



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday of Easter

Year B

25th 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

I am the Good Shepherd.....

The theme of the Good Shepherd not only reverberates in the Liturgy for Universal Church this Sunday, and it is our Parochial Feast Day – the Parish of the Good Shepherd! The Church calls this Sunday Good Shepherd Sunday because the 4th Sunday of Easter always gives us the figure of the “Good Shepherd” in the Gospel reading. The Church also uses this opportunity to promote vocations to the priesthood.



Jesus attributed to Himself this eloquent biblical title; “I am the Good Shepherd” (John 10:11). In turn, He appointed His Twelve Apostles to be shepherds in His place. They are succeeded by the Bishops and we priests are their co-workers. In priestly formation, the Church always speak of how a priest is meant to be a shepherd after the Heart of Christ, chosen, called and consecrated to be a unique living sign of God’s love revealed in His Son the Good Shepherd.

Saint John Mary Vianney said: “The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus” (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1589). This love of the Good Shepherd, which must mark the life and ministry of each priest, was described in our hearing today when the gospel account told us: “when [Jesus] disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them.” Yes, the heart of the Good Shepherd was moved with love for the people. Every priest’s heart must likewise be similarly moved, unlike the shepherds described by the prophet Jeremiah in today’s first reading, who misled and scattered the flock.

In keeping with a significant tradition, this Sunday is also observed as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let us all raise a united invocation to God, so that numerous and holy vocations will flower to the priesthood and consecrated life, especially for the Diocese of Christchurch. May there be more men call to be after the heart of the Good Shepherd.

God bless **Fr Michael**

P/s: in NZ there is usually a special collection for the Seminary, and if you are Planned Giving, there is a Special Envelope for this. If you do not have and want to support priest formation, just put your donation in any envelope but marked it for that purpose.

TODAY’S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 4:8-12

This is the only name by which we can be saved.

Psalm Response: The stone rejected by the builders
has become the cornerstone.

SECOND READING: John 3:1-2

We shall see God as he is.

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

906 The Lord’s My Shepherd
779 O God You Search Me
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

ANZAC DAY falls on a Sunday this year. All around the country, many will gather to remember the fallen and The Ode will be recited:

*They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, not the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

As Catholics, we pray also the Eternal Rest;
Eternal Rest grant unto the O Lord
and let perpetual light shone upon them.
May they rest in peace.

REGINA CAELI is the Marian Antiphon we have been singing at the end of Mass in this Easter season. It is an ancient hymn that is traditionally used from Easter Sunday until Pentecost. The translation is:

*Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia;
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia;
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.*

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
The Son you merited to bear, alleluia,
Has risen as he said, alleluia.
Pray to God for us, alleluia

HAWARDEN MASS THIS 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.

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 catholicurunui@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.

DOVE The next Dove meeting will be held on Monday 10th May, 7-9pm at St Patrick's Church, 61 Fuller St, Kaiapoi. Jeanette Dobbs will be speaking on 'Holistic ways to deal with Fear and Anxiety'. All women welcome. For more info contact Ann Martin 021 111 3963.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE Open Evening Tuesday 18 May from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch. Everyone is most welcome.

JP2 CENTRE FOR LIFE Looking for a special way to honour your Mum for Mothers' Day? Donate to the JP2 Centre and choose a specially designed card for your Mum (6 designs, 2 sizes). You will receive a bonus pack of teatowels. We can personalise your card. Further info: <https://www.facebook.com/jp2centre/>

PRO-LIFE FACTS Please protect your right to free speech, right of assembly and the right to communicate by making a submission to the Parliamentary Health Select Committee opposing the Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion [Safe Areas] Amendment bill. This is a government bill posing as a Private Member's bill. It seeks to prohibit people from intimidating and harassing women seeking an abortion. The bill is farcical and seeks to distract attention from the violence imposed upon women and their unborn. For more information on life issues visit www.righttolife.org.nz

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 021 175 7121. Please register by Monday 26 April.

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.

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VOCATIONS The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference has endorsed the promotion of vocations. Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations please contact Fr Tien by emailing vocations.chch@gmail.com

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