



# 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 Sanctuary of  
Fourvière, Leithfield

### 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

1st Sunday of Advent

Year B

29th November 2020

### Maranatha

This Sunday, we enter into a new Liturgical Season (Advent) and a new Liturgical Year (Year B). The latter helps us to identify with a new set of readings for Mass, while the former takes us into a time of preparation. We prepare for the celebration of the Great Feast of Christmas, and we prepare for God's final coming at the end of time.

The word "Maranatha" should be on our lips in Advent. Maranatha in Koine Greek literally means 'Come, our Lord!'. Sometimes it is loosely translated as "Come Lord Jesus". It is THE word for the season. If you remember your previous Parish Priest, Fr Kevin Foote, you would remember his antics; he would say; "Marana....." and then expect you to respond with '...tha"! In the third Sunday of Advent, one of our hymns I have selected will include the word Maranatha.

The readings at Mass appropriately leads us gently into the preparatory mood; assisting us to reflect on our need to walk with integrity, to call on the name of God (First Reading), to thank God for the gifts we have received (Second Reading) and to be alert to God's coming (Gospel).

Part of Advent preparation must include prayer and repentance (hence the liturgical colour Violet). It is a time for ask for and to rejoice in God's mercy. It is a time for opening our hearts and home to receive God, and it is a time to once again find that child-like joy awaiting a Gift.

Let us prepare and wait in anticipation...

God bless, Fr Michael



*P/s Next Sunday we will sing Hymn No.117, O Come Divine Messiah. You may wish to go to the internet to listen to the tune in advance!*

### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-17 64:1. 3-8**  
*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

**Psalm Response:** Lord make us turn to You, let us see  
Your face and we shall be saved.

**SECOND READING: 1 Cor 1:3-9**  
*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

**GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37**  
*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
Isaiah 40:1-5 9-11 + 2 Peter 3:8-14 + Mark 1:1-8

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

**112 O Come O Come Emmanuel (vs 1-4)**  
**No Gloria**  
**78 Advent Communion Song (vs 1-2).**  
Let us sing to you O Mary (Robert Loretz)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**November**  
**23-29** Display of Eucharistic Miracles  
**28/29** Parish 24hr Adoration  
**29** 1st Sunday of Advent

**December**  
**25** Christmas Day, Holy Day of Obligation

**PARISH'S 24 HOUR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 28/29<sup>th</sup> November**

**THIS WEEKEND!!**

Our parish's will 24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is at hand.

You can come and be part of it any time in the 24-hours, but it will be good to know that there is someone before the Blessed Sacrament all the time time. There are still many slots left in the "roster"!!

It starts start with a 9.00am Mass (Saturday Morning) in Hanmer and ends with a 9.00am Mass (Sunday Morning) in Amberley. After the Mass in Hanmer, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration until the 5.00pm Vigil Mass, and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in Amberley from 6.00pm (Saturday) until Sunday morning.

- *Pay attention to various things on the "Roster" during the 24h too, e.g. Extra Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary...*
- *There will be some material for reflection and Spiritual Readings made available.*
- *There will be an emergency phone in the Sacristy*



**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES AROUND THE WORLD**

Did you know that there have been many Eucharistic miracles around the world throughout the ages? In conjunction with the Parish's 24hr Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, there are panels of various Eucharistic Miracles on display in the Amberley hall. You can come anytime from 7.00am to 7.00pm and all hours during the 24hr Adoration. The hall will be cleared up in the afternoon of Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

**WAIUAU MASS THIS SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER** at 11.30am, Our Lady of the Rosary, Waiau. Go check out the newly painted church. You can catch a ride with Fr Michael or make a day of it, pack yourself a picnic or call in to the Tavern for some lunch afterwards!

**SIMBANG GABI CULTURAL CELEBRATION** held by the Filipino Chaplaincy Diocese of Christchurch, will be included in the Culverden 6.30pm Mass on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION DAY** photos are available. Please contact the parish office.

**COMMUNITY CAROLS** 7pm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at the Highfield woolshed (on Northcotes farm) 130 Inland Road, Waiau. All are welcome! If anyone would like to lead an item (prayer skit or song) please contact Dawn on 0273567471 or dawnedaunauda@gmail.com

**ALERT LEVEL 1** There have been many occasions where things could escalate. 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 Lockdowns. No point complaining later. Please continue to be vigilant. QR codes, sign up sheets, and hand sanitisers are still in the Church.

**CHRIST-MASS ADVANCE NOTICE** - To allow you to plan ahead, the Christmas Mass Times for 2020;

- Christmas Vigil (Thursday) 6.00pm Amberley
- Christmas Vigil (Thursday) 9.00pm Hanmer Springs
- Christmas Day (Friday) 8.30am Culverden
- Christmas Day (Friday) 10.30am Cheviot

The times were arrived at through discussion between Fr Michael and members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

**DIOCESAN NOTICES**

**FOURVIÈRE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS** The annual Festival of Lights celebrates the roots of the first Catholic missionaries to the Pacific. These include St Peter Chanel, the Ven Suzanne Aubert and Bishop Pompallier who all had strong links to Fourvière in Lyon. 5<sup>th</sup> December 6pm Mass, Picnic Dinner, Eucharistic Procession and Adoration till late. 67 Leithfield Road. [www.fourviere.nz](http://www.fourviere.nz)



**THE BISHOP'S CARE APPEAL 2020**

This weekend marks the start of the Bishop's Care Appeal. Funds collected will support initiatives in our Diocese that help people who are struggling, particularly at this difficult time. Please take an envelope with you today and consider making a gift to this important cause.

**Help Support the Care Appeal 2020**



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