



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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14th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

4th 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 Waiiau
(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 was amazed at their lack of faith...

Jesus returns to his hometown (Mark 6:1-6), only to be rejected. This rejection foreshadows Israel's rejection of him, and also the rejection of many others throughout history. Those who reject Him exclude themselves from the message and gift He offers.

In the Gospel story, the rejection meant Jesus 'could work no mighty work there'. The parallel account of this scene recorded in the Gospel of Matthew (13:58) says he 'did not work'. It is very unlikely that Mark is stating an absolute inability on the part of Jesus to perform miracles, but rather that disbelief and cynicism robbed the possible recipients of the openness and willingness to receive grace and gifts Jesus offers.



It is the same with every aspect of our faith, and of everything that is good in this world. A closed heart does not see nor understand – or rather, **does not want to** see nor understand. St Augustine of Hippo, a fourth century Bishop and Doctor of the Church, puts it beautifully: "I believe in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe".

Blessings, Fr Michael

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that there is a prophet among them.

Psalm Response: Our eyes are fixed on the Lord,
pleading for his mercy.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

601 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
776 I will come to you in the silence
Let us Sing to you O Mary (see overleaf)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

July
11 Day of Pray for Seafarers
18 Parish AGM

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!

PARISH AGM on 18th July at 2pm Amberley. We have two 'vacancies' for the Parish Council. 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

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

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.
We now Your Body, for the world, become.

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

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. Thank you for helping us help others.

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.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CONTACTS

Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital, please advise the chaplain or let the nurses know that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain/Priest on call.

Christchurch Hospital:

Angela McCormick 364 0640 (x89554)

Burwood Hospital:

Megan Emery 027 410 6940

Hillmorton Hospital:

Joan Hough 021 501 683

Nurse Maude Hospice:

Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438

St George's Hospital:

Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438

Southern Cross:

Cathedral Parish 379 1068

DEDICATION TO OUR LADY The NZ Catholic Bishops Conference has chosen *Te Ara o Maria: Mary's Way* as the formal name of the proposal to renew the country's dedication to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. A formal Mass for the renewal will be celebrated at St Mary of the Angels church in Wellington on 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption, followed by a hikoi of a new artwork of Mary and Jesus around Aotearoa New Zealand. A statement announcing the name is online www.catholic.org.nz

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