



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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

8th November 2020

You do not know either the day or the hour

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with the parable of the Ten Maidens (Matthew 25:1-13). The parable centres on a Jewish marital custom whereby, after the period of betrothal, the groom would lead a procession to bring his new wife to their home, and they would celebrate a week-long banquet with family and friends. In the parable, the bridegroom arrives to begin the joyous procession and take his wife to the marriage feast. The foolish maidens who were unprepared and without oil are excluded from the celebration while the wise maidens participate fully. The parable emphasises the need for watchfulness, and being prepared for the coming of God's Kingdom.

The early Church Fathers (e.g. Origen and St Hilary) give us another take on the parable. They say that the bridegroom signifies one's uncertain life-span – none of us really know the hour of our death and judgement. According to them the lamp is the Christian faith, while the oil represents good works; thus faith without good works is useless (c.f. James 2:17). The Church Fathers remind us that we do not know the day or the hour – it is good to be prepared – now, and always! Minimally, it requires us to strive to live a holy life.



God bless, Fr Michael

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Psalm Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

33rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13 19-20 30-31 + Thess 5:1-6 + Matthew 25:14-30

(Suggested) HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

883 Christ Be Our Light

720 Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

347 O purest of Creatures (2 vs)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

November

12 Parish Movie Night

15 World Day of the Poor

22 First Holy Communion

28/29 Parish 24hr Adoration

29 1st Sunday of Advent

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.

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.

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.

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.

MASS OFFERING CARDS these are available from the parish office.

OFFERING MASS FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION it is a praiseworthy tradition to have Mass offered for a special intention and especially for the happy repose of a person who has died. Take an envelope from the church foyer or collect one from the parish office and fill in the details on the envelope. It is usual to make an offering to the priest of \$10 for each Mass offered.

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 BEATITUDES GIFT SHOP presents some lovely gift ideas and a selection of wonderful books currently in stock. Perfect for Christmas! Check out their latest newsletter here www.fourviere.nz

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE You're invited to love them both by attending the fourth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 5 December. Join pro-life Kiwis from all over NZ in a family-friendly celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history: www.marchforlife.nz

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 7.15 pm Wednesday, 11th November, Christ the King Centre, 90 Greers Road, Burnside. Prayer, gospel reflection, praise singing, formation and friendship. Come and join like-minded Catholic men to grow your faith and be encouraged in your walk with the Lord. Every second Wednesday of each month. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

DOVE CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP FOR WOMEN Our 20th birthday will be celebrated on November 14th at Christ The King parish centre from 1-3pm. Come along and enjoy hearing about the early days of Dove and share your own memories with us. All ladies warmly welcomed. Contact Ann 021 111 3963.

CELEBRATE THE JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE 15TH ANNIVERSARY We invite you to join Bishop Paul, Trustees and staff of the JP2 Centre in a Thanksgiving Mass at St Matthew's Church, Bryndwr, at 7.30pm on Wed 18th November. This will be followed by a supper in the Parish Hall. Enquiries 351 3225.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP ESTUARY CLEAN UP Sunday 22 November 1pm lunch for 2 pm clean up - South Brighton Domain. All PFG members welcome as well as all parishioners from any of the Christchurch parishes. Sausage sizzle to start, followed by group clean up of the estuary bank nearby. Bring your own - drinks, bucket, tough gloves, gumboots, trowel & chair. For more information please phone Jo on 027-462-9089.

THE CATHOLIC SHOP for the best range of gifts and church supplies in the South Island. Come and see us on Manchester St next to St Mary's Pro-Cathedral 9.30am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 1pm on Saturdays. Rosaries, crucifixes, candles, missals, sacramental gifts, cards, bibles and more ! Our Advent and Christmas ranges are coming in daily.

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.

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