



# 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

### Weekday Masses

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

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

7th February 2021

### He went off to a lonely place and prayed...

In the latter part of this Sunday's Gospel we find Jesus taking time out to pray in the midst of all his work: "In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there" (Mark 1:35). His actions remind us of the importance of prayer in our 'busy' lives. Jesus' own praying must have initially awakened curiosity in his disciples, and then induced them into thoughts on the meaning of prayer and, finally, aroused in them a growing desire to have the experience. In the Gospel of Luke they asked him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1).



We live in a 'busy' and 'self sufficient' world. We have much to distract us. We can connect to the world through devices that fit in our pockets. All these distractions can lead us to spiritual impoverishment as they take away our ability to find time to contemplate, and to pray. Pope St John Paul II once commented that the 'experience of prayer should be radiated in the world, transforming itself in witness for those who do not share our faith'. The strength of prayer lies in the contemplation of two fundamental truths: the love and faithfulness of God, the Pope added. "In a technological world threatened by an eclipse of the sacred, in a society that takes pleasure in a certain self-sufficiency, the witness of the man of prayer is like a ray of light in the darkness".

Do we pray enough? We know there is always room for improvement. Too busy? We know we are always quick to find excuses to cast praying aside. Check out the section in the Catechism of the Catholic Church on Prayers. It should be compulsory reading for all Christians. It is arguably the most beautifully written and easily readable part of the Catechism.

May you encounter God daily in prayer,

Fr Michael

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Job 7:1-4, 6-7**  
*My life is but a breath*

**Psalm Response:** Praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted

**SECOND READING: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23**  
*I should be punished if I do not preach the Gospel*

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39**  
*He cast out devils and cured many*

#### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 + 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 + Mark 1:40-45

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

601 Praise to the Lord  
282 Sing to the Mountains  
Mo Maria (see bottom of back Page)

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**February**  
7 Enrolment for 1st HC closes  
17 Ash Wednesday  
**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 - 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.**
- Thu 18 - 7.00am as per normal
- Fri - Sat, 19-20 Feb - **9.00am**

**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 children will 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.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** - The next set of envelopes will be available soon for parishioners who are on Planned Giving. If you are not on Planned Giving and would like to help the parish by getting on board, please contact Elaine the treasurer or Sarah the Secretary.

Please note that if you are contributing via Direct Debit, there will still be a set of "Special Envelopes" to collect, giving you the option of contributing towards special occasions (e.g. Peter's Pence, Holy Places, Seminary, etc)

### 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 aianeī	<i>For Mary now</i>
O tatou waiata;	<i>Our songs</i>
kia kaha ra tatou,	<i>Let us be strong</i>
kia nui te aroha.	<i>Let there be great love</i>
Aroha ki te Atua	<i>Love God</i>
Aroha ki a Maria	<i>Love Mary</i>
I te Rangī, i te whenua	<i>In heaven and on earth</i>
āke tonu, āke tonu.	<i>Forever and ever</i>

**FREE SUNDAY CONCERT**– 3 pm, 14 February, 2021. The CBS Orchestra presents string favourites by Corelli and Mozart with a double violin concerto by Vivaldi, and organ concerto by Handel, together with his Arrival of the Queen of Sheba.

**WEDNESDAY AT ONE** is a popular weekly lunchtime recital series in the Pro-Cathedral. A light lunch is available before each concert. A wide range of performers is featured in a superb acoustic, often using the Steinway concert grand piano, or the 4 manual pipe / digital organ.

### FR JOHN REA IN CHRISTCHURCH

- Friday 19 February 7.30pm at St Matthew's, Bryndwr – healing evening.
- Sunday 21 February 4.00pm at St Joseph's Church Centre, Papanui – praise & worship, teaching on baptism in the Holy Spirit, prayer ministry.
- Tuesday 23 February 7.30pm at St Patrick's, Kaiapoi – inner healing.

For more information contact Maureen Thow 027 5688 338.or email: [maureenthow@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:maureenthow@slingshot.co.nz)

**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)



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- 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

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