



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year B

15th August 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

### Full of Grace...

The Feast of the Assumption falls on the 15 August. It is also the Patronal Feast of New Zealand. This year, it falls on a Sunday and the New Zealand bishops decided that we re-dedicate our country to her again. There will be a special Re-dedication ceremony after the homily (*instead of the normal recitation of the Creed and Prayer of Faithful*)

The doctrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is often misunderstood. That the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven when she finished this earthly journey is something that the early Christians believed and pass down through the ages. The early Christians acknowledged that God blessed Mary in many ways, including that of already being in a glorified state, a state to which other members of Christ's mystical body can only look forward to at the end of the world. For example, the final cry of the most ancient Marian prayer known as the *Sub tuum praesidium* is: "Oh blessed and glorious Virgin!" There is record of the use of the hymn right back to the fourth century, and it could even have been used much earlier. This was also echoed in Sacred Scriptures, especially in the Gospel of Luke. First, in the greeting of the Angel Gabriel: "Hail, full of grace..." and "Fear not, Mary, for thou has found grace with God..." (vv. 28 and 30), then in Elizabeth's words to Mary when their meeting led to John the Baptist leaping in her womb; "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (v. 42). Mary's own words tell us something: "From henceforth all generations shall call me blessed" (v. 48).

In other words, the early Christians have always believed that Mary's earthly life was crowned with the blessing of being in a state that when she finished her earthly life she would be assumed into heaven. The feast of the Assumption celebrates this, and it is a feast celebrated in the Church in the fifth century and became a universal Feast by the seventh century. In 1950, Pius XII solemnly declared this belief to an article of faith using these words: "the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, on the completion of her earthly pilgrimage, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory." Mary assumed into heaven, pray for us, and pray for New Zealand.

God bless, **Fr Michael**

#### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10**

*A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman adorned with the sun.*

**Psalm Response:** The queen stands at your right hand,  
arrayed in gold.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26**

*Christ will be brought to life as the first-fruits and then those who belong to him.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56**

*The Almighty has done great things for me.*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

**113** The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came

**360** As I kneel Before you

**Closing Hymn,** See Back Page

#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

##### August

**22** Mass at Hawarden

**29** Mass at Waiau

##### September

**1** Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

##### October

**30-31** Pilgrimage of Mary's Way

**15 AUGUST - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

The re-dedication ceremony suggested by the NZ Bishops' Conference will take place **after the homily** (in place of the usual Profession of Faith and Prayer of the Faithful).

The sheet attached to this newsletter contains the Rite and Prayer for the Re-dedication.

**Marian Antiphon (Closing Hymn)**

Text by Robert Loretz

Assumed into heaven to reign with your Son,  
Announcing the fullness God wants for each one,  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

Heal and sustain now each life in this earth  
Growing, maturing by bringing to birth  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

Guide and inspire us O Mother of God  
As we strive to love, and live by His Word  
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!

**PILGRIMAGE OF MARY'S WAY** is an artwork commissioned by the NZ Bishops (by Damien Walker) that will make a hike (pilgrimage) throughout New Zealand. It will arrive in our parish on Saturday 30th October, and then will move on to the Beatitudes in the afternoon of Sunday 31st October.)

**FR MICHAEL** is taking his annual leave from 16th August to 14th September. In his absence, Fr Dan Doyle will cover the weekend Masses (weekday Masses will be cancelled - apologies! They will resume Tuesday 14th September). For those of you who assist in the setting up of Mass and the liturgy, please can you be more vigilant so as not to cause any last minute panic to priest who is assisting.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ORDINATION** to the Order of Deacons of Montague (Monty) Bamford from our parish. It is on Saturday 18th September 2021, at 11.00am at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 16 Vermont Street, Auckland.

He will be ordained together with Adam Kirkeby and Alfred Tong.

His ordination to the priesthood will be announced later.



**AOTEAROA PILGRIMAGE** with Fr John Adams 11<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Experience our beautiful country and explore NZ's Catholic roots with likeminded people on a 10-day pilgrimage from Christchurch to the Bay of Islands and Hokianga. Tour includes daily Mass and a retreat at the Home of Compassion in Wellington and a high standard of accommodation and meals. Price \$3550 pp twin share, single supplement \$670. For more information contact: Shelley Ryder, NZ Fine Touring on 03 4430846, shelley@nzft.co.nz or Tim Goulding on 027 4722555, tgoulding@xtra.co.nz

**RACE NIGHT John Paul II Centre for Life** Mark your calendar now for the JP2 Race Night annual fundraiser. October 15<sup>th</sup>, Addington Raceway. Starting 5.30pm. A great night out with friends and parishioners. Tickets available in September.

**SPORTS NIGHT 2021!** Registrations are now open for a fun, whānau-friendly event run by the Catholic Youth Team. It's a night of ridiculous games and good competition with great prizes and the ultimate glory of winning the Sports Night Shield (defending champions: Waimakariri Parish). Get your youth group teams together and register now, or sign up as an individual and we'll help you find an awesome team! **What:** Sports Night. **For:** Years 7-13 students. **When:** 6pm, Saturday 11 September. **Where:** Ara Sports & Recreation Centre. **Cost:** \$5 per person. More info + to register go to: [www.cyt.org.nz/sports-night](http://www.cyt.org.nz/sports-night) Contact: CYT Events Coordinator, Olivia Webb: [owebb@cdoc.nz](mailto:owebb@cdoc.nz); 022 392 3491

**SITUATION VACANT** There is a vacancy for the position of Worship Coordinator in the Catholic Parish of Christchurch North. If you are a person with a sound liturgical knowledge, a heart for prayer and are a good leader please contact Melonie de Roo at the parish office for more information [priestspa@christchurchnorth.org.nz](mailto:priestspa@christchurchnorth.org.nz) or 359-1438.

**THE CRAFTY CREW** Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> August, 1:30-4:00pm in the Bishop Joyce Centre at Our Lady of Victories, 106 Main South Rd in Sockburn. Bring a handcraft project and a gold coin donation, as well as some cash for raffles. Any queries, call Jude Lathey 021 217-2052

**THE JOHN PAUL II PREGNANCY CENTRE** is moving and rebranding. We are seeking donations of quality items for our Flourish Opshop which will help fund free pregnancy information and support for women with unplanned pregnancies.

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