



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

22nd Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

30th August 2020

Take up Your Cross and Follow Me....

There was a time, when the majority of Catholics would instinctively know that we use the Crucifix in our liturgical celebrations rather than an 'empty' cross. Thus there was a time when our liturgical documents loosely used the word 'cross' even when referring to the 'crucifix', taking it for granted that Catholics would know. Furthermore, in the Latin version of the documents, the word 'cruce', which literally means 'cross', was used also to refer to the crucifix.

After the reforms of the Second Vatican Council, many people started to introduce 'empty' crosses for liturgical use, and even cited the liturgical document's reference to the 'cross', to justify it. A great example of this was the Good Friday veneration of the cross. Soon, 'empty' crosses also started to appear in our Churches rather than those with a corpus on them. It took Pope Benedict XVI to remind us of the Catholic tradition and culture, and documents started to come out to explain the importance of using the crucifix – ie cross with a corpus on it. As an example, a clarification was made for the Good Friday celebration: use a Crucifix! – A Cross with a Corpus on it!

Why the crucifix rather than an empty cross? The corpus, or figure, on the crucifix emphasises the love that Christ embodied – and the love and suffering He endured for our salvation. After Christ rose from the dead the cross/crucifix has been a symbol of victory of sin over hatred, and of good over evil. Apart from Christ who died on it, the cross is nothing more than a symbol of cruelty and torture.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27), Jesus asks us to make the cross something personal; "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me....". Our crosses represent the sufferings, persecutions, martyrdoms, indifference, moral struggles, and even hatred at times, which every follower of Christ is bound to encounter in the journey of life. It can also symbolise the 'dying to self' in the love of others.

While each one of us faces our own cross – we must take courage for we are not alone. We must remember that in every cross that comes our way, God who is timeless has been there, and He still walks with us. And we can take comfort that we are following someone who led by example; and has proven victorious. As the Exultet, the Easter proclamation, sung during the Easter Vigil Mass reminds us: "O Felix Culpa....." – O Happy Fault, that merited such and so great a Redeemer!

God bless, Fr Michael

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Psalm Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

If any man wishes to come after me, let him deny himself.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9 + Romans 13:8-10 + Matthew 18:15-20

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

August

29 Reconciliation Amberley 10-11am
30 Mass at Waiau 11.30am

September

1 Care of Creation
6-12 Social Justice Week
13 1st HC Meeting - 3rd Meeting

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

KALAVALE On Sunday 6th September please take the opportunity to farewell Brian and Theresa Ward from the Amberley church area by joining us for the Kalevale Raffle and cup of tea after Mass.

ROSTER Mary Bimler who has kindly been rostering people for Church of the Holy Passion in Amberley is struggling to fill the roster. Please if you help with Cleaning, Proclaiming the Word of God during Mass, Prayers of the Faithful, etc.... can you please see her directly or ring her on 03-314 8368.

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). Holy water has been removed from the vessels at the church door. Communion is to be received only in the hand and there will be no chalice. 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!*)

OPENING HYMN - Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

CHRISM MASS The Chrism Mass originally scheduled for just prior to Easter will now be celebrated on Monday 5th October at 7pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD Deacon Tang Phan's ordination has been postponed to Saturday 5th September, 11am at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. The postponement is a result of Alert Level 2. If the Alert Level remains at 2 or go higher it will be postponed again. His first Mass is 9am on the Sunday after ordination at OLV and Fr Michael is preaching. Amberley and Cheviot will be covered by Fr Paul Shanahan SM that day.

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, contact Megan Emery ph 027 410 6940

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 or email ostopforth@chch.catholic.org.nz

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 chchcatholic.nz/2020/08/end-of-life-choice-act-vote-no

Post Communion Hymn - Nearer, My God, To Thee

Sarah F. Adams

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to Thee.
Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone.
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

Or, if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,
Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I'll fly,
Still my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God to Thee, Nearer to Thee.

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