



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

26th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

27th September 2020

The Gospel passage for this Sunday presents us with the parable of the two sons (Matthew. 21:28-32). One son, when invited to work in the vineyard, says "No" but later thought the better of it and goes. The second says "Yes", but did not go. The son who said "yes" used the words, "Certainly Sir". 'Sir', is a word which is also translated as 'Lord' (Kyrie). Jesus reinforces what He mentioned in an earlier episode: "...it is not everyone who says, Lord, Lord, who does the will of the Father (Matthew. 7:21)". Others who have said 'No' to God at first (e.g the tax-collectors and prostitutes), but have afterwards repented and done His will, are received into the Kingdom.



There are two important points: Firstly, the son who says 'No', repented (or 'thought the better of it') afterwards – this is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. Secondly, what we profess to believe, our "Yes, Lord", has no value if it is not translated actively into the action in the way we live and worship.

God bless, Fr Michael

ALERT LEVEL 1

Yay! We are almost back to normality. However the QR codes, sign up sheets, and hand sanitisers are still in the Church. The marking on the pews for social distancing will be left as they are for now in case the Alert Level goes up again. Please continue to be vigilant.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr Michael will be away on annual leave from mid October to mid November. Sarah our parish secretary will have the parish phone and will attend to any enquiries.

MAINTENANCE

On days that are fine, Fr Michael will be scraping off paint and getting handy with the brush on some of our churches while attending to odd jobs around the parish. If you want to join him, please just give him a txt or call.

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

When the sinner decides to turn against his sinfulness, he deserves to live.

Psalm: Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

In your minds be as Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 5:1-7 + Philippians 4:6-9 + Matthew 21:33-43

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

720 Be still for the presence of the Lord
924 Brother sister let me serve you
355 I'll sing a hymn to Mary (vs1 & 3)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

October

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

November

12 Parish Movie Night
28/29 Parish 24hr Adoration

PARISH'S 24 HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT This will be held on the weekend 28/29th November. Mark your diaries. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will commence in Hanmer, starting with Mass at 9.00am. It will continue until the Vigil Mass at 5pm on Saturday, and at 6.00pm Exposition will recommence in Amberley (Saturday) and conclude with a Benediction just before the 9.00am (Sunday) Mass. There will be a 'sign up' roster, with the hope that at least two people will take an hour slot. Parishioners can turn up anytime, but the roster is to ensure that there are at least two people before the Blessed Sacrament all the time. More information later.

2020 ELECTION STATEMENT FROM THE NEW ZEALAND CATHOLIC BISHOPS can be found online at www.chchcatholic.nz and a hardcopy is available in the church foyer.

INFORM the diocesan newsletter is now available in each church area. Fr Michael features in this one!

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.

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.

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 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.

ST TERESE ROSE PETAL EVENING 2020 Friday 2 October 7-9pm at St Teresa's, Riccarton, followed by supper in the hall. Theme: With St Therese "I shall never be discouraged." All welcome! Enquiries Thomas 0225062538, or email apostolate@fourviere.nz

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL FIRST FRIDAY MASS 2 October 7-30pm at Christ the King Burnside. Everybody welcome to join us for our regular monthly Charismatic Mass with Praise & Worship, prayer ministry and fellowship. Please bring a plate for shared supper after Mass. Any enquiries please contact Maureen 0275688338.

GOLDEN CATHOLICS: We're back! Calling all Golden Catholics (retired and others). Wednesday, 4 November 2020 at 11.00am Christ the King, Burnside. Join Bishop Paul for this special event starting with Mass at 11am, followed by an update on the new Catholic Cathedral precinct and luncheon. To book your place for this event please call Donna Malone on 3525 810 or e-mail to rdmalone@xtra.co.nz.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LATE FR KEVIN CLARK The funeral Mass for Fr Kevin Clark was held during Alert Level 2. We are now able to hold a Memorial Mass for Fr Kevin which will be held on Tuesday 13th October, 7pm at St Matthew's Church, Bryndwr. All are welcome to come and pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Kevin.

TRANSLATION ASSISTANCE REQUIRED We are seeking a Mandarin speaking Catholic to assist with translation for adults seeking to learn the faith. If you are able to help, please contact Marianne 366 9869.

HOSPITAL PASTORAL CHAPLAIN VACANCY A vacancy exists for the position of Catholic Pastoral Chaplain at Burwood Hospital. This is a part time position (15 hours per week). The Chaplain provides pastoral care to patients, their whānau and staff. The successful applicant will have proven pastoral experience and ability. A position description and application form can be found at www.chchcatholic.nz/2020/09/employment-vacancies. For more info about this position please contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, mstopforth@cdoc.nz or 03-366 9869. Applications close on Thursday 15th October.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN Saturday 10th October at Christ The King parish centre, 1.00-3.00pm. We encourage those women who have recently finished the Alpha course to come along and practice the new spiritual gifts they received. We look forward to gathering with you all again. Contact Ann Martin 03 313 5817

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, Riccarton.

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