



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

22nd 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

Who shall we go to?

Our Lord's teaching on the bread of life in John Chapter 6 comes to a conclusion with a call (John 6:60-69) for a decision to be for Him or against Him. His message is difficult for some, who said: "This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?" Those who are unable to accept that Jesus is "the bread of life come down from heaven" left. Our Lord recognises their difficulty but does not lessen his demand. He expands on His words by speaking of His glorification. For the disciples the matter is scarcely any clearer even though St Peter professes faith in Jesus as the Holy One of God.

Faith is possible for those who judge according to the Spirit, not according to the flesh (v.63). Perhaps it was the Spirit that helped St Peter to his profession of faith: '*You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.*'

The Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Jesus. In the species of the Blessed Sacrament, He is present, body, soul and divinity. Who shall we go to? He is the Holy One of God.

God bless, **Fr Michael**

Covid 19 update

August 20, 2021

Message from Archbishop Paul

This time of lockdown has come quickly for us and we hope that it will not be for a long period. It again requires patience and trust by us in those who are leading our country. As people of faith we are praying for all who are affected by this virus and its ramifications. During these days of lockdown let us continue to pray in our homes and in our families, to read the scriptures and ask the intercession of Our Lady as protector of our country for all of us.

This is an evolving situation and we will continue to work to provide what is needed to provide practical and spiritual support to one another as it unfolds.

Blessings to you at this time.

+Paul

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

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

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:21-32

Christ loves the Church, because it is his body.

GOSPEL: John 6:60-69

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DATES FOR THE DIARY:

August

29 Mass at Waiau

September

1 Day of Prayer for Care of Creation

October

30-31 Pilgrimage of Mary's Way

FR MICHAEL is away on annual leave till 14th September. In his absence, Fr Dan Doyle will cover the weekend Masses (weekday Masses are 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 the 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.

MASS AT WAI AU 30th August will be the 5th Sunday of the month so there will be 11.30am Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary in Wai au. All are welcome to attend!

DURING THE LAST LOCKDOWN many faith filled people reported to the National Liturgy Office a variety of other ways of deepening personal and therefore communal faith, when pandemic restrictions prevent communal worship.

Some of these creative suggestions include:

- Taking time with those in your bubble to read the readings of the day, with a few minutes of reflection together on what you heard in the readings and how Jesus is speaking to you through these scriptures.
- Daily phone / zoom conversations with faith-friends sharing something of your experience of Jesus in the last few hours.
- Setting time every day during lockdown to be still and silent and to daydream (contemplate) with Jesus.
- Deciding with others in your regular worship community that you will stop at an agreed time each day to pray one prayer (ie. Our Father) for your worshipping community, especially those who are struggling most. Set an alarm on your phone to remember this community appointment.
- Set up a faith-friend WhatsApp (or similar group) to share your experience of Jesus in your day.
- Share faith resources that you find helpful, perhaps a reflection or encouragement.
- Most of all, increase the time you take each day to pray alone. While you might be on your own in these minutes, the first fruit of taking such time is becoming aware that when we pray we are never alone. Instead prayer unites us not only with Jesus, but with every other praying person across our land, across the world, and across history.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL We have had numerous requests from vulnerable families reaching out for food support. Our team are working and networking to ensure that these families are being supported. We anticipate that this need is only going to increase. **WE CAN'T DO THIS ALONE. WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Our shops and our churches are closed, to help us continue our mission please go to either - Give a Little St Vincent de Paul, Christchurch or donations can be made directly to our SVDP bank account at Westpac 03-0854-0706103-00. Those requiring receipts please email robyn@svdpcch.co.nz any queries please contact Robyn Casey (GM) on 0274-740-048.



FORMATION OF A CATHOLIC SCOUT GROUP IN CHRISTCHURCH Christchurch North Parish would like to sponsor a scout group in Christchurch (for both boys and girls throughout the city). If you are interested to find out more – or to potentially be a leader – please come to an introductory meeting at St Matthew's Hall, 108 Jeffreys Road, Bryndwr on Tuesday 31 August at 7.00pm. Scouting's purpose is to "empower youth through adventurous experiences to lead lives that make a positive difference". It is hoped to initially start a Kea Club (6 & 7 year olds) and/or a Cub Pack (ages 8 – 10), before starting a scout troop (ages 11 – 14/15). Phone Edmund le Grelle on 021 2619369 if you have any inquiries.

AOTEAROA PILGRIMAGE with Fr John Adams 11th – 20th 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

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. Contact: Olivia Webb 022 392 3491.

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

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