



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

12th September 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

Who do you say I am?

St Mark drives home the distinction between what people think Jesus should be and who He actually is.

In this Sunday's Gospel we find a turning point. Previously, Christ did not want His full identity revealed. Now, the Twelve (in the person of Peter) acknowledge that Jesus is the Christ, despite the failure of people at large to see this. Yet, when Our Lord starts to explain what being the Messiah means in terms of rejection and bloodshed, Peter is horrified and rejects the idea. Jesus rebukes Peter and he taught him and the other Apostles that their thinking is different from God's ways. He then presents to them the greatest paradox of His teachings:



'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

It is the paradox that is at the core of the meaning of love: it is when we give of ourselves to others in love, that we find ourselves.

God bless, **Fr Michael**

FR MICHAEL HOPES TO UPLOAD HIS HOMILY to our parish YouTube channel for this Sunday. A link will be emailed.

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9
I offered my back to those who struck me.

Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: James 2:14-18
If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead.

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35
The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

September
Month of Care of Creation
12-18 Social Justice Week

October
3 Day of celebration for Venerable Suzanne Aubert
10 Day of Prayer to Respect Life
30-31 Pilgrimage of Mary's Way
31 World Mission Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES ARE STILL ALLOWED! There is a limit to 50 people but with 2m distancing Amberley can only take about 22 people with one person per pew. Generally weekday Mass numbers are low so we will trial this and see how we go, if numbers are high we will switch to a booking system. Please remember to scan QR codes or sign in, sanitise and physical distance. You are also strongly encouraged to wear a face mask where possible. Holy Communion is under one kind (no chalice), no shaking of hands during the Sign of Peace, no communion on the tongue and no holy water available in stoops. The 2 metre distance is required at all times in the church including at Holy Communion.



NZ CATHOLIC has published a special online Lockdown Edition. The continuing Level 4 restrictions in Auckland mean the paper edition can't be printed at present, and the Level 3 everywhere south of Auckland means it can't be distributed through parishes. Click here to read a PDF copy: www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Special-Digital-Issue-Sept.1.pdf

SHOPPING SHUTTLE The Amberley Lions together with the Amberley District Residents Association, have generously donated eight hundred dollars towards subsidising a trial Amberley-Rangiora shopping shuttle for a period not exceeding six months. This trial is being operated by the Amberley Friendship Club. The departure details etc are all on the attached flyer. My hope is that you will be willing to circulate these details to the members of your parish. Hopefully if the trial period is successful, we can then arrange long term funding to continue this community service. Please contact Brian 3147017 or Ian 02102573115.

AT THE BEGINNING OF L4 LOCKDOWN we made an appeal for donations to help fund the foodbank. THANK YOU so much for the support we received. For those still wishing to donate we are still accepting donations, as at L3 the need is still there but it has reduced. For those wishing to donate food, we would be better able to accept food at L2.

In our parishes and school communities, be aware of anyone needing help. These can be referred to us, by contacting your parish Vincentian or text to the welfare line 027-358-9400 or email welfare@svdpchch.co.nz

ONLINE MASS AND PRAYER RESOURCES Masses continue to be online from around the diocese, including on Sunday's celebrated by Archbishop Paul. The link for these Masses and other material for prayer and reflection can be found on the diocesan website page <https://chchcatholic.nz/2021/08/praying-through-covid/>

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE RACE NIGHT CANCELLED Unfortunately the annual JP2 Race Night fundraiser is cancelled this year because of uncertainty around alert level changes and the lack of another available date this year.

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.

Boys/girls clothing 0- 12 years; female clothing only 12yr+; furniture including nursery items/linen; children's' books & toys; art/and jewellery etc. Please ring 351 3227 re drop off. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE Keep updated with the latest news from our Diocese by liking our Facebook Page. www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic

VOCATIONS The NZ 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

OF YOUR CHARITY Please of your charity, can you please pray for the happy repose of two parishioners who died during the time of Lockdown;

+ Ellie Messervy on 25th August

+ Len Brereton on 4th September



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