



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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27th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

3rd October 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

What God has joined, man must not divide...

This Sunday's Gospel takes us to the scene where Our Lord was questioned about divorce in a marriage. He gave a straightforward answer. Read it for yourself, or listen carefully when the Gospel is read.

I am going to share with you an excerpt from a homily I preached at a wedding;

"In the secular world, and especially in the developed countries, marriage has largely been reduced to merely a human construct: a contract struck between two persons in a relationship. Once reduced to this, marriage becomes something that changes with the shifting sands of opinions and viewpoints. Thus if we pose the question in this environment as to what a marriage is, we would get many subjective answers from various perspectives including that of theology, philosophy, anthropology, sociology, etc...

I am going to give you one perspective, not from those who considered themselves learned or articulate, but from the perspective of a child barely 4 years old. It is a story I think I've told (*names of couple omitted...*). It happened several years ago when I was preparing a couple for one of the first marriages I was to celebrate. The couple have been living together, and had a child named Tamati. When Tamati was nearly 4, the couple decided to 'do the right thing' - i.e get married. After a few sessions of Marriage Preparation with me at home, mum decided to break the news to young Tamati, saying, '*Mum and Dad are getting married*'. Tamati, barely four, responded with a truth and a wisdom that can only come through the work of God's grace: He said: '*now we can be a family*' (I repeated this line twice!). The truth from the mouth of babes! It was so profound a statement that all Mum could do was cry.

(*Names omitted...*), thank you for coming together in Holy matrimony to uphold again the truth that every child, untarnished by the ways of a world touched by sin, instinctively know: that each and every one of us is meant to be the child of a mother and a father who love each other and who have given themselves to each other in marriage. Even if we are not fortunate enough to be in this situation, deep down, we know this is a good, and wholesome, and true..... Marriage is not simply a legal contract, nor a man-made institution as the secular world often presents it. It is part of why God created us male and female, part of why a man and a woman come together to be, not two, but one body."

It is good to be reminded by the words of Christ in this Sunday's Gospel: that marriage is a serious and binding commitment between a man and a woman. 'What God has joined together let no man divide'.

God bless, **Fr Michael**

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24
A man and his wife become one body.

Psalms Response: May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:9-11
The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified.

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16
What God has united, man must not divide.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES:

The love I have for you, my lord
When Love is Found
Ka Waiata

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

October
3 Day of celebration for Suzanne Aubert
10 Day of Prayer to Respect Life
24 10.30am Mass at Hawarden
30-31 Pilgrimage of Mary's Way
31 11.30am Mass at Waiau
31 World Mission Sunday *special collection*

The Love I have For You, My Lord - Carey Landry

The love I have for you, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your love for me;
only a shadow of your love for me;
your deep abiding love

(My life is in your hand;)x2
My love for you will grow, my God.
your light in me will shine

The dreams we have today, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your dreams for us;
only a shadow of all that will be;
if we but follow you. *Chorus*

The joy we feel today, my Lord,
is only a shadow of your joy for us;
only a shadow of your joys for us;
when we meet face to face. *Chorus*

When Love is Found - Brian Wren

When love is found and hope comes home,
Sing and be glad that two are one.
When love explodes and fills the sky,
Praise God and share our Maker's joy.

When love is tried as loved-ones change,
Hold still to hope though all seems strange,
Till ease returns and love grows wise
Through list'ning ears and opened eyes.

When love is torn and trust betrayed,
Pray strength to love till torments fade,
Till lovers keep no score of wrong,
But hear through pan love's Easter song.

Praise God for love, praise God for life,
In age or youth, in husband, wife,
Lift up your hearts, let love be fed
Through death and life in broken bread.

Ka Waiata

(Marian Antiphon for the end of Mass)

Ka waiata	I sing to Mary
Ki a Maria	Our mother
Hine i whakaae	The one who heard God's call
Whakameatia mai	The call to be
Te whare tangata	The mother of our Lord (of us all)
Hine purotu	Gentle woman
Hine ngakau	Loving mother
Hine rangimarie	Our Lady Queen of Peace
Ko te Whaea	I sing to Mary
Ko te Whaea	The mother of Our Lord (of us all)
O Te Ao	
(o Te Ao)	

AMBERLEY & HANMER Because of the 1m distancing needed there are limited spaces available. Please help Fr Michael manage the seating by contacting him **directly** (not the parish email) to register.

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MONTY BAMFORD'S ORDINATION TO THE ORDER OF DEACONS THIS SATURDAY unfortunately because of the Covid Situation (100 limit), attendance at his Ordination is by invitation only - and it will be full as two others will be ordained with him. Fortunately however, we have a link to the live stream which can be viewed by clicking **here** (if you are reading this online) or visit the link that was emailed out to parishioners.

2022 COLUMBAN CALENDARS are now available, please let us know if you wish to buy one. \$12 each

SYNOD 2021 - 2023: FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION Pope Francis has convoked a synod beginning with a world-wide process of the whole church invited to participate. The opening Mass for the Synod will be celebrated by Archbishop Paul on Sunday 17th October, 9.30am at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

The word 'synodality' means "walking together". Pope Francis invites us to reflect together on what this mutual journey means for us and for our Church – from the local to the universal.



In the diocese there will various means of being able to contribute, via a group process, an online survey, emailing or posting responses. More information and materials will follow and be made available on a dedicated page of the diocesan website. Contact Mike Stopforth on mstopforth@cdoc.nz or 0275398542.

RNDM MISSION SISTERS APPEAL This year the Sisters are supporting mothers and babies in remote villages of the Philippines and also those affected by the military coup in Myanmar which has covid-19 spreading through the country with no vaccines. Brochures on how you can help can be found in the church foyer. For further information please email office@rndm.org.nz

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

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