



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Ascension Of The Lord

Year B

16th May 2021

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs
(Every Saturday)

6:30pm Culverden
(1st, 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

He was taken up into heaven

Forty Days after Easter Sunday the Risen Lord ascended into heaven. Forty days means the Ascension happened on a Thursday – hence the reference sometimes to “Ascension Thursday”. In New Zealand, and in many countries, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus on the 7th Sunday of Easter because Thursday is a ‘working day’!

It is plain from Scripture that Jesus' ascension was a bodily return to heaven. He rose from the ground gradually and visibly, observed by many intent onlookers. As the disciples strained to catch a last glimpse of Jesus, a cloud hid Him from their view, and two angels appeared and promised Christ's return "in just the same way that you have watched Him go" (Acts 1:11)

From His Ascension onwards Jesus continues to act through the Holy Spirit and through his followers. Before leaving Mary and his apostles, Jesus gave them the charge to be his missionaries. Their preaching was to have the same effect as his preaching. They, and those who follow them are to challenge people of all times and places to accept the Gospel.

St Augustine of Hippo offers us some insight;

“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.”

God bless,

Fr Michael



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

Jesus was lifted up while they looked on.

Psalm Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-13

We are all to come to unity, fully mature in the knowledge of the Son of God.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

289 Praise Him as He Mounts the Skies
898 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
Ka Waiata (words overleaf)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

May
16-23 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
23 Pentecost Sunday

June
6 1st Holy Communion
Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
20 Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants
27 Peter Pence Collection

1ST HOLY COMMUNION children will be receiving their prayer card this Sunday 16th May. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

PARISH MEETINGS

- Hawarden Farm Committee 18th May at 4pm.
- Parish AGM 18th July at 2pm Amberley

NOMINATIONS FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL We have two positions available, please nominate someone or yourself otherwise Fr Michael will have to tap someone on the shoulder! Guidelines for how the Parish Council operates under Fr Michael are available on the parish website. You are most welcome to place your nominations before the Parish AGM via email to Fr Michael nzmichaelpui@gmail.com

RECEIPTS FOR PLANNED GIVING are now available for collection from each church. Please take yours to save us postage. If you cannot find your receipt it may be left at a different church. Please let Fr Michael know. If there are any queries please contact Elaine our parish treasurer catholichurunuitreasurer@gmail.com

VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT Following a recent NZCBC meeting the bishops are inviting us to pray the following Beatification prayer. www.compassion.org.nz/suzanne-aubert/the-journey-to-sainthood

Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Māori people and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and whom the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognised in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification.

Amen

Ka Waiata

(Marian Antiphon for the end of Mass)

Ka waiata	I sing to Mary
Ki a Maria	Our mother
Hine i whakaae	The one who heard God's call
Whakameatia mai	The call to be
Te whare tangata	The mother of our Lord (of us all)
Hine purotu	
Hine ngakau	Gentle woman
Hine rangimarie	Loving mother
Ko te Whaea	Our Lady Queen of Peace
Ko te Whaea	I sing to Mary
O Te Ao	The mother of Our Lord
(o Te Ao)	(of us all)

ECUMENICAL SERVICE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY The service this year will be held in the Transitional Cathedral, 234 Hereford Street at 7pm on Wednesday 19th May. Everyone is warmly invited to attend.

PENTECOST AT THE SANCTUARY OF FOURVIERE 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield. Saturday 22 May.

Morning retreat: 9am-2pm "The Counsellor will come to you". 12pm Mass followed by a shared lunch.

Prayer vigil: 5.30pm *Living Pentecost with the Virgin Mary*. Followed by a potluck dinner. Come for all or part of the day.

THE UPPER ROOM ADORATION & WORSHIP NIGHT All youth and young adults are welcome to attend combined Adoration & Worship Night hosted by Christchurch East & North Parishes. Monday 24th May 7pm-8.30pm at St Mary's New Brighton 116 Lonsdale Street. For more information contact Kaelyn at youth@christchurchnorth.org.nz or Janette at janette@christchurcheast.org.nz

THE CRAFTY CREW The next session is on Sat 22nd May, 1:30-4:00pm in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. It's a friendly social gathering to 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. This month we'll have a craft material swap. Bring along your bits and bobs, odds and sods – fabric, wool, card making bits etc. What you can't use may be a treasure for someone else. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217-2052.

A NIGHT OF PRAYER, PRAISE AND WORSHIP Healing Service at Christ the King, Burnside on Friday 21 May from 7.30pm to 9pm. Any enquiries please contact Brendon on 027 480 6960.

CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CYT volunteers are vital to running exciting Diocesan youth events. Volunteers help out in many ways and receive excellent formation and training including Safeguarding, Health & Safety, public speaking, leadership, mentoring, music tuition, etc. If you're keen learn new skills, serve your community and put your faith in action, sign up to today! More info & register online: <https://cyt.org.nz/about-us/volunteer/>

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE – OPEN DAY is on Wednesday 19 May from 9am till 3pm. Villa is a state integrated Catholic secondary school for girls from Years 7–13. www.villa.school.nz

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

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