



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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4th Sunday In Advent

Year C

19th December 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

Blessed are you among women...

The Gospel reading for the fourth week of Advent always feature Mary the Mother of Our Lord. This Sunday's Gospel gives us the scene of the 'Visitation', whereby the pregnant Mary visited Elizabeth who was also pregnant. When they met, John the Baptist leapt in the womb of Elizabeth. The incident parallels that of Rebekah in Genesis 25. Rebekah's experience signalled the pre-eminence of Jacob over his older brother Esau (Gen 25:22-23). Now, this signals the pre-eminence of Jesus over his cousin John. When John grew up he tells us he is not worthy to remove the sandal strap of Jesus.

The intention of St Luke's account here is to make it clear that Jesus is the expected Messiah. Enlightened by the prophetic spirit, Elizabeth is aware of Mary's secret: she is the mother of her 'Lord'. Elizabeth acknowledge Mary as being 'blessed among women', and praised Mary's unhesitating submission to God's plan for her and her great faith.

May God bless us for striving to His will, in taking the true message of Christmas out to the unbelieving world. May the peace and love that is the Gift of Christmas find a place in all of us this Christmas, and beyond.

Blessings,

Fr Michael

P/s:
see you are our
Christ-Masses.



Christmas Mass Times

FRIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE 24th December
My Vaccine Pass Required for Amberley & Hanmer Springs only

6.00pm

9.00pm

SATURDAY CHRISTMAS DAY - 25th December
Christmas Day - CULVERDEN
Christmas Day - CHEVIOT

8.00am

10.30am

SUNDAY BOXING DAY- 26th December
Feast of the Holy Family - HANMER SPRINGS
Feast of the Holy Family - AMBERLEY
Feast of the Holy Family - HAWARDEN

8.30am

9.00am

10.30am

TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Micah 5:1-4

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord.

Psalm Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

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:

December

See Schedule for Reconciliation on the next Page

31 New Year's Eve Mass - 11.30pm

Advent Reconciliation

Rite 1

FRIDAY 17th December

6.30 - 7.30pm ——— AMBERLEY

SATURDAY 18th December

3.30 - 4.30pm ——— HANMER SPRINGS *front flat*

TUESDAY 21st December

5.00 - 5.30pm CHEVIOT *meeting hall*
6.45 - 7.45pm CULVERDEN



THE TRAFFIC LIGHT is Orange. Please be reminded that the parish of the Good Shepherd caters for both the Vaccinated and those who are not, i.e. we have Masses that are "Open to All", and Masses for all those who are Vaccinated only so that those

who feel vulnerable can attend. Please cooperate, and help our parish cope with adjusting to the law.

Amberley and Hanmer Springs: *Vaccinated Only*

Culverden, Hawarden, Cheviot & Waiiau: *Open to All*
(limited to 50 and distancing requirement)

CULVERDEN CHRISTMAS MASS just a wee note to say that you might want to book for this Mass as numbers in the past have been relatively high so it might be close to the 50 person limit. To book, you must contact Fr Michael **directly** on 021 173 7992 or nzmichaelpui@gmail.com

SYNOD feedback! - Hi, the Pope wants input from parishioners. Fr Michael and the Parish Council have decided that they will approach individuals, who in turn are encouraged to call friends together to do a group input, or do it as individuals. We hope to collate our parish input by the end of February. The Pope posed two questions (which can be broken down into 10 if you want to get to more details - a handout will be given to you). Please volunteer if you can, or Fr Michael will approach some of you personally - the information sheets have already been given out to some.

POST CHRISTMAS & BEFORE NEW YEAR will be a quiet time this year as Fr Michael hopes to take a few days off after a frantic time rushing around. After Christmas, the first weekday Mass will be the **New Year's Day Vigil at 11.30pm at Amberley**. You can join him afterwards to herald in the new year with a toast.

INFORM the latest edition of the diocesan Inform magazine is now available. Don't forget to pick up your latest copy!

OFFICE HOURS The parish office will be closed over the holiday period and will be opening again on 21st January. Fr Michael will still be available should you need him.

O Come O Come Emmanuel

O Come O Come Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel.
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear:

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel*

O come, thou key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
Bid every sad division cease,
and be Thyself our Prince of Peace.

Advent Communion Song

Bernadette Farrell

Refrain

Bread of life, hope of the world, Je-sus Christ, our bro - ther:
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one a - no - ther.

1. Be with your peo - ple, Lord, send us your sa - ving Word;
2. Bring to our world of fear the truth we long to hear;

Je - sus Christ, light of glad - ness, come a - mong us now.
Je - sus Christ, hope of a - ges, come to save us now.

The Angel Gabriel

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail' said he, thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady, 'Gloria'!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
To me be as it pleaseth God,' she said.
'My soul shall laud and magnify His Holy Name.'
Most highly favoured lady. Gloria!

NOTICES cont.

LOW SENSORY CHRISTMAS MASS Two low sensory Christmas Vigil Masses are being offered.

Both are Thursday the **23rd December** at 5pm
St Teresa's, Riccarton **Vaccine Pass required**
St Patrick's, Kaiapoi **No Pass required**

This is for anyone who may be on the autism spectrum, people who have sensory issues or social anxiety and their families.

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