



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

18th 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

They were like Sheep without a Shepherd

The Gospel (Mark 6:30-34) for this Sunday has the Apostles returning to tell Him "all they have done and taught".

He invites them to a 'lonely place', or "eremos" (desert) for a rest because there were too many 'coming and going that they have no time even to eat'. For the Hebrews, the desert, the wilderness, is the traditional scene for special revelation, the place where the people of Israel traditionally encounter God in solitude and silence. But wherever they go, the people followed.



Jesus responds to the demand of the crowd with a deep compassion, citing that they are without leadership – 'like sheep without a shepherd'. They are lost and without guidance. Jesus enlightens them by teaching them. That teaching, which gives a sense of direction and purpose in life, now forms the "deposit of faith" in the Church, a deposit that consists of **both** the Sacred Scripture and Sacred (Living) Tradition. May we too draw from this Sacred Deposit and find direction in life, meaning, joy and purpose. May we also lead others to the True Shepherd.

Blessings, Fr Michael

P/s See you at the AGM!

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6
I will gather together the remnant of my flock and raise up shepherds for them.

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13-18
Christ Jesus is the peace between us.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34
They were like sheep without a shepherd.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

721 Amazing Grace
795 I heard the voice of Jesus say
355 I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary (vs 1 & 2)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

July
18 Parish AGM
21 Pot luck dinner Hawarden
August
3 Parish wine & cheese evening

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 AGM.

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!)

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!

DETAILS FOR PARISH ROLL Parishioners are encouraged to register their home address, phone numbers and email addresses. Being registered means it gives Fr Michael the ability to visit or contact you (e.g. during Lockdown, he tried to ring everyone on the roll). The details are not available to the general public, and it is for parish use only. If you have moved recently, or have changed your email address please contact the office that we may update the roll.

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.

OUR MONTHLY KALAVALE supports the work of the LCM. The last financial year we raised \$750 for them. See below for the works of LCM.

THE CONGREGATION OF THE LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY (LCM) was founded in Nottingham England in 1877 by Venerable Mary Potter. Her vision was for an order of sisters who would stand in solidarity, prayer and compassion for the suffering and dying. LCM quickly grew and spread around the world and the first sisters arrived in Christchurch in 1914.



In recent years, the LCM ministry and charitable purpose in Christchurch has moved its focus towards supporting older people. LCM provides accommodation options and activities to assist older people to remain engaged with the community and to reduce isolation and loneliness.

You can read more about them on their website www.lcmchristchurch.org.nz

DIOCESAN NOTICES

SITUATION VACANT – General Manager – Catholic Diocese of Christchurch The position of General Manager for the Christchurch Diocese is coming vacant. For information on this position, please view the details on our website www.chchcatholic.nz/2021/03/employment-vacancies or Andrea on 027 4478 102.

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE You're invited to love them both by attending the fifth annual NATIONAL March for Life in Wellington on Saturday 4 December. Join pro-lifer's from all over NZ in a celebration of life which also peacefully protests the practice and legality of abortion. Gather at Civic Square from 1pm for family-friendly entertainment, sausage sizzle and pro-life stalls. March to Parliament Grounds begins at 2pm. Concludes at 4pm. Learn more about this important event at a critical moment in NZ's history www.marchforlife.nz

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

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. Please email Penny on penny@svdpchch.co.nz

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