



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

27th Sunday Of Ordinary Time

Year A

4th October 2020

The Kingdom of God will be given to the People who will produce its fruit...

The Jewish People in the time of Jesus were very much aware of their identity as *The* People of God. It was from this People that in the fullness of time, God came to us in the Person of Christ. Through Christ, a new covenant established a 'new' People of God; The Church that is the Body of Christ. It is a people embracing all nations, all cultures. To be part of it is a Universal Call.

The Church, as the new people of God, is not unlike the 'old' People of God. It is also to bear the fruit of the Kingdom; the fruit of justice and righteousness, and the fruit of a right relationship with God and right relationship with others and, the fruit of making the face of the unseen God seen in their very lives. The readings for this Sunday make the challenging point that if we do not produce the fruits of the kingdom we simply do not belong to it.

Some would like to think that the 'fruit' of 'The People of God' is something at the communitarian level – and not at the personal level. The former would suggest that it is only those in position of leadership in the Church that are responsible. This is incorrect. Although the leaders of the Church have a special responsibility in this fruit-bearing, unlike the Jewish leaders of Jesus' day, they are no more responsible than any other members of the community. The challenge to 'bear fruit' is at a personal level. The 'Church' includes all the baptised, and every Christian is co-responsible for the channeling of God's justice, not only within the community but also to the world.

The question to ask at a personal level: What have I contributed to the Vineyard?

God bless, Fr Michael

OF YOUR CHARITY please pray for parishioner Tom Glenn who died on Monday and whose requiem Mass was on Friday. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him, may he rest in peace. Amen

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 5:1-7

The Vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the house of Israel.

Psalm: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:6-9

The God of peace be with you.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25:6-10 + Philippians 4:12-14 19-20 + Matthew 22:1-14

SUNDAY MASS' HYMNS:

779 O God You Search Me and You know Me

864 God's Spirit is in my Heart

367 Salve Regina

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

October

5 Chrism Mass

13 1st HC Meeting - 3rd Meeting

November

12 Parish Movie Night

28/29 Parish 24hr Adoration

MONDAY MASS 5TH OCTOBER CANCELLED this is due to the Chrism Mass at St Mary's Pro Cathedral 7pm, you are encouraged to attend the Chrism Mass and support our priests as they renew their vows. The Chrism Mass is usually during Holy Week but had to be changed because of the Lockdown. If anyone is attending and would like to collect the Holy Oils for our parish, please let Fr Michael know.

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 least two people before the Blessed Sacrament all the time.

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.

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! More details to come.

FAITH SEEKING UNDERSTANDING PART II the final of the sixth instalment will be sent out soon.

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!

ALERT LEVEL 1 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.

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 lodge your number with him so he can call you.

DEACON TANG PHAN'S ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD Next weekend is the ordination to priesthood of Deacon Tang Phan. All are welcome to join in this celebration on Saturday 10 October at 11am at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. His first Mass is at 9am at OLV Sockburn and Fr Michael is preaching, Fr Paul Shanahan SM will cover Amberley and Cheviot.

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.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE You are invited to a Mass of Remembrance for Children who have died before or at birth at St Teresa's, 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. JP2 Centre for Life 351 3227

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.

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

VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT/ MERI HÖHEPA

This Sunday we remember and celebrate the *spirituality and good works* of Venerable Suzanne Aubert known to Maori as Meri Hōhepa. It's the one day in the year when we can take time to reflect on what this remarkable woman achieved here in Aotearoa/New Zealand and be inspired and encouraged as we hope and pray that she will soon be formally recognised by the church as New Zealand's first Saint.

Cardinal John Dew received a personal letter last month from the president of the Causes for Saints, confirming the cure attributed to Suzanne's alleged intercession is right now being closely examined in Rome. If the cure is accepted as miraculous, she will be beatified and known as Blessed. This will be a very significant stage on her journey to Sainthood.

To coincide with Celebration Sunday, the Sisters have launched a special video project design for students. Details are on the website www.suzanneaubert.co.nz

Please pray for her beatification and eventual canonisation. And, let us remember her constant prayer. *"Thanks be to God for all He has done and is doing for us."*

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