



# 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 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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

31st January 2021

### He taught them with Authority.....

I mentioned last Sunday in my homily that there is almost an air of impatience in St Mark's Gospel. In last Sunday's Gospel, within the first fourteen sentences of his Gospel, he recorded Jesus calling two sets of brothers to follow him. In fact, at the very start of the Gospel, he tells us immediately who Jesus is with these words: "...The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mark 1:1)"!!

As we move on to Our Lord in his public ministry, St Mark now tells us in this Sunday's passage (Mark 1:21-28) that Our Lord caused a stir and a deep impression in the people when he broke with tradition by expelling a demon simply by using words. It was indeed a new teaching backed by extraordinary authority. All the cures and exorcisms are signs that God's power is at work, i.e. Jesus *is* the Son of God. God's kingdom is in our midst. Our Christian faith stands out because of who Christ is, not just because of what He taught. If God is with us, we too should be "impatient" in telling the world about Him.



Blessings,

Fr Michael

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

*i will raise up a prophet and put my words into his mouth*

**Psalm Response:** If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

*Give your undivided attention to the Lord*

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

*He taught them with authority*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7+ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23+Mark 1:29-39

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

**871** Lord You have Come to the Sea Shore  
**909** Be Still and Know that I am God  
Mo Maria (see bottom of back Page)

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**January**  
31 Sunday Mass at Waiau

**February**  
7 Enrolment for 1st HC closes

**March**  
19 Start of Year of Amoris Laetitia

**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 - Thurs 1- 4 Feb - 7.00 as per normal
- Fri - 5 Feb - **9.00am Mass**
- Sat 6th (**Waitangi Day**)- No public weekday Mass
- Mon - Sat, 8-13 Feb - 7.00am as per normal
- Mon - Tues, 15-16 Feb - 7.00am as per normal



Ash Wednesday 17 Feb. To be confirmed but tentatively (*Feedback welcome*):

9.00am Hanmer Springs & 7.00pm Amberley.

**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!.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2021** - Parishioners with children who are 8 years or older who have not made their First Holy Communion are invited to enrol their children for a preparatory programme. The aim is for the children to receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi (Body and Blood of Christ) on **June 6th**. The Enrolment Sheet and Programme's Timetable are now available on the parish website (under "Sacraments") and from the office. Enrolment closes **7th February**. Parents who cannot commit to full attendance of the meetings are asked to defer their enrolment until such time that they can commit to it. Parents who have never met Fr Michael since his arrival in the parish are also asked to speak to Fr Michael first before enrolling.



- 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.

**VACANCY: YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR - YOUNG VINNIES** The St Vincent de Paul Society in Christchurch has a vacancy for a person to fill a vital role in continuing to maintain our 'Young Vinnies' groups in the primary and secondary schools and tertiary institutions of the Christchurch Diocese. This is a paid position. 20 hours minimum per week and up to 30 hours available by negotiation. For a full job description for this position please email Clodagh Ward on [clodagh@svdpchch.co.nz](mailto:clodagh@svdpchch.co.nz) or Mike Daly on [mike@svdpchch.co.nz](mailto:mike@svdpchch.co.nz)

**CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL** invites you to join them for their First Friday Mass. The Mass is held at Christ the King, Burnside on 5<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to 3<sup>rd</sup> April Enquiries/Info: 0220681866 Register at [www.40daysforlife.com/christchurch](http://www.40daysforlife.com/christchurch)

**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](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com) Check out also the website of Holy Cross Seminary [www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)

#### **Marian Antiphon (Closing Hymn) for the Sunday**

Written in 1842 by Bishop Jean Baptiste Francois Pompallier (1802-1871), the first Catholic Bishop of New Zealand

#### **MO MARIA**

Mo Maria aianei  
O tatou waiata;  
kia kaha ra tatou,  
kia nui te aroha.

*For Mary now  
Our songs  
Let us be strong  
Let there be great love*

Aroha ki te Atua  
Aroha ki a Maria  
I te Rangi, i te whenua  
āke tonu, āke tonu.

*Love God  
Love Mary  
In heaven and on earth  
Forever and ever*

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