



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

19th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

9th August 2020

Courage! It is I! Do not be Afraid...

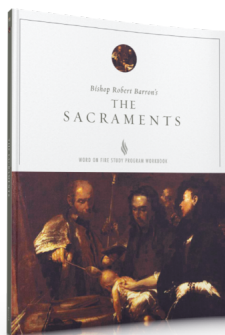
This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 14:22-33), the disciples saw Jesus walking on the lake. At first they were afraid, thinking it was a ghost but he reassured them with the words: "Courage!, It is I, Do not be afraid".

St Matthew has narrated elsewhere the calming of a storm (8:23ff), but the present narrative emphasises still further the sovereign majesty of Christ. The episode underlying it comes probably from the disciples' experience of the Risen Lord, who came to restore their broken faith after his Passion and to bring them interior peace. Special prominence is given to St Peter in this Sunday's account. St

Peter alone attempts to walk on the water, and is personally supported by Jesus. Although the centre point of the account is Christological, (i.e. it focuses on the identity of Christ who is truly God and truly man) it nevertheless also emphasises the authority of St Peter as first among the apostles. We are invited to worship Christ as truly the Son of God, in the 'boat of Peter' – the Church, led by the Successor of St Peter.



God bless, Fr Michael



WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK! We would love to hear from parishioners taking part in the parish's Faith Seeking Understanding Part II.

The video series by Bishop Robert Barron are proving very popular! If you aren't receiving the emails but keen to be on the mail out list please register your email with the parish office.

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Kings 19:9 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Psalm Response: Lord let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it would help my brother.

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-23

Command me to come to you over the water.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1 6-7 + Romans 11:13-15 29-32 + Matthew 15:21-28

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

969 Lord of All Hopefulness

964 Be Not Afraid

367 Salve Regina

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

August

25 7pm First Holy Communion Meeting

30 Mass at Waiau

PARISH NOTICES

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for the six children preparing for their First Holy Communion in our parish. We still have prayer cards for parishioners to pick (randomly!) so as to remember to pray for them. Hopefully Fr Michael remembers to take the box around to each Mass.

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.nz or call 03 379 0012.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

MARCH FOR LIFE CHRISTCHURCH Saturday 15th August at 12pm. Cathedral Square to Victoria Square. Gather at the Chalice in the Cathedral Square Christchurch before 12pm.

PRAYER VIGIL - in hope NZ rejects the End of Life Choice Act Saturday 22nd August 3pm - 10pm at St Teresa's Church, 8 Puriri St, Riccarton. Join us as we earnestly pray that the attempt to legalise Euthanasia and assisted suicide in New Zealand will fail in the upcoming referendum. The prayer vigil will include Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Gospel readings, Divine Mercy Chaplet, intercessory prayers, and silent prayer.

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Wednesday 12 August at 7.15 pm at Christ the King Centre, 90 Greers Road, Burnside. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise singing, formation and friendship. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Every second Wednesday of each month. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

CATHOLIC MEN'S BREAKFAST This year's Catholic Men's Breakfast will be held on 3 September at the Canterbury Club, 129 Cambridge Terrace. The Bishop will speak about Bringing Faith to Life, a faith centred approach to family, business and leisure. This event is an excellent opportunity for Catholic and non-Catholic men to get to know the Bishop, network and encourage one another in common values. The breakfast begins at 7am and finishes by 8.30am. Tickets for this event are \$40 and can be purchased online through Eventbrite. For further information please contact Olivia on 366 9869.

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 For more info please contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz

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. Woodend Christian Camp. Fri 25 – 27 September 2020 Register: www.cyt.org.nz/antioch Contact Carmela at cnepomuceno@chch.catholic.org.nz

FOCUS 2020 – A Retreat for Tertiary Students Catholic Tertiary Chaplaincy will run FOCUS Retreat on the 21st-23rd August at YMCA, Wainui. Focus is a retreat for students run by students. The retreat opens students to an encounter with Christ, through the Sacraments, prayer, and fellowship with their peers. All tertiary students are encouraged to register, limited places available for other young adults. Cost: \$75 (inclusive of meals & accommodation). Contact Sinead 0212646959.

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!

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.

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 22nd 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. Include the reference: Tang

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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