



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year B

28th March 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

Your King comes to you... on a donkey

This Sunday we enter Holy Week with the celebration of Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. We commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem where He would eventually face His crucifixion. His entry into Jerusalem astride a colt was a direct fulfilment of the Messianic prophecy of Zechariah (9:9): *Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem. Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, and riding on an ass and upon a colt the foal of an ass*".

Jesus enters Jerusalem knowing full well what awaited him... betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. The people hailed him as their Messianic King, waving palms! This scene would be contrasted against what we would commemorate on Good Friday.

Please support the celebrations of the Holy Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil), and gain a bigger picture of what God has done.

Glory and Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ

Fr Michael



- Please make sure you read the Holy Week Schedule and put it on the fridge after reading it. The main possible confusion could be the Easter Vigil where there is the Vigil in Culverden at 7.00pm (not the usual 6.30!), and Hanmer is getting an Easter Sunday Mass and no Vigil.
- *Chrim Mass* – The Chrim Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Monday 29th March at the Pro-Cathedral. Its one way of supporting your priests. At this Mass, not only are the Oils blessed, but the priests renew their vows.

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult and I know
I will not be ashamed.*

Psalm Response: My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

*He humbled himself to become like us
and God raised him on high.*

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15 :47

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

Palm Procession

229 All Glory Laud and Honour

223 Stabat Mater (Vs, 1,9 &10)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

March

30 Confession (For FHC children & families)

31 Confession in Amberley 7-8pm

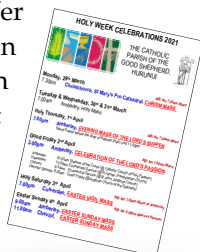
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2 Good Friday, Collection for the Holy Places

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION There is a retiring collection (meaning on the way out) to support the Holy Places. Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land. Please use your special envelopes if you have them

"This is the responsibility incumbent upon the whole universal Church with regard to the Mother Church of Jerusalem, to which all Christians have an unforgettable obligation." Pope Francis

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS Please refer to the attached leaflet, and also notices on display in the Churches or the parish website. Holy Week is the most important week of the Christian liturgical calendar. Please support the various celebrations and come as participants rather than spectators.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION At Mass this weekend, the Children preparing for their first Holy Communion will be receiving a Confession Guide. Please continue to pray for them.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION Fr Michael will be in the various Churches at the times indicated below so that parishioners may use the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

- 7.00pm Tues 30th March – Amberley (*1st Holy Communion children + family*)
- 7.00-8.00pm Wed 31st March – Amberley

NEXT SUNDAY! Join us for the Kalavale raffle and a cup of tea in the Amberley church hall. All parishioners are welcome after 9am Mass on the first Sunday of the Month. The raffle supports the Tongan Mission run by the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. It is a great social occasion for parishioners while raising funds for those in need.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK *Let us pray for those who are suffering with ill health.*

Let us never let go of the possibility of miracles of healing. In our diocese there are powerful experiences of miraculous recovery as a result of the prayer of friends, family and parishioners. If you know of someone who is in need of prayer for miracle of healing, please, if they are happy for us to publish the request, let us know.

Remember that any private intention or request for prayer can be made of a priest at anytime and this will be kept confidential.

"Lent is a time for believing, for welcoming God into our lives and allowing Him to 'make his dwelling' among us... In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross". Pope Francis

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THE ROYAL COMMISSION of Inquiry into Abuse in Care will this week conclude the second phase of hearings that included church leaders making statements. We pray for the Commission and their continued work on this significant and important process in seeking truth and justice for survivors of abuse.

THE CATHOLIC SHOP For all your Lent and Easter needs and gifts for the children making their Holy Communion in June. Check out the shop at 373 Manchester Street. Candles, Bibles, rosaries, sacramental gifts and a wide range of books including children's Easter stories. Open 9.30am-4.30pm weekdays and 10am-1pm on Saturdays.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE During Lent please feel free to join the group of people quietly praying during the day for the cause for life in Hagley Park opposite Christchurch Hospital.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS All parishioners are invited to the annual celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday at the Pro-Cathedral 11 April. Reconciliation from 1.30pm. Chaplet of Mercy 2.45pm Mass 3pm. Note some road closures in the area and earlier time for Mass.

"I want to grant a complete Pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy"

PRISON CHAPLAINCY VACANCY The Diocese has a vacancy for a part-time prison chaplain at Christchurch Women's Prison, 32 hours per fortnight, including some Sundays. The role requires a special combination of experience, skill, formation and personal qualities. Applicants will come from a committed Catholic ministry background, should demonstrate a personal faith commitment, relevant pastoral formation and experience, a high level of personal maturity and judgement, a resilient personality and success in working in teams. The chaplain is part of the Catholic and ecumenical chaplaincy teams and will provide for the celebration of the sacraments, lead prayer services, provide pastoral care and support for prisoners. A position description and application form can be found at www.chcatholic.nz/employment For further info please contact Mike Stopforth mstopforth@cdoc.nz or phone 027 5398 542

VACANCY SVDP Christchurch Area Manager. A full time Manager's position has become available at the St Vincent de Paul Society, Christchurch. For more details email Betty@svdpchch.co.nz

THE STANMORE ROAD VINNIES SHOP NEEDS YOU! Do you love fashion, antiques and collectibles? Do you enjoy shopping and meeting lots of different people? This position will give your practical experience working with a non-profit organisation in a friendly retail team environment. Flexible shift and times available. No experience necessary as on the job training is provided. Feel free pop in store and fill an application today. Thank you for helping us help others.