



# 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 vary or cancelled  
(see next page)

Feast of the HOLY FAMILY

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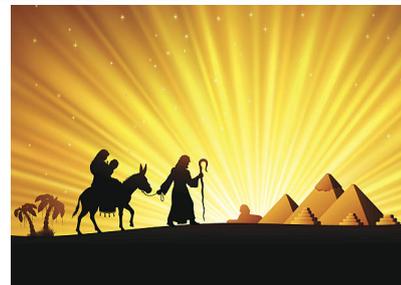
27th December 2020

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph...

Sacred Scriptures tell us something about the birth of Christ, the fulfilment of the prophecies and even His genealogy. However, when it comes to His childhood, there is practically nothing.

We do know that the Holy Family fled Bethlehem for Egypt. Yet, for some silly reason, I never linked Him with the "Pyramids" until I visited

Egypt in 2018. There I came across many depictions of the scene of the Holy Family's escape to Egypt on a donkey, and in the background of the scene, the Pyramids! It was so obvious but some for years, I compartmentalised in my mind, the Egypt of today and the Egypt mentioned in the Scriptures as though there were not related. This type of compartmentalising can also happen when we think of the Holy Family, and then the families of today – as if they are not related. They are. The correct concept of family, be in in the time of Jesus, or the Holy Family itself, and the families of today, is the very heart of society where individual learns the meaning and practice of love both Human and Divine. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instil into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families. Even if the reality of our own family may be far from the ideal, and even dysfunction (!), we must continue to hold on to the very fundamental ideal of what it is meant to be.



Here's hoping you've had a good family catch up during Christmas.  
Blessings,  
**Fr Michael**

*P/s I didn't sit on Santa's lap to ask for anything but still got the pressies...(blush blush).  
Thank you everyone for the various kind gifts! And Blessings for the New Year*

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14**  
*He who fears the Lord respects his parents.*

**Psalm Response:** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk  
in His ways.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-21**  
*Be clothed in love*

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40**  
*My eyes have seen your salvation*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**The Epiphany**  
Isaiah 60:1-6 + Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 + Matt 2:1-12

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(Christmas Booklet)*

- 10 Te Harinui
- 6 Silent Night
- 5 Angels we Have heard on high

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**December**  
27 Sunday Mass @ Hawarden  
31 New Year's Eve Mass (PTO)

**January**  
3 Epiphany

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN AMBERLEY** The weekday Mass times is 7.00am by default, but will vary in summer. Please pay close attention to the newsletter and the Notice Board.

- Mon to Wed, 28th - 30th = **No weekday Mass**
- Thur 31st, **No 7.00am Mass, but New Year's Eve vigil at 11.15pm, Feast of Holy Mary Mother of God.** After Mass, join Fr Michael in the hall to see the old year out with a bubbly and Christmas cake. (No Weekday Mass on New Year's Day)
- Fri & Sat, 1-2 Jan - 7.00am as per normal
- Mon-Wed, 4-5 Jan - 7.00am as per normal
- Thu - Sat, 6-9 Jan - **9.00am Mass**



**WELCOME TO THE CHURCH** - We welcome Tracey-May Gannaban into the mystical body of Christ the Church. She will be baptised during Mass the 10.30am in Hawarden. Please remember her and her parents in prayer.



Here's what the Government's Campaign encourages us to do;

- Scan QR codes with the NZ COVID Tracer app keeps us one step ahead of the virus
- Turn on Bluetooth tracing on the NZ COVID Tracer app allows you to be notified if you've been near another app user who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Stay home if you're sick and do not travel or take part in activities
- Wash your hands often and regularly is one of the easiest ways to keep yourself safe.

**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Did you know the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration began in the Diocese of Christchurch on Sunday June 30th, 2013?. It is held at the St Gregory's Chapel in Bishopdale in the Catholic Parish of Papanui. Please visit <https://perpetualadoration.chchcatholic.nz/> where you can download everything you need to know about Perpetual Adoration.

### FROM THE VATICAN

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD** - is now what the third Sunday of Ordinary Time will be called. Pope Francis instituted this with the Apostolic Letter in the form of a Motu proprio "**Aperuit illis**" issued on September 30, 2019.

The Pope intended it to be a day dedicated to the celebration, reflection, and dissemination of the Word. A note released by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and signed by the prefect, Cardinal Robert Sarah, explains that The Sunday of the Word of God is a means to help people "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God." It adds that the day is also "a good opportunity to reread some ecclesial documents, especially the *Praenotanda* of the *Ordo Lectionum Missae*."

The next Third Sunday is 24th January 2021

For more information go to: <https://zenit.org/2020/12/24/instructions-for-celebration-of-sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>

**THE YEAR "Amoris Laetitia Family"** is an initiative of Pope Francis. It will start on 19 May 2021 and ends on 26 June 2022. The aim is reach every family through several spiritual, pastoral, and cultural proposals that can be implemented within Parishes, Dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations. The goal is to offer the Church an opportunity for reflection and an in-depth appreciation of the Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, in order to concretely experience its richness. The experience of the pandemic has highlighted the central role of the family as the domestic Church and the importance of community ties between families.

Watch this space!