



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

7th 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

### I am the Bread of Life...

This Sunday we continue with the third instalment of the discourse on the 'Bread of Life' of John Chapter 6. With each instalment the Eucharistic overtones grow stronger and clearer.

The Jews (John 6:41-51) question Jesus on His heavenly origins because He claims to be the 'Living Bread come down from heaven'. John uses the occasion to give us some ideas about faith; Faith is a gift of the Heavenly Father and comes only from Him, and it leads to eternal life. The faith in question here is obviously faith in Jesus, and the passage concludes with the idea that the eternal life comes through Jesus' giving of Himself - 'his flesh, for the life of the world'. The Early Church Fathers wrote aplenty about the Eucharist, a couple of which I published in last Sunday's Newsletter. Here is another beautiful one by a 5<sup>th</sup> century saint, St Peter Chrysologus (406-450 A.D);

*"The Father in heaven urges us, as children of heaven, to ask for the bread of heaven. [Christ] himself is the bread who, sown in the Virgin, raised up in the flesh, kneaded in the Passion, baked in the oven of the tomb, reserved in churches, brought to altars, furnishes the faithful each day with food from heaven"*.



May we lead all to discover the true Bread of Life.

**Fr Michael**

Connection between the Liturgy & Sacred Scriptures highlighted in Fr Michael's Sunday Homily;

Liturgy of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Prayer 2); *"You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down Your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, that they may become for us, the Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ..."*

Exodus 16: *"...there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground.*

### READINGS FOR SUNDAY MASSES

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

*The angel gives Elijah food to reach the mountain of God*

**Psalm Response:** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

*Forgive each other as readily as God forgave you.*

#### GOSPEL: John 6:41-51

*Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.*

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

622 Bread of Life

663 Sweet Sacrament Divine

Mo Maria (for lyrics, see next page)

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

#### August

15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Patronal Feast for New Zealand

**PARISH WINE & CHEESE** Evening was fun of fun even though we could have done with about a dozen more people. The bad weather did not help, but let's hope future events are well supported. Thank you all who made the effort, and thank you to everyone who put the cheese platter together, supplied the wine, set up the hall, and cooked the Soup and Roll.

**FR MICHAEL** is taking his annual leave after next Sunday's Mass and ending in the middle of September. If you have anything urgent that needs his attention (e.g. wedding, baptism, or simply to invite him for scrumptious meal!) please make contact with him ASAP. In his absence, Fr Dan Doyle will cover the weekend Masses (weekday Mass will be cancelled - apologies!)

**15 AUGUST - FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** is a Holy Day of Obligation if it falls on a weekday, but because this falls on a Sunday in 2021 it takes precedence over 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Bishops of New Zealand have decided to renew the dedication of our country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven. The renewal project has the title *Te Ara a Maria:*

*Mary's Way* and runs for 12 months from 15 August. The website [www.tearaamaria.nz](http://www.tearaamaria.nz) contains details of the project. It will be updated regularly to include the schedule of the nationwide hikoi of the artwork created for the project. The hikoi starts on August 18 in Invercargill.

**During next Sunday's Mass of the Feast, there is a Re-dedication ceremony put together by the NZ Bishops for use after the homily.**

**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.



**Parish Priest:** Fr. Michael Pui - nzmichaelpui@gmail.com - 03 319 8730

**Parish Secretary:** Sarah Blair - catholicurunui@gmail.com Office Hours Friday 9.30am - 12.30pm

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

**CYT YOUTH 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. Sign up your team or as an individual and we'll help you find an awesome team! **For:** Years 7-13 students. **When:** 6pm, Saturday 11 September. **Where:** Ara Sports & Recreation Centre. **Cost:** \$5 per person. **More info go to:** <https://cyt.org.nz/sports-night/> **Contact:** CYT Events Coordinator, Olivia Webb: [owebb@cdoc.nz](mailto:owebb@cdoc.nz); 022 392 3491

**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/](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/2021/03/employment-vacancies/) or contact Andrea Bankier on 027 4478 102.

**SUPPORT RIGHT TO LIFE'S CAMPAIGN** to repeal section 159 of the Crimes Act which states that an unborn child does not have a right to life or become a human being until it is born. Human life begins at conception at which point God endows the child with an inalienable right to life. Also support the "Status of Unborn Children bill" which recognises the unborn child from conception as a human being with a right to life. For more information on life issues visit [WWW.righttolife.org.nz](http://WWW.righttolife.org.nz)

#### Marian Antiphon (Closing Hymn) for the Sunday

Written in 1842 by Bishop Jean Baptiste Francois Pompallier (1802-1871), the first Catholic Bishop of New Zealand

#### MO MARIA

Mo Maria aianeī  
O tatou waiata;  
kia kaha ra tatou,  
kia nui te aroha.

*For Mary now  
Our songs  
Let us be strong  
Let there be great love*

Aroha ki te Atua  
Aroha ki a Maria  
I te Rangi, i te whenua  
āke tonu, āke tonu.

*Love God  
Love Mary  
In heaven and on earth  
Forever and ever*