



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday of Lent

Year B

28th February 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

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday
7am Amberley
(see next page also)

Tuesday - Saturday
12pm Sanctuary of
Fourvière, Leithfield

Reconciliation

By Appointment
or before Mass
(but not the last 5 Minutes!)

Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall



He was Transfigured...

In this Sunday's Gospel we have St Mark's account of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mt Tabor.

In the previous chapter of the same Gospel Jesus asked his disciples the question; "Who do people say that I am?" St Peter replied: "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God". St Peter got it right but when he was told that the Son of Man will be killed, he protested. It was then that Jesus scolded St Peter by calling him 'Satan' and told him to get behind Him.

Perhaps the main reason Our Lord revealed the Transfiguration to St Peter, and Sts James and John, was to strengthen them to face the darkness of the cross that was to come. It was a preview of what is to happen: He will triumph. The hour of glory will come, but only after the shadow of the cross.

May the Transfiguration of Jesus strengthens us too in our own carrying of the cross, because beyond the cross, lies the Transfiguration and the glory.

Praise be the Lord Jesus Christ

God bless, Fr Michael

The Liturgical Season of Lent

In Lent, the ALLELUIA is omitted. For Sunday Masses, when Fr Michael is the celebrant, he (or a cantor when available) will intone "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ", or "Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ" instead of the Alleluia. He will also intone the verse in between. Please if you proclaim the readings, DO NOT read out the Acclamation and verse when they are being sung!

(For weekday masses, read the middle verse only)

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2 9-13 15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-34
God did not spare his own Son.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.



HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

883 Christ be Our Light
215 Transfigure us O Lord (Vs 1,2 & 4)
334 Ave Maria

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

March

11 Finance & Parish Council Meetings
16 2nd Holy Communion Meeting. 7.00pm
19 Start of Year of Amoris Laetitia
31 Lenten Confession in Amberley 7.00pm

April

2 Good Friday, Collection for the Holy Places

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, 1-6 March - 7.00am as per normal
- Mon-Tues, 8-9 March - **9.00am**
- Wed - Thur, 10-11 March, **No Mass** (*Priests meeting in Hammer*)
- Fri-Sat, 12-13 March, 7.00am as per normal

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 11th March Amberley 5.30pm Finance Council meets followed by 6.15pm meal and Parish Council meets at 6.45pm onwards. The idea is so both Councils can attend both meetings if they wish.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021 Please take a prayer card which can be found in the Amberley church (Fr Michael will take them to Hawarden this Sunday) and pray for them.

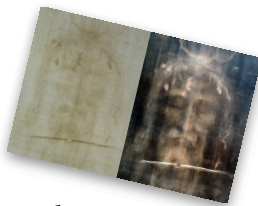
STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT It is a good spiritual exercise to do the Stations of the Cross in Lent, and especially on Fridays. Fr Michael will lead one every second Friday, and he is hoping a volunteer to do one the alternate Friday at what ever time suits. This way, the parish community can take some initiatives.

Friday, 5th March	<i>Time?</i> Volunteer please
Friday, 12th March	7.00pm Hawarden - Fr Michael
Friday, 19th, March	<i>Time?</i> Volunteer please
Friday, 26th, March	6.30pm*, Amberley - Fr Michael

(*see below)

FAITH FORMATION is one of the Parish Pastoral Goals. Last year we went through two 'Faith Seeking Understanding' programmes. Below are two further opportunities.

+ The Shroud Of Turin. This is the topic of a talk that Fr Michael is preparing. If all goes to plan he will deliver it after the Stations of the Cross on 26th March. Perhaps it could be an opportunity for a 'Fish and Chips' evening? Please register your interest now so we can plan. This is part of the Faith Formation that is one of our Parish Pastoral Goals.



+ The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr. Mike Schmitz walks you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes, providing commentary, reflection, and prayer along the way. www.media.ascensionpress.com

"Lent is for rediscovering that we are created for the inextinguishable flame, not for ashes that immediately disappear; for God, not for the world; for the eternity of heaven, not for earthly deceit; for the freedom of the children of God, not for slavery to things. We should ask ourselves today: Where do I stand? Do I live for fire or for ash?" *Pope Francis, Homily, 6th March 2019*

DOVE All women are warmly invited to our next meeting on Monday, 8th March at St. Patrick's Church, 61 Fuller St Kaiapoi. 7.30-9.00pm. Refreshments at 7pm. Our speaker is Adele Findlay, mother of 5 young children who shall give us her moving prolife testimony. A love offering will be taken. **Please note change of date, time and venue for March.** For further information contact Ann Martin 0211113963

GOLDEN CATHOLICS the role of the Catholic Education Office in supporting our children and grandchildren to grow in holiness. You are invited to attend the first Golden Catholics Mass, presentation and luncheon for 2021. Presentation by Mike Nolan from the **Catholic Education Office**, Liza Sparrow and Melanie Perry from the **Catholic Development Fund**. 11.30am on Wednesday 24 March at St Bede's College Chapel, 210 Main North Road, Papanui. For catering purposes please reserve your space via Donna Malone on 03 352 5810 rf-dmalone@xtra.co.nz or the Diocesan Office on 03 366 9869 JClarke@cdoc.nz

FIRST FRIDAY CHARISMATIC MASS You are warmly invited to the next Charismatic Mass on Friday 5th March, 7-30pm at Christ the King, Greens Rd, Burnside. It will be accompanied with Praise & Worship led by Jesus Youth and Fr. Rick Loughnan is celebrant. Prayer ministry and supper follows; please bring a plate. Maureen: 0275688338.

JOB VACANCY SVDP Christchurch Area Manager A full time Manager's position has become available at the St Vincent de Paul Society, Christchurch. This key leadership role of Area Manager is to be responsible for the day to day management, and overall leadership and direction of the Society's operations in Christchurch. For more details email Betty@svdpchch.co.nz

CDF FUNERAL SAVINGS ACCOUNT - Providing Peace of Mind for Your Loved Ones A CDF Funeral Savings Account is a way to protect loved ones from having to pay your funeral costs. Putting money aside for a funeral not only gives peace of mind for you and your family, but a CDF account allows a way to help the Church and upon death, all accumulated interest and capital is directed to your estate. Contact the Catholic Development Fund. Email cdf@cdoc.nz or call 0800 403 863. www.cdf.org.nz

HOSPITAL CONTACTS Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital, please advise the chaplain:

Christchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick 364 0640 (x89554)

Burwood Hospital: Megan Emery 027 410 6940

Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough 021 501 683

Nurse Maude Hospice: Chch North Parish 03 359 1438

St George's Hospital: Chch North Parish 03 359 1438

Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish 379 1068

If a priest is required the pastoral chaplain will contact the priest.

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