



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Easter

Year B

18th April 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

They recognised Him at the Breaking of Bread...

Not many of you have seen the chalice gifted to me for my priestly ordination. It is HUGE! And it was specially made for me as a surprise gift from the two Italian priests who came all the way from Italy to attend my ordination.

At the base of the chalice my friends had these words engraved; *"In communicatione fractionis panis"*, taken from Acts 2:42. In Acts, the full sentence reads; *"erant autem perseverantes in doctrina apostolorum et communicatione fractionis panis et orationibus"*. The English translation (New Jerusalem Bible) reads "These remained faithful to the teaching of the Apostles, to the brotherhood (or "fellowship" in some translation), to the breaking of bread and to the prayers". They remained faithful to four things all at once, namely

- + to the teaching of the Apostles;
- + to the brotherhood / fellowship
- + **to the breaking of bread**
- + to the prayers.

In the early Church, the words 'the breaking of bread' was synonymous with their Eucharistic assembly, their praying in the celebration of the Mass, and their fellowship that came from it. The expression 'fractionis panis' was used for their coming together to gather at their Eucharistic assemblies. They used these words to signify that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with Him and form one body in Him. It is also by this action (fractionis panis) that in this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 24:35-48), the disciples recognised Christ after His Resurrection. To know that the term 'Fractionis Panis' means the celebration of the Mass is to read the Gospels in a different light, and in the way the Early Christians read it. They were faithful to the celebration of Holy Mass.

God Bless you all

Fr Michael

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 3:13-15 17-19

*You have killed the prince of life;
God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Psalm Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING: John 2:1-5

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins,
and those of the whole world.*

GOSPEL: Luke 24:35-48

*It was written that the Christ would suffer and
on the third day rise from the dead.*

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

269 At the Lamb's High Feast
288 On the Journey to Emmaus
368 Regina Caeli

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

April

25 ANZAC Day
25 Day of prayer for vocations -
Seminary Collection
28 St Peter Chanel -
Proto-martyr of Oceania, Patron Saint

May

4 FHC Meeting
16-23 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

THANK YOU to those who came along to the recent "Movie nite". It was a wonderful evening full of hearty discussion and fellowship.

HAWARDEN MASS NEXT SUNDAY 25th APRIL at 10.30am, St Raphael's. There will be a collection of non perishable food for the food bank. All are welcome to join us for a cup of tea afterwards.

OFFERING MASS FOR A SPECIAL INTENTION it is a praiseworthy tradition to have Mass offered for a special intention and especially for the happy repose of a person who has died. Take an envelope from the church foyer or collect one from the parish office and fill in the details on the envelope. It is usual to make an offering to the priest of \$10 for each Mass offered.

MASS OFFERING CARDS these are available from the parish office.

*Sweetest Jesus, Body and Blood
most Holy, be the delight and
pleasure of my soul, my strength
and salvation in all temptations,
my joy and peace in every trial,
my light and guide in every word
and deed, and my final
protection in death. Amen.*

St. Thomas Aquinas

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION RECONCILIATION A reminder that there is another opportunity for the two who did not make it to attend on Tuesday 20th April @7.00pm. Those who have been can use the opportunity to go again if they wish too (including Parents!)

ROLL UPDATE if you have changed your contact details recently or know of a parishioner who has moved to or from your church area, please contact the parish office to let us know catholichurunui@gmail.com

THE BEATITUDES GIFT SHOP presents some lovely gift ideas and a selection of wonderful books currently in stock. Perfect for Christmas! Check out their latest newsletter here www.fourviere.nz

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE CHILDREN from our parish who are preparing to make their First Holy Communion on the Feast of Corpus Christi. If you haven't got one already, we have made little prayer cards for parishioners to pick (randomly!) so as to remember to pray for them.

REFLECTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand invites you to join us in an online study reflection looking at Climate Change. This online study is over two weeks beginning Tuesday 27th of April 2021, starting at 7.30pm and ending at 9pm. This study will explore how climate change and degradation of the Earth impacts all our lives (as seen through the works of Mercy) and looks at choices and actions that can help us in this new reality. Please enrol by 20th April 2021 by emailing paxchristiaotearoa@gmail.com On enrolment, you will be sent the zoom link and reading for the first meeting.

THE CRAFTY CREW The April session is on Sat 24th April, 1:30-4:00pm in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. Come meet and work alongside crafters from other Christchurch parishes. Bring your handcraft project and a gold coin donation, as well as some cash for raffles. It's a friendly social gathering with good conversation and a cuppa and a biscuit. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217-2052

RETREAT DAY FOR MEN of all ages. Saturday 8 May 2021 at the Fourviere Retreat Centre, Leithfield, led by Fr. John O'Connor reflecting on Pope Francis' letter for the Year of St. Joseph. Cost - donation (which will include lunch). Register by email to Alex.achia@cdoc.nz or Phone 0211757121.

DIO DATE NIGHT is back by Popular Demand! The JP2 Dio Date Night is an opportunity to celebrate and build up your marriage while enjoying great food and company. Date: 15th May, 7pm-11pm. Rata Lounge, Cashmere. Cost \$85 per couple includes nibbles, dinner and dessert. Spaces are limited so please register promptly and pay by 7th May. To register: www.facebook.com/jp2centre or phone 351 3225

SOLEMN PROFESSION You are warmly invited to the Solemn Profession of Sister Anne Teresa of St Joseph at The Carmelite Monastery, 52 Halswell Road at 11am on Saturday 1st May (Feast of St Joseph the Worker). Apostolic Administrator Paul Martin SM will preside at a concelebrated Mass. Refreshment will follow. Everyone is most welcome, and we look forward to you joining us on this joyful occasion.

THE PARISH TO PARISH BED AND BREAKFAST BOOK is available with nearly 200 homes in NZ and Australia for catholic hospitality, \$35 a night for one person or \$30 each for 2 or more persons this includes continental breakfast, I would welcome new hosts to join us. For information or to purchase a book (\$15 includes postage) contact Marie Anderson 2 Brent Place, Christchurch 8053, Ph. 359 5541, or email marie.ian@xtra.co.nz

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