



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

29th 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

Their hearts are far from me...

At the time of Jesus, the Law of Moses was smothered by many minute interpretations and applications of the law by the rabbis. The ritual washing before meals mentioned in this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 7 :1-8, 14-15, 21-23) was one such man-made 'tradition'.

The exaggerated emphasis on rituals led to the Pharisees and Scribes placing more importance on the man-made practices over the law itself. Jesus saw this as the re-appearance of the hypocrisy and formalism condemned by Isaiah (Mark 7 :6-7). He quotes from Isaiah; "this people honours me with their lips but their heart is far from me". Their worship was empty because (c.f Second Reading) it was not inspired by obedience to the commandments, but the preoccupation of being seen to be ritually clean or holy.

Jesus taught that true purification is the conversion of one's heart.

God bless, **Fr Michael**

Alert level guidance

In August last year the New Zealand Catholic Bishops wrote to faith communities with instructions and guidance for alert levels 3 and 2 which are now again relevant to our current situation. The letter can be downloaded [Here](#)

While our parish buildings are currently closed, priests and parish staff can still be contacted by phone or email.

For the latest information about the resumption of Mass and access to churches please refer to the diocesan [Facebook page](#)

See the next page for online Mass Times.

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Observe these laws and customs, that you may have life.

Psalm Response: Psalm 14(15):2-5.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Accept and submit to the word.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God, to cling to human traditions.

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

ONLINE MASSES Weekday Masses are now being celebrated each day at 9am. These can be accessed from the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#)

There are a number of opportunities to participate in prayer with online Masses this coming Sunday:

- 9.00am – Archbishop Paul will celebrate an online Mass and this can be viewed on our [Diocesan YouTube channel](#)
- 9.25am – Waimakariri Parish [via this link](#)
- 10.00am – Community of St John (Christchurch West Parish) [via this link](#)
- 10.00am – Mid Canterbury [via this link](#)
- 11.00am – Timaru Parish [via this link](#)

MASS ON SHINE TV Sunday Mass can be viewed on Shine TV at 2.00pm Free-to-air TV Channel 25, Sky TV Channel 201

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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