



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

25th October 2020

Love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself

In this Sunday Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40), Jesus quotes from the Book of Deuteronomy (6:4-5); 'You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your might' and from the Book of Leviticus (19:18); 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Jesus places the twofold commandment side by side, and insists that true love of God must be enfolded in the love of our neighbour. He went on to say that all the Scriptures 'hang on' these two commandments.



The two Commandments are so important together. We see in the world what happens when one is practiced to the extreme without the other. When there is no love of neighbour, people end up using violence in the name of God. When there is no love of God, eventually love is confined only to those we like or 'our own', and others are dispensable, or are turned to mere objects. Only in Christianity are these two spelt out strongly: after all, the God who came to us, came as a neighbour and a brother to us.

In chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel, a couple of chapters later, Jesus gives us a practical application of these two commandments – that we should even see God in our neighbour: "...inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me".

God bless, Fr Michael

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will
rage against you.*

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord my strength.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and to await his Son.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

All Saints

Apocalypse 7:2-4 9-14 + John 3:1-3 + Matthew 5:1-12

(Suggested) HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

749 From Heaven You came
920 A new Commandment
356 Hail Queen of Heaven (2 vs)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

November
1 All Saints
12 Parish Movie Night
15 World Day of the Poor
22 First Holy Communion
28/29 Parish 24hr Adoration

HAWARDEN MASS THIS SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER at 10.30am, St Raphael's. There will be a collection of non perishable food for Catholic Social Services. All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea afterwards.

ANNUAL LEAVE Fr Michael is away on annual leave till mid November (although he may be sneaking home occasionally). Sarah our parish secretary will have the parish phone and will attend to any enquiries, messages will be checked by the end of each day at the latest. Several priests will be covering. Please make them feel welcome.

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 is someone before the Blessed Sacrament all the time.

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.

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.

KALAVALE! Join us for the Kalavale raffle and a cup of tea in the Amberley church hall. All parishioners are welcome after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. The raffle supports the Tongan Mission run by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. It is a great social occasion for parishioners while raising funds for those in need.

THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY Foundation Trust Board (LCM Foundation) is looking for a fellow Trustee to help with the delivery and advancement of their mission and ministry in the Christchurch area. To learn more about the ministry, the vacancy and how to apply, please visit www.lcmchristchurch.org.nz.

A DAY WITH MARY will be held at Sacred Heart Church, 70 Spencer St, Addington on Saturday 7th November 9am-3pm. (Shared Lunch) For further info contact Ron 022 0970 627.

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.

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

VOCATIONS The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has endorsed the promotion of vocations. Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations please contact Fr Tien via email vocations.chch@gmail.com

Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to remember two significant dates in Aotearoa New Zealand's history:

The Declaration of Independence, signed on October 28th, 1835 and invasion of Parihaka on the 5th of November 1881.

The Declaration of Independence was initiated by northern Rangitira. It is considered the first constitutional founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand and is thus the first recognition of New Zealand as an independent entity.

The Parihaka invasion is significant in that it is the first known case of nonviolent resistance in the world. Mahatma Gandhi heard about Parihaka while in South Africa and it inspired him to nonviolent resistance action in India which effectively led to the independence of India in 1948. We ask you to remember these events in your prayers and to pray for the protection and safety of all peace makers and peace builders around the world.

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