



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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25th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

19th 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

### If anyone wants to be first...

In the Gospel of Mark, there are 3 occasions that Jesus spoke of His impending death. Last Sunday we were given the first of the three. In that account, Peter responded with horror, and Jesus rebuked him. This Sunday at Mass, we are given Mark's second account of Jesus speaking about His death (Mark 9:30-37), and His Resurrection. This time, it was met with the argument amongst the disciples as to who was the greatest amongst them. They were clearly, at that stage, still a long way from understanding what it all meant. In response, Jesus taught them greatness comes from serving others, and thus to welcome someone insignificant, like a child, is to welcome the heavenly Father Himself. I think every age, including our present one, is in need to hear this message afresh. True honour, prestige and greatness are found not in seeking them for oneself, but paradoxically, they are attained through service to others.



Manaaki Te Atua,

Fr Michael



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

### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12,17-20**  
*The wicked prepare to ambush the just man.*

**Psalm Response:** The Lord upholds my life.

**SECOND READING: James 3:16-4:3**  
*The wisdom that comes from above makes for  
peace.*

**GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37**  
*Anyone who welcomes one of these little children  
in my name welcomes me.*

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

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

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

**SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 12th – 18th September 2021**

Each year in September, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference give us Social Justice Week to consider an issue of social justice in New Zealand. This year the theme is *A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church*.

**In the midst of this time of change and uncertainty** it is tempting to retreat into what we know best. There are many reasons why people can easily get caught within their own bubble and be removed from those around them. The impact of the pandemic, our reliance on technology, a growing culture of individualism and instant gratification are just a few reasons. But Pope Francis reminds us that

*“isolation and withdrawal into one’s own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal. Rather it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter”.*

(Fratelli Tutti, p.30 2020)

**TE WIKI O TE REO MĀORI - MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK**

The Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand want you to take the Māori texts, to treasure them and pray them. We owe that to our Māori sisters and brothers. Sometimes people ask why we use Māori in our liturgy. The answer is simple; it is an official language of New Zealand, the more we use Te Reo Māori in our liturgies the more our Māori sisters and brothers will feel comfortable and at home in our churches. (From Cardinal John’s column ‘WelCom’ July 2016)

**CHALLENGE YOURSELF** Can you memorise the Hail Mary in Te Reo this week?

**THE OUR FATHER – TE PĀTERE A TE ATUA**

E to mātou Matua i te rangi  
kia whakatapua tōu ingoa.  
Tukua mai tōu rangatiranga  
kia whakaritea tōu hiahia i te whenua,  
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.  
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane  
to mātou taro o nga rā katoa.  
Kia wareware koe i ō mātou hara  
me mātou hoki e wareware ana  
i ngā hara o te hunga i kino ki a mātou.  
Aua mātou e tukua kia whakawaia,  
engari whakaoranga mātou i te kino.  
Āmene

**WEEKDAY MASSES ARE STILL ALLOWED!** 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.

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

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**KNOWING GOD BETTER** Can my faith make a real difference? Does God really care about me? What happens when I die? Is forgiveness possible? Why do I keep making the same mistakes? Why should I pray? Is the Mass really relevant? Can I trust the Bible? Can faith help my family? Is inner peace possible? Am I ready to find the answers? *Knowing God Better* is a fun and stimulating 7 talk series by David Payne. Everybody is welcome – Tell your friends. This is an online Zoom course, Tuesdays 7 pm – 8 pm, starting **5th October**. More information and registration online at [www.fdm.org.nz/kgb](http://www.fdm.org.nz/kgb)

**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 [www.chchcatholic.nz/2021/08/praying-through-covid](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/2021/08/praying-through-covid)

**THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD™** is a means of natural fertility regulation used by couples to prevent or achieve pregnancy and protect reproductive health. It is highly effective if used correctly. This seminar will be beneficial to Health professional, and those wishing to become accredited teachers of the Method. It will also be beneficial to those wishing to use the method and those involved in pre-marriage counselling. This seminar has received endorsement for 12 CME credits from the Royal NZ college of General Practitioners. For further information: Contact Billings LIFE NZ National Office, See details above.

**PRO LIFE FACTS** - The March for Life planned for Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup> September has been postponed to March 2022 due to the potential pandemic lock down restrictions. The theme of the March will be to seek legal recognition of the unborn child as a human being endowed by God with an inalienable right to life. For further information on life issues visit [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz)

**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE** Keep updated with the latest news from our Diocese by liking our Facebook Page. [www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic](http://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](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com)

*Of Your Charity* please pray for the happy repose of:

**Doreen Earl** 11th September

Her funeral Mass was celebrated in Hawarden last week on Wednesday.