



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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32nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Year B

7th November 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

This poor widow has put more in...

In Biblical time, widows struggle when it comes to material wealth. Yet in the first readings and the Gospel for this Sunday, we hear of widows who loved God so much that they were prepared to give all they have in the service of God.

As Jesus points out in the Gospel, it is not how much one gives, but how much love is attached to the giving. In the episode, most people gave of their excess, while the widows gave all they had when they could ill afford to do so. Generosity is measured often not by the amount we give, but the amount of love attached to the giving. It says much about the depth and commitment of their faith, and their love of God.

There are many ways of giving in the service of God. Besides money, we can also give of ourselves – especially our time and talent. In every parish I have been to, I have tried hard as Parish Priest to draw parishioners in to the life of the Parish Community – but mainly it has been a struggle. If we struggle to contribute materially to the Church, perhaps the question we should all ask of ourselves is; how much of ourselves have we given to serve God – How active are we in the parish? By “active”, it is not just the amount we do and give, but our participation in the life and well being of the parish.

Our faith is not a ‘do it yourself’ or ‘do it alone’ project. It has a communitarian element too, and each parishioner is part of the ‘body of Christ’, part of the Church universal, called to make a difference in the world.

The widows challenge us to think of how we give, and give of ourselves in the service of God and God’s People. As the saying goes, God will never be outdone by our generosity.

God bless,

Fr Michael



TODAY’S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16
‘Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied’.

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28
Christ, our high priest, has done away with sin by sacrificing himself.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44
This poor widow has put in more than all.

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:

November

- 14 World Day of the Poor
- 21 Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- 21 World Youth Day
- 27/28 Parish 24hr Adoration
- 28 Collection for the Sick and Elderly Priests

Be Thou My Vision - *Mary Byrne*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art -
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night;
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father; and I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, through all my days;
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joys to me, O bright heaven's sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Make Me A Channel Of Your Peace - *Sebastian Temple*
Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
It is in giving to all men that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

24 HOUR Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Sign up sheets will be available soon!

+ 9.00am Culverden SATURDAY 27th
November Begins with Morning Mass.
Ends with Benediction 12.30pm

+ 12.30pm Hanmer, SATURDAY 27th
Ends with Benediction 5.00pm

+ 5.00pm Amberley, SATURDAY 27th
Ends with Benediction just before the
9.00am SUNDAY Mass



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

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

JOSHUA MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Wednesday 10 November at 7.15 pm. Christ the King Centre, Burnside. Join like-minded Catholic men growing our faith. More information? Phone Chris on 027-646-4138.

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 Christchurch West and North parishes.

Let us sing to you, O Mary - *Robert Loretz*

Let us sing to you, O Mary,
disciple first and best,
Join our voices sing with every age
that loves to call you blest.
Blessed you among all women,
first in faith, in hope, in love,
Blessed you who believed
in the promise from above,
Chosen Woman, through obedience
untied the knot of Eve,
Holy Virgin, fruitful Mother
of all who believe.

Hail His Palace! Hail His Tabernacle!
Hail His Ark! His Shrine!
Hail His Home! His Throne!
His Servant! His Mother and mine!
Consecrated by the Father,
before time had e'er begun,
And prepared by the Spirit
to mother the Son,
Spotless Ark, conceived immaculate
and spared from every sin,
Full of grace, you won God's favour,
enfleshed the Word within.

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