



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

25th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

20th September 2020

Why be envious because I am generous?

The readings for this Sunday's Gospel has Jesus giving us yet another parable. The owner of a vineyard paid late-comers the same wage as those who have been working the whole day. The point is that the owner chooses to be generous towards the late-comers, rather than unjust to the early-workers who had agreed to the wage they were paid.

The parable is meant for any devout Christians who may find it a little hard to stomach that someone who repents on his deathbed is admitted to the kingdom no less than those who have struggled to live a good moral life all their lives, and perhaps even suffered for it. But this attitude reveals a fundamental misunderstanding. It presupposes the commercial attitude of reward and punishments from God, and also it neglects the nature of love. The First Reading from Isaiah sums up quite well, the content of this Sunday's Gospel passage: 'My thoughts are not your thoughts.' God's ways are not our ways!

The sole relationship of the believer to God must be personal relationship of love, and as such it is its own reward, for it brings happiness also in this life. The greater the struggle and the suffering, the more a Christian turns to God and finds comfort - often the only comfort - in the security of God's love and fidelity. The conviction to our faith must not be measured only in greater or lesser rewards, but by how living a good and moral life is itself a reward. God extends His mercy to everyone who truly seeks it with a repentant heart.

God bless, Fr Michael

HEALTH & SAFETY REQUIREMENTS: ALERT LEVEL 2

Contact Tracing: QR codes are on display in the churches for your NZ Government Covid Tracing App. You can sign a paper form in the entrance of the church.

Physical distancing: Follow the 1m rule and please keep it one bubble per pew and/or stick to the allocated seats marked with tape (in Amberley & Hanmer Springs). If your bubble is "big", you may seat together, but please find a space where it is possible for others to keep their distance

Hygiene and cleaning: Stay home if you are unwell! Please sanitise your hands when entering the church (sanitiser is provided). All are to refrain from shaking hands during the sign of peace. Cleaning materials are available in the churches, **if someone could please assist with wiping down the pews after Mass it would be appreciated** (cleaning material provided)!

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9
My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call Him.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20-24.27
For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 18:25-28 + Philippians 2:1-11 + Matthew 21:28-32

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

October
1 Finance & Parish Council Meeting
13 1st HC Meeting - 3rd Meeting

November
12 Parish Movie Night

24HR ADORATION plans are underway for a parish 24hr Adoration on the 28th November (starts on the Saturday morning of the first Sunday of Advent) please put this in your diary. It will commence in Hanmer Springs and finish in Amberley. This will be a very powerful prayer event for our parish and we warmly encourage all parishioners to take part. More details to come!

OF YOUR CHARITY please pray for Fr Kevin Clark died 31st August at Nazareth House. Fr Kevin was 89 years of age and a priest of the diocese for 64 years.

Please remember also ex-parishioner Eileen Crampton who was buried last Friday.

HAWARDEN/WAIKARI ECUMENICAL SPRING SERVICE 11am October 4th at Scargill Golf Club followed by lunch. Bring your own food, hot water available. Speaker is Ingrid, from Catholic Social Services. A collection of non perishable food items for their food bank would be appreciated. Held wet or fine - bring chairs for a picnic lunch if weather ok . All welcome.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING PART II material for the fifth of sixth fortnight has just been sent out. It would be good to receive feedback, please make use of this opportunity to access the video library while it is still available. If you have not been receiving this, please make contact.

COMBINED FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING this will be held on 1st October starting with dinner at the presbytery at 5:30pm.

2021 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available to purchase in the church foyer for \$12 each.

PARISH MOVIE NIGHT 12th November 6.30pm at Amberley. Come along to the Amberley church hall for a movie, drinks and popcorn! More details to come.

PARISH BACK FLAT – HANMER SPRINGS Two Bedroom flat available for long term rental. Fully furnished \$300 pw. Unfurnished negotiable. References required. Enquiries 0276861199 or 0211737992.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

THE END OF LIFE CHOICE REFERENDUM 2020 Are You Ready to Vote? The Care Alliance Trust Live-streamed presentation by Dr John Kleinsman unpacks the End of Life Choice Act: Tuesday 22 September at 7pm on www.facebook.com/carealliancenz

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR LIFE In the hope that NZ upholds Christian values and rejects the End of Life Choice Act. Come and join us in prayer **every Sunday** 8-9pm finishing 11th Oct at St Teresa's Church, 8 Puriri St, Riccarton.

OPENING HYMN - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Joachim Neander, Catherine Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for God is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear: brothers and sisters, draw near,
Praise God in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us;
Surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord O let all that is in us adore Him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before Him!
Let the "Amen!", sound from God's people again
Gladly with praise we adore him!

POST COMMUNION - All the Earth, Proclaim the Lord

Lucien Deiss CSSp

R: All the earth proclaim the Lord;
sing your praise to God.

Serve you the Lord, heart filled with gladness.
Come into God's presence singing for joy! R

Know that the Lord is our creator.
Yes God is our Father; we are his own. R

We are the sheep of the green pasture;
For we are God's people; chosen by God. R

Our Lord is good, with love enduring;
God's word is abiding now with us all. R

Honour and praise be to the Father,
The Son, and the Spirit, world without end. R

These two hymns are in the hymnal numbers #706 & 460

MŌ MARIA

Jean Baptiste Francois Pompallier, (1802-1871)

Mō Maria aianeī, ō tātou waiata,
Kia kaha rā tātou, kia nui te aroha.
(For Mary now, our songs.

Let us be strong, let there be great love)

Aroha ki te Atua, aroha ki a Maria
I te Rangī, i te whenua, āke tonu, āke tonu.
(Love God, love Mary, in heaven and on earth, forever and ever)

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