



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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

18th October 2020

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.

This Sunday's Gospel (Matthew: 22:15-21) is the first of three attempts (cf. also 22: 23-33, 34-40) on the part of Our Lord's adversaries to trap. On this occasion He was asked whether it was permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not. Had He said "yes", he would have fallen foul of the Jews; had He said "no", He would have been accused of defying the Roman Emperor. What Jesus did was to distinguish the two spheres; each is legitimate, and if the Jews have accepted the rule of Caesar (as they have accepted his coinage), they must be prepared to pay taxes to him - but ultimately all must be paid to God, for even Caesar has his authority from God.

Our Lord affirms the propriety of fulfilling civil duties while emphasising our primary duty of serving God. It is good to be reminded of this, and to have both in the right perspective.

God bless, Fr Michael

"Here I am, send me!"
Isaiah 6:8

Today many people, especially children, are victims of poverty. This not only affect their health conditions, but also their education, social integration, and even their faith development. The missionary work of the Church is an effort to make human life regain value and dignity.

Poverty in a developing country shortens the lives of many. Today, in our MISSIO-NZ Newsletter, you will read the story of children like Zyrhrie who is affected by malnutrition but are assisted by missionaries, lay and religious. You can support the missionary work of the Church in more needy places outside New Zealand. Your gift of prayers and financial help will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in countries like the Philippines. Your one-off gift TODAY or your regular monthly gift made through MISSIO-NZ is very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in the Philippines and around the world.

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TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1 4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Psalm Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 1:1-5

We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.

GOSEL: Matthew 22:15-21

Give Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Exodus 22:20-26 + Thessalonians 1:5-10 + Matthew 22:34-40

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

706 Praise to the Lord

830 The Church's One Foundation

347 O Purest of creatures (2 vs)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

October

18 Mission Sunday

November

12 Parish Movie Night

15 World Day of the Poor

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 is a 'sign up' roster, at Hanmer and Amberley churches 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 someone before the Blessed Sacrament all the time.

ANNUAL LEAVE Fr Michael will be away on annual leave from mid October to mid November (although he may be sneaking home occasionally). Sarah our parish secretary will have the parish phone and will attend to any enquiries. Several priests will be covering. Please make them feel welcome.

ALERT LEVEL 1 Please continue to be vigilant. QR codes, sign up sheets, and hand sanitisers are still in the Church. This is the time to continue to use the codes so that if there is any community transmission we can stamp it out quickly and avoid full Lockdowns.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING PART II the final of the sixth instalment should have been sent out. Even though this is coming to an end, the fact is, those who have been receiving the emails have access to a library of videos. The access will end in a few months. Please make use of the resource.

MINUTES from last weeks parish council meeting will be available shortly. Please let the parish office know if you would like a copy.

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! Movie: "Letters to Fr Jacob". You can check out the trailer on Youtube.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK *Let us pray for those who are suffering with ill health.*

Let us never let go of the possibility of miracles of healing. In our diocese there are powerful experiences of miraculous recovery as a result of the prayer of friends, family and parishioners.

If you know of someone who is in need of prayer for miracle of healing, please, if they are happy for us to publish the request, let us know.

Remember that any private intention or request for prayer can be made of a priest at anytime and this will be kept confidential.

CATHOLIC WOMAN'S EVENT 26 November. Join women of all ages for a talk and networking with drinks and canapés at the Canterbury Club, 129 Cambridge Terrace, from 5:50pm – 7pm. The Bishop's sister, Maree Hall will be talking about Faith, family and femininity. Tickets cost \$40. To purchase your ticket and reserve your spot call Olivia 03 366 9869 or email ostopforth@cdoc.nz. We hope to see you there!

JP2 CENTRE FUNDRAISER in lieu of Race Night We cannot hold our annual Race Night fundraiser due to Covid level uncertainty but ask for your support with our Raffle Fundraisers:

Pamper Hampers \$10/ticket (7 prize baskets each with \$100 Carlton Dining Voucher and \$100 Ilam New World voucher plus edible goodies)

JP2 Jumbo \$50/ticket, 1 in 15 chance of winning 20 great prizes. See www.jp2.org.nz for prize list.

Tickets will be sold after Parish Masses beginning 25th Oct and through the JP2 Centre 351 3225.

POSITION AVAILABLE The Catholic Youth Team (CYT) for the Diocese of Christchurch invites applications for the full-time position of Events Coordinator. Please go to <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/50701686> for more details about the role and required skills and experience. Applications close October 29th, 2020.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE You are invited to a Mass of Remembrance for Children who have died before or at birth at St Teresa's Parish, Riccarton 7:00pm, 19th October. Come to remember, to love and to strengthen your hope. Together we will give thanks to our Lord for each life, no matter how brief it was. Enquiries: JP2 Centre for Life 351 3227

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 Or email: benedictus@windowslive.com

EXULT 2020 - Arise and Shine Jesus Youth New Zealand is organising a National Conference "Exult 2020" from 23rd to 26th October 2020 at Blue Skies Centre, Christchurch (6pm Friday to 2pm Monday). This event aims to develop the spiritual and personal life of participants through Vibrant Talks, Powerful Sharing, Inspiring Testimonies, Praise and Worship, Eucharistic Celebration, Workshops, Adoration, Reconciliation, Informative Exhibitions, Pulsating Music and Activities. This conference is open for anyone between the age of 18-35. Limited Seats available!! To register go online to www.exult2020.com or contact Marc 021 217 8709.

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