



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

23rd Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

6th September 2020

Whatever you bind on earth...

A fortnight ago, the Sunday Gospel gave us the words of Our Lord to St Peter; *“Whatever you bind... and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Mt 16:18-19)”*. In this Sunday’s Gospel Our Lord repeats the same words to the rest of the Apostles, using a plural ‘you’.

The Vatican II document (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium) touches on the College of Bishops with the Pope and explains how Jesus constituted the Apostles “in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which he placed Peter¹”; and, “just as, in accordance with the Lord’s decree, St. Peter and the rest of the apostles constitute a unique apostolic college, so in like fashion the Roman Pontiff, Peter’s successor, and the bishops, successors of the apostles, are related with and united to one another²”. Collegially united with one another and with the Pope, “and never apart from him,” bishops can exercise “supreme and full authority over the universal Church,” provided it is exercised with the Roman Pontiff’s agreement³.

The collegiality of the Apostles, now translated to the collegiality of the Bishops, can also be seen in the words of Our Lord preceding His words on ‘binding’ and ‘loosening’. He prefaced it with the need for fraternal corrections; “if your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him...”, “...if he refuses to listen, report it to the community...”

Awareness of the unique importance of the Pope and the bishops in the plans of God should lead us to accompany them constantly by our prayer.

God bless, Fr Michael

1) Lumen Gentium, Paragraph 19
2 & 3) Paragraph 22

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)!

TODAY’S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the law.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

NEXT SUNDAY’S READINGS:

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 + Romans 14:7-9 + Matthew 18:21-35

SUNDAY MASS’ HYMNS:

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

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

September

6-12 Social Justice Week

15 1st HC Meeting - 3rd Meeting

October

13 1st HC Meeting - 4th Meeting

WEEKDAY MASS CHANGE due to a priests meeting in Hanmer Springs next week, weekday Mass will be at St Roch's at 8.30am on Wednesday & Thursday should you like to attend. There will be no 7am weekday Mass in Amberley Monday - Thursday next week, it will resume in Amberley on Friday 11th September onwards.

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. Apologies for any confusion caused by last weeks newsletter. The wrong date was put in 'Dates for the Diary'. These dates are now correct and the next meeting is on the 15th September (not the 13th September).

KALAVALE THIS 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. Please remember the physical distancing rule.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7.15 pm Wednesday, 9th September, Christ the King Centre, 90 Greers Road, Burnside. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise singing, formation and friendship.

DOVE CHRISTCHURCH 12th September Gathering 1pm till 3pm at Christ the King Parish Centre, Greers Road, Burnside www.dove.org.nz

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 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 September at 11am at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN - MISSION TEAM 2021 The Mission Team works alongside the Catholic Youth Team. They are based in Christchurch and travel throughout the Diocese www.cyt.org.nz

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 for more details about the roles and required skills and experience. Applications close September 18th, 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

OPENING HYMN - Amazing Grace

John Newton

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas Grace that taught my heart to fear.
And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

POST COMMUNION HYMN - Though You are God

Robert Loretz

Though You are God, with Father and the Spirit
You did not cling to Your equality,
Emptied Yourself became for us a slave.
And humbler yet, You died upon a tree.
You give Your flesh that we be truly fed,
Your Risen Self, in form of lowly bread.

To satisfy our hunger for Your Love,
You come to us as flesh and blood outpoured
And then to quench Your thirsting for our love,
You come again as poorest of the poor
That what we do to these the least of brethren
We do to You, our Saviour and Our Lord.

Emmanuel, You're longing to be with us
You bid us share Your one true sacrifice
Offer ourselves, with You the Holy Lamb,
Washed by Your blood, You call us into life
So fed by You, made holy and made one.
We now Your Body, for the world, become.

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 Rangi, i te whenua, āke tonu, āke tonu.

*(Love God, love Mary, in heaven and on earth,
for ever and ever)*

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