



# 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 EPIPHANY

Year B

3rd January 2021

### Lord, Every Nation on Earth will adore You

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. Even a secular dictionary will tell you what Epiphany means;

- 1) the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (*Matthew 2:1-12*)
- 2) a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization



The feast of Christmas that we just celebrated, in a way, is a celebration of the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah or Saviour of the people of Israel. Epiphany takes it to the next level. It celebrates a much more important manifestation, that Christ is revealed as the Son of God and Saviour of the whole world, and for all people. The adoration of Jesus by the magi, (a.k.a. the 'wise men'), who, according to Saint Matthew, came from countries in the east, is symbolic of the revelation to the rest of the world. Until Christmas became 'commercialised', the Epiphany was, in some countries, a bigger celebration. After all, the epiphany reminds us that all of humanity is meant to know Jesus, that He came to gather all nations, all peoples. He came for everyone.

May Jesus, the light of the world, illumine all humanity and lead everyone, as it did the Magi, to the manger of Bethlehem. And may He give all the happiness of being able to say that we are faithful adorers of the Child Jesus, King of Kings, and Saviour of humanity.

Happy Epiphany and a Happy New Year

Fr Michael

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6**  
*Above you the glory of the Lord appears*

**Psalm Response:** Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6**  
*Pagans share the same inheritance*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 2: 1-12**  
*The visit of the Magi*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Baptism of the Lord**  
Isaiah 55:1-11 + 1 John 5:1-9, 5-6 + Mark 1:7-11

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

- 150 The First Noel (vs 4-6)
- 170 We Three Kings
- 145 What child is this (vs 1 & 3)

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

January  
10 Baptism of Our Lord

**MASS @ CULVERDEN** by Filipino Chaplaincy which normally falls on the First Sunday of the month has been put on hold until further notice. It means that the first Sunday there is only the VIGIL (Saturday) evening Mass at 6.30pm.

**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-Wed, 4-5 Jan - 7.00am as per normal
- Thu - Sat, 6-9 Jan - **9.00am Mass**
- Mon-Sat, 11-16 Jan - 7.00am as per normal
- Mon-Wed, 18-20 Jan - 7.00am as per normal
- Thu - Sat, 21-23 Jan - **9.00am Mass**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - We had a wonderful Parish celebration in 2020 of 6 children making their First Holy Communion. We are currently in the process of putting together another programme to prepare children for First Holy Communion. If your child is 7years or older and has not made his/her 1st Holy Communion, its time to think about it. However, it will be a little bit 'empty' if you never bring your child to Mass..... perhaps a new year's resolution?



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.

**'VACCINE FOR ALL - 20 points for a fairer and healthier world'** This is the title, or rather vehement exhortation, of a joint document published today, Dec. 29, by both the Vatican's COVID-19 Commission and the Pontifical Academy for Life.

The text, published by the Holy See Press Office and accompanied by a press release, "reiterates the critical role of vaccines to defeat the pandemic, not just for individual personal health but to protect the health of all."

"The Vatican Commission and the Pontifical Academy of Life remind world leaders that vaccines must be provided to all fairly and equitably, prioritizing those most in need," it says. Moreover, the document explores the issues and priorities arising at the various stages of vaccine journey, from research and development to patents and commercial exploitation, including approval, distribution and administration. Echoing Pope Francis' recent *Urbi et Orbi* Christmas Message, "it calls on world leaders to resist the temptation to participate in "vaccine nationalism", urging nations and companies to cooperate – not compete – with each other."

Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Cardinal Peter Turkson, who also leads the specialized Commission expressed his gratitude to the scientific community for developing the vaccine in record time.

"It is now up to us," the Vatican prefect underscores, "to ensure that it is available to all, especially the most vulnerable. It is a matter of justice. This is the time to show we are one human family."

Similarly, President of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia, stresses "The interconnectedness that binds humanity has been revealed by the COVID-19 pandemic."

"Together with the Commission," he highlights, "we are working with many partners to point out lessons the human family can learn and to develop an ethics of risk and solidarity to protect the most vulnerable in society."

Moreover, the Secretary of the Vatican's Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, Mons. Bruno Marie Duffé, points out: "We are at a turning point in the COVID-19 pandemic and have an opportunity to start to define the world we want to see post-pandemic."

Father Augusto Zampini, Adjunct Secretary of the same dicastery with an important role on the Commission also observes: "The way in which vaccines are deployed – where, to whom, and for how much – is the first step for global leaders to take in committing to fairness and justice as the principles for building a better post-COVID world."

For Full Text: got to [Zenit.org](https://www.zenit.org)