



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiiau | Hanmer Springs
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31st Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

31st 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 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

Which is the first of all the Commandments?

In this Sunday's Gospel, the scribes asked Our Lord: 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' It was a very reasonable question.

In His response, Our Lord called on the *Shema* (the Hebrew word for 'Hear'), from Deuteronomy (6:4-5) "Hear, O Israel, the Lord is Our God; the Lord is One. You shall love the Lord Your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might", and then he married it to a second commandment: "You must love your neighbour as yourself". By combining the two highest commands of the Old Testament - that of loving God and neighbour - He gave them a new force by highlighting their close relationship. There is no genuine love of God without love for our neighbour; and there can be no sustained love of neighbour without an underlying love for God.



God bless,

Fr Michael

POPE FRANCIS WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU! The synod called for by Pope Francis and he is inviting you to contribute. The synod theme is on *communion, participation and mission*. How are journeying together as a Church? Where is the Holy Spirit inviting us to grow in our journeying together? The diocesan phase of the synod has now begun here in our diocese. You can contribute now via an online survey which can be found on our [diocesan website, www.chchcatholic.nz/synod](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/synod) For more information contact Mike on 0275398542.

I have asked for volunteers to act as facilitator for the synod but no one has volunteered so I am working on someone from outside the parish. This may however not come to fruition so it is not too late to put your hand up!

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:2-6
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Psalm Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28
Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34
'You are not far from the kingdom of God'.

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES:

(Printed on the next page as we are not using the Hymnal at the moment due to the Alert Level)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

October

31 11.30am Mass at Waiiau
31 World Mission Sunday **special collection**

November

1 All Saints Day
14 World Day of the Poor
21 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
21 World Youth Day

IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER a Box for you to inscribe and place the names of your dearly departed will be placed in three churches, Hanmer Springs, Culverden & Amberley. Masses will be offered for them for the happy repose of their souls. *If you want specific Mass intentions to be offered, please give it to Fr Michael directly and not placed in the box.*

HANMER SPRINGS 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.

Email: nzmichaelpui@gmail.com or ring: 03 319 8730 or text: 021 173 7992

ADVANCED NOTICE Parish 24hr Adoration 27/28th November (1st Sunday Advent). This time it includes Culverden, Hanmer, & Amberley. Keep your diary free and book an hour spot. Watch this space!

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS Monday 1st November 2021. There will be the 7am Mass at Amberley and also 6pm at Fourvière.

FOR WEEKEND 5-7 NOVEMBER there will be a group of 30 (same bubble) who will attending the 5.00pm Mass in Hanmer. They will be seated in the first three front rows, and forth row will be left completely empty for distancing. This means seating will be a premium for that weekend, and so please 'book' to indicate you are coming to Mass.

DIOCESAN NOTICES

CURRENT OF GRACE Monthly Charismatic Mass Friday 5th November 7.30pm at Christ the King Church. You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating with Praise & Worship, fellowship and supper after Mass; please bring a plate and any enquiries contact Maureen on 0275688338. Look forward to seeing you.

TE ARA A MARIA – Mary's Way This weekend the artwork begins a hikoi (journey) around the diocese. It is hoped that this rededication is an opportunity to provide people with inspiration to be refreshed and revitalised in their faith and their connection to Our Lady as Patroness of Aotearoa. More information and the full schedule can be found on our [diocesan website](#). This week the painting is in Selwyn and Christchurch West parishes.

A DAY WITH MARY will be held at St Anne's Church, Ferry Road, Woolston on Saturday 6th November from 9.30am – 3pm. Contact Ron on 022 0970 627.

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

Where There Is Charity and Love - Richard Connolly

*Where there is charity and love,
there the God of love abides.*

The love of Christ has gathered us as one,
Rejoice in him with joy which he imparts;
Let us revere and love the living God
And love each other with unfeigning hearts.

And so when we are gathered here as one,
Let quarrels die and envious rancour cease;
Be our resolve all bitterness to shun
And in our midst be Christ, his love and peace.

Oh, lead us, Master, by your saving grace,
To where the blessed glory in your sight;
There let us see and love you face to face,
Gathered once more in everlasting light.

A New Commandment

A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all know that you are my disciples:
if you have love one for another.
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A new commandment I give unto you:
that you love one another as I have loved you,
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True love is patient, not arrogant nor boastful;
Love bears all things, love is eternal.
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Repeat Verse 1

Hail Queen of Heaven - John Lingard

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.

Prayer for those who have died

Father of all, we pray to you for all those
whom we love but see no longer.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let
perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace.

Amen.

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