



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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6th Sunday of Easter

Year B

9th 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!)

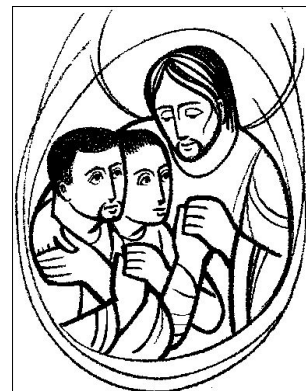
Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall

Remain In My Love...

Someone once said no one can survive without love. In the context of God's Revelation in Christ, St John tells us 'God is love', and so perhaps we could extend that saying to 'No one can survive without God'. And that links us back to last Sunday's Gospel of Jesus' being the vine, and we the branches. Perhaps we can even go as far as saying that anyone who truly loves, by default, is 'grafted' on to the vine that is Jesus, even if he/she has not come to know Christ.

Eternal life is about union with God, and it is about love. Not surprisingly, part of being a Christian is to try and live the commandments to love God with all our mind, heart and soul and to love others 'for God's sake' or 'loving Christ in others'. Our baptism challenges us to live the two great commandments. There is no rivalry between these two commandments. All love comes from God, who unites all love with His own. Jesus teaches us lessons in loving more and better. He gave His life for His friends, friends whom He loved, and He says; "A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends." That is the ultimate challenge – and that is the expression of true love. Remain in His love...



God bless, Fr Michael



OF YOUR CHARITY please remember Maryellen Hoban whose Requiem Mass was on Thursday at St Raphael's Hawarden. May she rest in peace.

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Leviticus 13:1-2 45-46
As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

Psalm Response: I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

SECOND READING: Corinthians 10:31-11 :1
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:40-45
He sent the leper from him and he was cured.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

808 The love we have for You vs:1-3 only
921 This is My Will My One Command
368 Regina Caeli

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

May
16-23 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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 next Sunday 16th May. Please continue to pray for them and their families.

PARISH MEETINGS

- Cheviot Farm Committee 13th May at 2pm.
- Hawarden Farm Committee 18th May at 4pm.
- Parish AGM 18th July at 2pm Amberley

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

40 DAYS FOR LIFE 2021 wants to THANK everyone who supported this year's campaign to pray and fast for an end to abortion whether it was at the vigil or from home. With God's help you sacrificed your time and comfort to offer your love and prayers for the precious babies being aborted; to be a sign of hope and help for all; to serve those you encountered and to pray in reparation to our God. Your efforts have contributed to the amazing world-wide results this campaign: **755 babies saved from abortion; 11 abortion workers converted and 3 abortion facilities shut down!** To God be the glory! Easter reminds us LIFE TRIUMPHS. Keep up the prayers you are on the winning side.. - From Michelle (Auck), Clare (Wgtn) and Tony (Chch) - 40 Days for Life Leaders in NZ 2021.

Prayer to the Mother of the Lord for all mothers

Mary, on this day when we honour all mothers, we turn to you. We thank the Lord whom you serve for the great gift of motherhood. Never has it been known that anyone who sought your intercession was left unaided by grace. Dear Mother, thank you for your "Yes" to the invitation of the angel which brought heaven to earth and changed human history. You opened yourself to God's word and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Dear mother, intercede for all of our mothers. Ask your Divine Son to give them the grace of surrendered love so that they could join with you in giving their own "Fiat." May they find daily strength to say yes to the call to the sacrificial love- the very heart of the vocation of motherhood. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

On this Mothers day, Mother of the Word Incarnate, pray for us who have recourse to you...

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE NZ CATHOLIC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION is holding a Pastoral Care and Support conference and retreat for Catholic health practitioners at Our Lady's Home of Compassion in Island Bay, Wellington from 3pm Friday 28 May to 3pm Saturday 29 May. Hear interesting local speakers. Mass and Reconciliation will be available. The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference supports this event. Registration and further details: www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz

THE CANTERBURY INTERFAITH SOCIETY warmly invites you to an evening of Sacred Sound. Come along and hear performances of sacred music, chant and sounds from diverse faiths / religions in Canterbury. Thursday 27 May, 7pm Aldersgate Centre, 309 Durham St North. For more information www.facebook.com/events/820409285523384

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Wednesday 12 May 7.15 pm Wednesday, Christ the King Centre, Burnside. Join like-minded Catholic men as we explore what Spiritual Growth means for me. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

DOVE The next Dove meeting will be held on Monday 10th May, 7 - 9 pm, 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 information contact Ann Martin 021 111 3963.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - FREE BUDGET ADVICE Day to Day Money Planning. We will discuss with you confidentially, ways and solutions to your money worries. To make an appointment phone 021 244 9966 or email penny@svdpcch.co.nz. Appointments available Wednesday and Friday 10am -1pm. 265 Stanmore Road, Christchurch.

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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