



# 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

24th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

13th September 2020

Forgive....seventy-seven times

The theme for this Sunday's Gospel focuses us on forgiveness. A few years ago I came across a short article written by a certain Roy Smith. He wrote;

"The art of forgiving is a spiritual grace every Christian should develop. Because this is so difficult to put into practice, here are some suggestions:

- 1) Begin by assuring yourself that compared to Christ's suffering you haven't been seriously wronged at all.
- 2) Recall the many kind deeds that have been shown to you, perhaps even by the person who has harmed you.
- 3) List the benefits you have received from the Lord.
- 4) Thank Him for blessing you with His love and forgiveness each day.
- 5) Make an honest effort to pray for the one who has injured you.
- 6) Go even further by looking for an opportunity to help him.
- 7) If the offence is especially hard to forget, try to erase the memory by thinking gracious and generous thoughts.
- 8) Finally, before you fall asleep at night, repeat slowly and thoughtfully that phrase from the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Food for thought (and prayer!)

God bless, Fr Michael

#### Hymns During Alert Level 2

During Alert Level 2 we are **not** using Hymnals (book). The words of the hymns are printed on the newsletter. In case parishioners are wondering why: While we are not using the hymnal, and having to print the hymns, the selection of hymns has been reduced to those that are in the Public Domain hymns (i.e. Copyright Free) so as to avoid having to subscribe to Copyright licence etc.

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7

*Forgive your neighbour's faults, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

**Psalm:** The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

##### SECOND READING: Romans 14:7-9

*Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

##### GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

##### 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9 + Philipians 1:20-24.27 + Matthew 20:1-16

#### SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

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With Alert Level 2,  
we are avoiding the use of Hymnals

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

##### September

15 1st HC Meeting - 3rd Meeting

##### October

13 1st HC Meeting - 4th Meeting

**FHC MEETING DATE CHANGE** The First Holy Communion meeting scheduled for October 27th has been moved forward to the 13th October due to Fr Michael being away on annual leave.

**END OF LIFE CHOICE ACT AND THE REFERENDUM** A page had been established on the diocesan website regarding the End of Life Choice Act and the upcoming referendum [www.chchcatholic.nz/2020/08/end-of-life-choice-act-vote-no](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/2020/08/end-of-life-choice-act-vote-no) There is a good deal of information already available and this page provides links to some of that material including videos, questions and answers. The Church is very clear that she respects life from conception to natural death. Those whose lives are diminished or weakened deserve special care and respect.

## DIOCESAN NOTICES

**ANTIOCH YOUTH CAMP (YRS 10 – 13) Fri 25 – 27 September 2020** 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) Contact Carmela at [cnepomuceno@cdoc.nz](mailto:cnepomuceno@cdoc.nz)

**CHRISM MASS** The Chrism Mass originally scheduled for just prior to Easter will now be celebrated on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Everyone is encouraged to attend to support our priests as they renew their vows.

**DEACON TANG'S ORDINATION** Due to lockdown restrictions the date of Deacon Tang's ordination to the priesthood has been changed to Saturday 19 October at 11am at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

**POSITIONS AVAILABLE** Mission and Outreach Coordinator The Catholic Youth Team (CYT) for the Diocese of Christchurch invites applications for the fulltime position of Mission and Outreach Coordinator. Please go to [www.seek.co.nz/job/50501941](http://www.seek.co.nz/job/50501941) for more details about the roles and required skills and experience. Applications close September 18 2020.

**OCDS NOVEMBER CARMELITE RETREAT** "For God so loved the world..." (John 3:16) Father Philip S., CSJ will be leading our upcoming November Retreat at Rochester Hall Friday, 13 Nov to Sunday, 15 Nov 2020. If you would like to join us please email [benedictus@windowslive.com](mailto:benedictus@windowslive.com)

**DIOCESAN MARYFEST AND GRAND PROCESSION** held at Our Lady of Victories at 2pm, Sunday 11th October. All are most welcome to come and honour Our Blessed Mother. More information is available on the diocese website events page or by visiting [facebook.com/OurLadyofChristchurch/](https://facebook.com/OurLadyofChristchurch/) To enclose the names of you family and loved ones within the ex-voto heart offered to Our Lady at this year's Maryfest email: [ourladyofchristchurch@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofchristchurch@gmail.com) or call 3562123

## OPENING HYMN - How Great Thou Art

*Stuart Hine*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:*

*How great thou art! How great thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!

## POST COMMUNION - I heard the Voice of Jesus say

*Horatius Bonar*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my  
breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink and  
live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live  
in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be  
bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

## KA WAIATA KI A MARIA

Hine i whakaae  
Whakameatia mai  
Te whare tangata.

*Let us sing to Mary,  
The girl who said "Yes  
let it be as you say, that I  
become the house of mankind."*

Hine pūrotu  
Hine ngākau  
Hine rangimārie

*A simple girl  
A big-hearted girl  
A peaceful girl.*

Ko Te Whaea  
Ko te whaea  
O te ao

*The Mother of Jesus,  
and the mother  
of the whole world*

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