



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

25th 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

### He Gave Out As Much As Was Wanted

The First Reading for this Sunday Mass sets the stage for the Gospel scene of John Chapter 6. Elisha's story is the story of God satisfying the physical hunger of one hundred men, using Elisha as an instrument. It is paralleled by Jesus' miraculous feeding of five thousand in the Gospel. Elisha's story is thus a preparation for the New Testament miracle. Both points to the superabundant food that is the Eucharist. Both miracles are a sign of God's providential care for us, not only our physical needs, but for our deepest spiritual yearnings as well. It comes very much with an Eucharistic overtone, which is what the Sixth Chapter of John's Gospel is about. We are reminded in a powerful way in the readings that ultimately it is God alone who provides for our needs, and satisfies our hunger. It is God alone who is the answer in a world fragmented by the effects of material and spiritual starvation.



In the Eucharist, we have the bread that satisfies our true hunger: God Himself. And it is God Himself who provides it.

Blessings, Fr Michael

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44**  
*They will eat, and have some left over.*

**Psalm Response:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6**  
*One Body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.*

**GOSPEL: John 6:1-15**  
*The feeding of the five thousand.*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

- 830 The Church's One Foundation
- 633 Eat This Bread (During Preparation of Gifts)
- 629 I am the Bread of Life
- 340 My Soul Proclaims You (Vs 1 & 2 to the tune of Amazing Grace)

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

##### August

- 1 The World Day of Prayer against slavery and trafficking of peoples.
- 3 Parish wine & cheese evening
- 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
*Patronal Feast for New Zealand*

**THANK YOU** to those who attended the parish AGM and Potluck in Hawarden recently. Hopefully a number will attend our next parish event (see below).

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!)

**NEXT SUNDAY KALAVALE** being the first Sunday of the month there will be a cup of tea and raffle after 9am Mass at Amberley. This is a parish community event and all proceeds go to support the work of the LCM. The last financial year we raised \$750 for them.

**PARISH ROLL UPDATE** 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. Please let us know if you have moved recently, or have changed your email address.

## *Liturgy Matters*

*Verbum Domini (2010) 56*

The Sacramentality of the Word can be understood by analogy with the real presence of Christ under the appearances of the consecrated bread and wine. By approaching the altar and partaking in the Eucharistic banquet we truly share in the body and blood of Christ. The proclamation of God's word at the celebration entails an acknowledgment that Christ himself is present, that he speaks to us, and that he wishes to be heard. Saint Jerome speaks of the way we ought to approach both the Eucharist and the word of God: 'We are reading the sacred Scriptures. For me, the Gospel is the Body of Christ: for me, the holy Scriptures are his teaching. And when he says: whoever does not eat my flesh and drink my blood (jn 6:53), even though these words can also be understood of the Eucharist, Christ's body and blood we are really the word of scripture, God's teaching. When we approach the Eucharist, if a crumb falls to the ground we are troubled. Yet when we are listening to the word of God, and God's Word and we pay no heed, what great peril should we not feel?'. Christ, truly present under the species of bread and wine, is analogously present in the word proclaimed in the liturgy.

**SITUATION VACANT: Deputy Executive Officer, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference** The Deputy Executive Officer provides support for the work of the Catholic Bishops and their agencies at national level in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand. This role is based at the Catholic Centre, Hill St, Wellington. Visit [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz) for more information.

**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY** will be renamed Support Life Sunday from this year, to better reflect the active work Catholics must do to help people facing significant life decisions. Bishop Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the term "respect life" can seem passive. "Support Life reminds us that we are all called to both uphold the dignity of all life and be active in the practical work needed to support people facing significant life decisions." Support Life Sunday is Sunday 10 October, with the theme "Honouring and Supporting Health Carers." [www.catholic.org.nz](http://www.catholic.org.nz)

**GOLDEN CATHOLICS An invitation!** Golden Catholics bring together senior members of our diocese to share worship, discover what's happening within the diocese and catch up with friends over a light lunch. All welcome: 11am, 11 August at Christ the King, 90 Greers Road, Burnside, Christchurch. RSVP for catering purposes: Donna Malone 03) 352 5810 or the Diocesan Office 03) 366 9869. Hear from the Bishop's Pastoral Team, who will discuss our diocesan priority of *Proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ*. Linking with faith formation, Villa Maria's Mercy Ambassadors and a young person will share their recent experience at Antioch, referencing the importance of faith to a young person's life.

**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](http://www.chchcatholic.nz) or contact Andrea on 027 4478 102.

**JUBILATE 2021** You are invited to join the priests of the diocese, 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 <https://events.humanitix.com/jubilateconcert>



**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 contact Fr Tien at [vocations.chch@gmail.com](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com) Or in the first instance you can speak to Fr Michael.

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