



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 Waiiau
(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

18th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

2nd August 2020

They ate as much as they wanted...

At World Youth Days young Catholics assemble to celebrate their faith. It was something initiated by Pope St John Paul II in 1984, and since then every two or three years at different locations around the world, Catholic Youths gather. The next one is supposed to be in Lisbon, Portugal in 2023, but Post-Covid, who knows what the future holds...

The 1995 World Youth Day closing Mass in the Philippines set a world record for the largest number of people gathered for a single religious event (estimated 7 million attendees!!). Perhaps it was the largest gathering of humanity for any event in history?? Yet, these events

only get a cursory mention in the secular media – if at all. To the secular media, they were 'nothing' - just young Catholics gathering. Good news doesn't sell papers.



This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21) gives us an account of another gathering. It was a gathering of 'only' several thousands, a gathering in which Our Lord performed a miracle. It is of course the miracle of the fish and loaves. The miracle prefigures Our Lord's greatest gift to us: the Eucharist. It prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of Heaven (Catechism paragraph 1335). As we gather around the altar, we too can ponder the apparent insignificance of our gathering, the insignificant of the gifts we bring along and place before the altar of His sacrifice. If the Gospel account is anything to go by, then we should never underestimate what God can do with what appears to be insignificant in our eyes. To us humans, what appears insignificant or 'nothing', in the hands of Our Lord miracles can be worked.

God bless, Fr Michael

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-3

Hasten and eat.

Psalm Response: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:35 37-39

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

They all ate and were satisfied.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Kings 10:9 11-13 + Romans 9:1-5 + Matthew 14:22-33

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

877

662

**Will you come and Follow Me
O Bread of Heaven
Mo Maria** (*Words overleaf*)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

August

2 Kalavale

25 7pm First Holy Communion Meeting

30 Mass at Waiiau

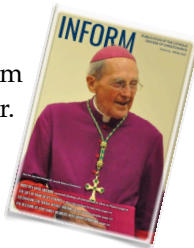
THANK YOU for your prayers while we priests were at our "Solidarity" gathering in Hanmer Springs. It was a time spent in prayer, sharing and fellowship. Thank you especially to the parishioners in Hanmer who joined us for weekday Masses and made us feel at home in Hanmer. Fr M

KALAVALE THIS SUNDAY! 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.

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.

GOING THROUGH A TOUGH TIME? Catholic Social Services offer free services to anyone who require help and offer the following: Counselling, food bank assistance, budget advice, social/group work and education. Further information can be found on their website www.cathsocservs.nzl.org or call 03 379 0012.

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



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>

Marian Antiphon (Closing Hymn) for the Sunday

Written in 1842 by Bishop Jean Baptiste Francois Pompallier (1802-1871), the first Catholic Bishop of New Zealand

MO MARIA

Mo Maria aianeie	<i>For Mary now</i>
O tatou waiata;	<i>Our songs</i>
kia kaha ra tatou,	<i>Let us be strong</i>
kia nui te aroha.	<i>Let there be great love</i>
Aroha ki te Atua	<i>Love God</i>
Aroha ki a Maria	<i>Love Mary</i>
I te Rangī, i te whenua	<i>In heaven and on earth</i>
āke tonu, āke tonu.	<i>Forever and ever</i>

FIRST FRIDAY MASS We welcome everyone who wishes to join us for a Charismatic Mass with Praise & Worship, prayer ministry and fellowship on Friday 7th August at 7.30pm at Christ the King, Burnside. Please bring a plate for shared supper after Mass. Any enquiries please contact Maureen: 0275688338

END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT Q&A WITH BRENDAN MALONE Brendan has spent the last 14 years in pro-life, marriage, and family ministry and regularly speaks on bioethics issues throughout NZ and Australia. Wed 12th August doors open at 7.15pm, q&a from 7.30pm - 8.45pm at Our Lady of Victories Hall, 106 Main South Rd, Sockburn. Drinks & nibbles provided. Bring your questions. All welcome!

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.

75TH ANNIVERSARY Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to remember the tragedy that is war, on this the 75th anniversary of the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima (August 6th) and Nagasaki (August 9th) in Japan 1945. We ask you to pray for the prohibition of all nuclear weapons and to pray for peace in the world.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY VIRTUAL CONFERENCE Training and formation opportunity for anyone and everyone involved or interested in youth ministry! The Catholic Youth Ministry Virtual Conference. Date: Friday 28th – 30th August 2020 Registration is FREE! Register now at www.cyt.org.nz/conference

ANTIOCH YOUTH CAMP (YRS 10 – 13) This an exciting weekend where young people are empowered to recognise the person God has created them to be. This weekend will prove an invaluable experience through the spreading of the gospel in a fun and dynamic way (small groups, activities, praise and worship, sessions, etc) Register now at www.cyt.org.nz/antioch

DOVE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Rd 8th August 1 – 3pm. www.dove.org.nz

CLOSURE OF SACRED HEART CHURCH, RUNANGA The Parish Leadership Team announce the closure of the Sacred Heart Church in Runanga, Greymouth. A prayer service will be held at 11.00am outside the church on Sunday 9th August followed by morning tea. This is an invitation for all those who have had an association with the parish over the years who would like to attend.

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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