



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Word of God Sunday) Year B 24th January 2021

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

(Please Check with the community in
the Month of January)

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday
7am Amberley

(see next page also)

Tuesday - Saturday
12pm Fourvière House of
Prayer and Retreat

(Please Check with the community in
the Month of January)

Reconciliation

By Appointment

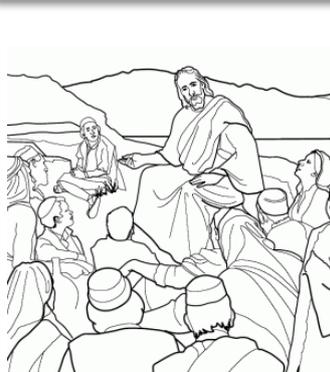
or before Mass

(but not the last 5 Minutes!)

Rosary

Wednesday

1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall



Repent and Believe in the Gospel

For hundreds of years, when praying the Rosary, people have been praying/meditating on three sets of mysteries namely the Sorrowful, Glorious and Joyful Mysteries. Then, on 16th October 2002, Pope St John Paul II (on his 24th anniversary of his papal election), proposed another set of mystery to the Rosary for us to contemplate: *the 'Mysteries of Light'* or the Luminous mystery. Altogether, the 4 sets of mysteries make praying the Rosary "a way of contemplating the face of Christ seeing Him – we may say – with the eyes of Mary."* Like others who are

devoted to praying the Rosary, Pope St. John Paul II saw the rosary as a compendium of the Gospel, because "it conveys the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety," through the contemplation of the key Christian mysteries.

This Sunday's Gospel (Mark 1:14-15) is one of the Mysteries of Light (the third). It is Our Lord's Announcing of the Kingdom. In the Gospel of Mark, this proclamation by Jesus contains some of His first words as He begun His public ministry: "...the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News. (It is a good passage to inaugurate the "Word of God Sunday", proposed by Pope Francis for every Third Sunday in Ordinary Time.)

According to Pope St John Paul, "*Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls to conversion and forgives the sins of all who draw near to him in humble trust (cf. Mk 2:3-13; Lk 7:47- 48): the inauguration of that ministry of mercy which He continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which He has entrusted to his Church (cf. Jn 20:22-23)*".

The call to 'repent and believe' is a daily call. The question is, how often do we heed this call?

Blessings,

Fr Michael

**Rosarium Virginiae Mariae*

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5,10

The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour

Psalms Response: Teach me Your ways O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 + 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 + Mark 1:21-28

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

776 I will Come to you in the silence
871 Lord You have Come to the Sea Shore
356 Hail Queen of Heaven (vs 1 & 2)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

January

24 Sunday Mass at Hawarden

29 Parish Movie Nite

31 Sunday Mass at Waiau

March

19 Start of Year of Amoris Laetitia

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD - Pope Francis established that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a time to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. In the newsletter last week a few suggestions were published to explore what we could do liturgically, including someone intoning the Psalm. We have a volunteer for Amberley this Sunday - Yay!

LITURGY MATTERS! - It is also a good reminder again, to all who proclaim the Word during Mass: that the Response to the Psalm is meant to be given without any prefacing with words such as *"The Response is...."*, or worse, *"The Responsorial Psalm, and the Response is...."*! Just like when the Psalm is sung, the cantor will just intone the response (without prefacing), and the congregation responds.

Also, at the end of the 1st and 2nd readings, the one who proclaims them now say: **"THE Word of the Lord"** (not **"THIS IS the Word of the Lord"**). That was updated when the Church updated the words to the Mass. It suggests what was just proclaimed was the Word, not just what's in the Lectionary!

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 - Sat, 25 - 30 Jan - 7.00am as per normal
- Mon - Thurs 1- 4 Feb - 7.00 as per normal
- Fri - 5 Feb - **9.00am Mass**
- Sat 6th (**Waitangi Day**)- **No public weekday Mass**

COMBINED CHURCHES PICNIC is planned for 12 noon on Sunday 31st January in the Amberley Domain. Parishioners are warmly invited.

If anyone wants to help Fr Michael explore a **weekday Parish get-together** (e.g. BBQ), please contact him before summer is over!.

PARISH MOVIE NITE 7pm Friday 29th January in the Amberley Hall. Free Pope-Corn. Please register your interest.

COVID VACCINE - The NZ bishops have issued a statement encouraging all people to get the Covid-19 vaccine when they become available. Their statement addresses both the moral and health issues, and the dangers of people rejecting vaccinations (the "anti-vax" movement). Available online <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/bishops-support-covid-vaccine/>

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL invites you to join them for their First Friday Mass. The Mass is held at Christ the King, Burnside on 5th February at 7.30pm. The celebrant for this occasion is Bishop Paul. There is supper and fellowship to follow Mass. Please bring a plate; any enquires call Maureen on 0275688338.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER to Save Precious Unborn Lives. Join the phenomenally successful 40Days worldwide campaign of prayer and fasting to obtain conversion of hearts and to save the lives of unborn children. 18,000+ babies scheduled for termination are living today because people like you prayed for them and their mothers. Give one hour per week of your time praying opposite Christchurch Hospital from 17th Feb to 3rd April Enquiries/Info: 0220681866 Register at www.40daysforlife.com/christchurch

VOLUNTEER FOR CATHOLIC SHOP needed. There is a vacancy for a customer services focused volunteer to work one day per week. For more info' contact Vicki on 0274222 515.

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VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD - If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien, Vocation Director for the Diocese, at vocations.chch@gmail.com Check out also the website of Holy Cross Seminary www.holycross.org.nz



- 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.

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