



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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26th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

26th 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 Waiiau
(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

Anyone who is not against us is for us

In this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 9 :38-43, 45, 47-48), a "non-disciple" of Jesus casts out devils in Jesus' name. The disciples of Jesus tried to stop him. This parallels the episode in the Second Reading in which Joshua failed to understand that the prophetic spirit was essentially for the service of the whole people. The episode recorded by Mark illustrates further the disciples' misunderstanding, not only of Jesus' Messiah-ship but also of their own discipleship. The close circle of the disciples of Our Lord did not have the monopoly of the Holy Spirit, by which the unclean spirits were expelled. Indeed it is not the disciples who 'owns' the Spirit, but the action of the Spirit in them which defines true discipleship. When anyone does good, and serves the least of his brothers and sisters, is already making Christ present in the world. "Anyone who is not against us is for us".



When we come across someone doing good the least we can do is to support the person, and perhaps by doing so, we will lead him/her to embrace the fullness of faith.

God bless, **Fr Michael**

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Numbers 11:25-29
If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets!

Psalm Response: The precepts of the
Lord give joy to the heart.

SECOND READING: James 5:1-6
*The Lord hears the cries of those you have
cheated.*

GOSPEL: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48
*Do not stop anyone from working a miracle
in my name.*

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES:

I heard the voice of Jesus say
God's Spirit is in my heart
Hail Queen of Heaven

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

September
Month of Care of Creation

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*

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, thou weary one, lay down
 thy head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live.'

I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 'I am this dark world's light;
 look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
 and all thy day be bright.'

I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till trav'ling days are done.

GOD'S SPIRIT IS IN MY HEART

God's Spirit is in my heart,
 He has called me and set me apart.
 This is what I have to do,
 what I have to do.

He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,
 Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
 Tell blind people that they can see,
 And set the downtrodden free

And go tell everyone the news that the
 Kingdom of God has come,
 And go tell everyone the news that the
 Kingdom of God has come.

Just as the Father sent me,
 So I'm sending you out to be
 My witnesses throughout the world,
 The whole of the world.

HAIL QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Hail, Queen of Heaven, the ocean Star,
 Guide of the wanderer here below,
 Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care:
 Save us from peril and from woe.
 Mother of Christ, star of the sea,
 Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

AMBERLEY & HANMER remember you need to book yourselves in to attend Mass. Because of the 2m distancing needed there are limited spaces available. Please contact Fr Michael **directly** (not the parish email) to register.

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SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL *Feast Day 29th September* The Catholic Church confirms the existence of angels, and that they are active in our lives.

So, what is an angel? What is an archangel? And what makes them so special?

The Catechism states, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," (Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 328).

The word, "angel," comes from the Greek word, "aggelos," which means, "messenger."

The Bible recognises, "nine choirs" of angels. Each choir has a name and a purpose.

The Bible also mentions archangels. Archangels are recognised as leaders, and they are entrusted by God with special duties.

The Bible and the Church recognises seven archangels, although just three are known by name, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.

The name Michael means "one who is like God" His will is focused, immovable, and entirely driven toward accomplishing goodness; he is the protector of souls and wields his powerful sword against the poisonous and vindictive aspirations of the devil who Jesus calls a "murderer from the beginning" and the "father of lies" (John 8:44).

Gabriel means "God is my strength" He was sent from God to Nazareth, "to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, . . . and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, favoured one! The Lord is with you" (Luke 1:27-28).

Raphael means "God is my health" He is one of seven angels "who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord" (Tobit 12:15). The meaning of Raphael's name reflects the fact that he touched Tobit's eyes in order to heal them of blindness.

The Catechism teaches in reference to the angels' office: "With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven' they are the mighty ones who do his word, hearkening to the voice of his word" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 329; Mt 18:10).

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