. To apply for this full time position, one must have an education in Catholic Theology, ability to plan or vision, desire to Evangelise, experience with a parish and/or diocese. For more details and a job description please go to www.chchcatholic.nz

DOVE CHRISTCHURCH Saturday 11 July 1 – 3pm. We welcome woman of all ages to join us for this wonderful time of fellowship. Christ the King Parish Centre – Greers Rd. Contact Ann 03 313 5817/Facebook DOV Fellowship Christchurch/dove.org.nz

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 or phone the school on 03 473 8362. A Registration Form will be available for you to download soon.

COAST TO COAST ROSARY FOR LIFE AND FAITH will be held this year on Saturday 15th August at 3 pm. Please help lead or join a group in your parish or community. For more information please contact Clare 022 1912 886 or go to www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

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.

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