



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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15th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

11th July 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

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

Before the world was made, God chose us...

In Sacred Scriptures, we know that on many occasions, God picks and sends what appears to be very ordinary people to do His work, speak His word, and carry out His will. We find this in this Sunday's readings; in the First Reading, we are presented with Amos. Amos is of a peasant background, a shepherd and a dresser of sycamore trees. With this simplicity, he faces the task God gave him.

In similar fashion Jesus sends the Apostles on a mission. They are ordinary men, sent out to challenge the wise and sophisticated people of the world. He gave them His authority and a share of His power. They are not even to arm themselves with many provisions even for their journeys. Their work is to depend completely on the power of the Lord. Last Sunday, St Paul tells us that it is when we are weak, that we are strong – meaning, God works best in us when we are not about worldly power, nor self-elevation and when we know we are in need of God's grace.

By the grace of our Baptismal dignity, we too, are given the mission of speaking out for God. Being an 'ordinary' Christian is no excuse for remaining silent. Parents can pass on God's word through the rearing of children in the faith. Workers can uphold Christian values at their workplaces. All Christians are supposed to be 'salt', and 'light' - making a difference 'out there' in the culture to which we belong. Evangelisation is our business. We must not be "Sunday Christians" only, drawing a dichotomy between worshipping and daily living as though they are two separate compartments of our lives.

For this to happen, we need to recover a clear Catholic identity, and the 'what' and the 'why' of our faith, including a deep love and understanding of the Eucharist. This is one of the visions of the Second Vatican Council – that we are well informed on our faith, and can take it into our workplaces, our political spheres, our home, etc. For most Catholics, that vision is still to be realised.

Blessings, Fr Michael



TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Amos 7:12-15

'Go, shepherd, and prophesy to my people Israel'.

Psalm Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

God chose us in Christ before the world was made.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

'Take nothing with you'.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

824 Awake From Your Slumber

864 God's Spirit is My Heart

Let us Sing to you O Mary (see overleaf)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

July

11 Day of Prayer for Seafarers

18 Parish AGM

21 Pot luck dinner Hawarden

August

3 Parish wine & cheese evening

PARISH WINE AND CHEESE + SOUP AND ROLL EVENING! This is an opportunity for established parishioners to meet and welcome new parishioners, and also to meet your Parish & Finance Council members!! Put it in the Diary now! Wine and Cheese will start at 5.30pm, and then Soup and Roll around 6.15pm. Amberley Church Hall. Tuesday 3rd August. To help us plan better, it would be nice to get some idea of numbers, so please let us know if you are attending. If you cannot decide until the last minute, then just come on the day. (Ps the "Roll" is a reference to bread, not activity!)



TWO POSSIBLE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS Paco Mones-Cazon (Culverden) and Peggy Burrows (Amberley) have said 'YES' to Fr Michael to come on the parish council at the next AGM on the 18th.



HAWARDEN MID-WINTER POT LUCK DINNER Several months ago, after the Mass in Hawarden, several people suggested a 'mid-winter' get together for a pot-luck dinner during the week. Fr Michael suggested 21st July as it is also his anniversary of ordination. Join us at the Hawarden presbytery at 5.30pm for 6.00pm. Please register your attendance either by phoning or emailing the Parish Office so that we may set up accordingly.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT QR codes, sign up sheets, and hand sanitisers are still in the Church. Continue to use the codes so that if there is any community transmission we can stamp it out quickly and avoid full Lockdowns.

WANT A BREAK FROM YOUR REGULAR MASS ATTENDANCE IN AMBERLEY? You are welcome to join Fr Michael in his car to attend Mass in Hanmer or Cheviot if you want a break from your regular attendance at Amberley. You'll have to put up with his silly jokes, you have been warned!

MASS OFFERING CARDS a selection of Mass Offering Cards are available from the parish office.

SUPPORTING OUR PARISH Our parish relies heavily on the offertory collection each Sunday Mass to pay for running costs. Please consider giving your offertory contribution by automatic bank transfer each week or month. Please set this up using the parish bank account details below:

Name: The Catholic Parish of Hurunui

Account Number: 03 1592 0522332 20

Reference: Your planned giving number

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Join like-minded Catholic men as we explore Prayer. Wednesday 14th July at 7.15pm at Christ the King Centre, Burnside. For more information phone Chris on 027 646 4138.

JUBILATE 2021 You are invited to join Archbishop Paul, his priests, and over 600 of our best young singers for a midday Mass and 7:00pm concert in the Christchurch Town Hall on Friday 6 August (The Feast of the Transfiguration). Come to receive our Lord in the Mass and enjoy great singing in praise of him. Free concert tickets available at www.events.humanitix.com/jubilateconcert

DOVE The next Dove meeting is on 12th July at 7pm at St Patrick's Church, 61 Fuller Street, Kaiapoi. The speaker is Sr Gael Henry (former Mission Sister) and her theme is "Jesus take me as I am" based on her overseas Missionary experiences. All women warmly welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Do you have bedding surplus to requirement, buried in your linen cupboard that you no longer need? SVDP are in desperate need for sheets and blankets to provide warmth and comfort to those in need in our community this winter. We also have a great need for Household furniture particularly Whiteware and Dining Tables. Bedding can be placed in the Parish Clothing bins or email Penny on penny@svdpchch.co.nz to arrange bedding/furniture pickup/drop off.

Let us sing to you, O Mary

By Robert Loretz, Music: Holst's Jupiter

Let us sing to you, O Mary,
disciple first and best,
Join our voices sing with every age
that loves to call you blest.
Blessed you among all women,
first in faith, in hope, in love,
Blessed you who believed
in the promise from above,
Chosen Woman, through obedience
untied the knot of Eve,
Holy Virgin, fruitful Mother
of all who believe.



Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle!
Hail His Ark! His Shrine!
Hail His Home! His Throne! His Servant!
His Mother and mine!
Consecrated by the Father,
before time had e'er begun,
And prepared by the Spirit to mother the Son,
Spotless Ark, conceived immaculate
and spared from every sin,
Full of grace, you won God's favour,
enfleshed the Word within.

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