



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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2nd Sunday In Advent

Year C

5th 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

### Prepare A Way For The Lord

The modern day fallacy is for people think that freedom means the ability to do what they want. It's a lie! A gold fish is not free to choose live outside of water. It is against its nature to do so, and in choosing to do so means its own destruction. Similarly, I cannot choose to jump off a building – I am not Superman – I will probably die. Although these examples are oversimplification, the point is, in order to blossom, we have to choose to live according to what we are meant to be as dictated by our human nature. If 'freedom' simply means the ability to do anything we want, then the elephant in the room is always the denial that living a decadent life eventually always lead to self-destruction.

It is because the choices of a decadent life always goes against what is true, good and right for being a human, and a human-being 'fully alive'! Although it may sound like a contradiction, the reality is, there is no greater freedom than to be able to choose to be how God made us to be! That is why the journey towards holiness must also include a journey of self-discovery of what it means to be a human. And that journey is made easier because of what God has revealed in the Incarnation. When God was incarnated in the flesh, He reveals to us, not just who He is, but also who we are as humans.

Sadly, we are all good at self-denial. We often choose to lie to ourselves – it is the easier option at times. Advent is not just a spiritual time to prepare for Christmas, but as I preached last Sunday, the second coming of Christ, and with that, the bigger picture of what life is about. It is a time to be reminded that God has come to us, and he will come again. It is a time for reflection, for prayers, and for discernment of God's will in our lives, what we are called to be and to do. It is a time to look at our self-denials and have a 'change of heart' (metanoia), or in the words of John the Baptist: "Repent! Prepare a Way for the Lord".

### O Come Emmanuel



### TODAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Baruch 5:1-9**  
*God means to show your splendour to every nation.*

**Psalm Response:** The Lord has done great things  
for us; we are filled with joy

**SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11**  
*May you become pure and blameless in preparation  
for the day of Christ.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6**  
*The call of John the Baptist.*

### 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**  
**5** Artwork, Te Hikos Wairua Mo Te Ara A Maris  
(Pilgrimage of Mary's Way) in Amberley



**THIS WEEK** Te Ara a Maria Mary's Way The artwork on its hikoī (journey) around the country will arrive in our Parish on Sunday 5th December. Because it is quite large, it will stay in Amberley hall until Tuesday Night. Although Kalavale is cancelled (no raffles) due to covid restrictions, there will still be a cup of tea in the hall after the 9am Sunday Mass. This is a good opportunity to view and pray before the image. Please observe social distancing to be safe.

The painting is part of the rededication of our country to Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and the hikoī 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.

## *Advent Reconciliation*

### Rite 1

#### **FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> December**

6.30 - 7.30pm AMBERLEY

#### **SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup> December**

3.30 - 4.30pm HANMER SPRINGS *front flat*

#### **TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> December**

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

## *Christmas Mass Times*

#### **FRIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE 24<sup>th</sup> December**

*My Vaccine Pass Required for Amberley & Hanmer Springs only*  
6.00pm Christmas Vigil - AMBERLEY  
9.00pm Christmas Vigil - HANMER

#### **SATURDAY CHRISTMAS DAY – 25<sup>th</sup> December**

8.00am Christmas Day - CULVERDEN  
10.30am Christmas Day - CHEVIOT

#### **SUNDAY BOXING DAY- 26<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am Feast of the Holy Family - AMBERLEY  
10.30am Feast of the Holy Family - HAWARDEN

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### **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 you, O Israel!*

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,  
Who ord' rest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go.

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave.

### **O Come, Divine Messiah!** - Abbé Simon-Joseph Pellegrin

O come, divine Messiah  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away

*Dear Savior, haste  
Come, come to earth  
Dispel the night and show your face  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace*

*O come, divine Messiah!  
The world in silence waits the day  
When hope shall sing its triumph  
And sadness flee away*

O come, desired of nations,  
whom priests and prophets long foretold,  
will break the captive fetters,  
redeem the long-lost fold.

O come in peace and meekness,  
for lowly will your cradle be:  
all clothed in human weakness  
shall we your Godhead see.

### **Immaculate Mary!**

Immaculate Mary!  
Our hearts are on fire,  
that title so wondrous  
fills all our desire.

*Ave, ave, ave Maria!  
Ave, ave, ave Maria!*

To God be all glory  
and worship for aye,  
and to God's virgin mother  
an endless Ave.