



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiau | Hanmer Springs
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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16th January 2022

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
(excluding the month of
January)

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday
7am Amberley

Tuesday - Saturday
12pm Sanctuary of
Fourvière, Leithfield
(excluding the month of
January)

Reconciliation

By Appointment
or before Mass
(but not the last 5 Minutes!)

Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall



He let His glory be seen...

In this Sunday's Gospel, the Church continues to take our glance back to the beginnings of Christ's ministry – this time as accounted by John (2:1-11) with the miracle at Cana. The narrative of this miracle links this Sunday with the feasts of the last two Sundays; the Epiphany and Christ's baptism. All three recount manifestations of Christ's glory.

In the opening section of his Gospel St John speaks of a new beginning, a new creation ('In the beginning . . .'), mirroring the account of Creation in the Book of Genesis. He also refers to Christ's miracles as 'signs', the beginning of which, and the first sign, being the miracle at the wedding at Cana. What occurred at Cana is a sign of a higher truth. The real bridegroom of the wedding was Jesus (cf. 3:25). The miracle He performed is a 'sign' a greater work of His, namely the transformation of the water of Jewish religion into the strong wine of Christianity. For the Jews water symbolised their law with its reputed purifying effects. The water jars at Cana symbolised their religion and teaching. This was changed by Jesus into new wine (cf. Mark 2:22), the wine proper to the new age when the wedding-feast of the lamb is celebrated. At Cana, however, this real change was only foreshadowed for Jesus' hour had not yet come. What Cana symbolised became a reality with Calvary.

May more people follow the sign, and join the dots – and discover who Jesus is.

Blessings **Fr Michael**

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5
The bridegroom rejoices in his bride

Psalm Response: Proclaim his marvellous deeds
to all the nations

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
*The Spirit distributes gifts to different people
just as he chooses*

GOSPEL: John 2:1-11
'My hour has not come yet' - 'Do whatever he tells you'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES:

(see note on Back Page)

416 When Love is Found
420 O Father All Creating
367 Salve Regina

THE TRAFFIC LIGHT is Orange. 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. Please cooperate, and help our parish cope with adjusting to the law.

Amberley and Hanmer Springs: Vaccinated Only

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

PARISH HYMNAL makes a return this weekend - but with precaution. We have not been using our Hymnals because of the recommendation not to share things during this time of the Pandemic. However, by printing the hymns in the newsletters, we not only lose precious space, but also technically we are in breach of Copyright. Since we have enough Hymnals in Amberley, Hanmer and Culverden to use two sets in rotation - i.e. each set is used only every fortnight. The hymnals in Cheviot are at the end of the pews, and as long as the few who are there are conscious not to pass it around, it will be fine.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK during Mass? Fr Michael is wanting a show of interest if he were to have a Mass on the World Day of Prayer for the Sick (**11th February**) at **2.00pm**?. It will be at Amberley, and immediately afterwards, there will be a light refreshment in the Hall. The show of interest is also to gauge the numbers because of the limit of 50 if the Mass were to be an "open to all" Mass. Please email him at nzmichaelpui@gmail.com

Some people do not ask for this sacrament because of the misunderstanding that this sacrament is only for the "dying". This misunderstanding may have stemmed from the old



reference to it as the "Extreme Unction" (the Last Anointing). Anyone who is sick in any way is encouraged to receive it (*James 5:13-14*). In his previous parish, Fr M had it every 6 months, and it became a parish event to which many of the older generation looked forward. There, the school children also attended the Mass and served a cuppa to those who came afterwards. We do not have the numbers in the Hurunui nor the school children, but hopefully there is still an interest.

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SYNOD feedback! Reminder - Your feedback by the end of February!! Some of you have been given the material to discuss - which is essentially two questions, the answers to which Pope Francis wants 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.

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.

"Celebrating a Synod means walking on the same road, walking together. Let us look at Jesus. First, he encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life. Encounter, listen and discern."

MANAGER, NZ Catholic Bishops Conference

Applications are invited for the position of Manager for the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference (NZCBC). The NZCBC coordinates the national activities and ministries of the Catholic Church of which the Manager will be a key leadership role. The main functions of the position are coordinating people, projects, and agencies; leading or supporting a broad range of ad-hoc initiatives and events; and supporting strategic planning. We offer a supportive, family-friendly, and flexible workplace. The successful applicant will have excellent project and people skills and a professional background. This is a permanent role, based at the Catholic Centre in Wellington, and can be part or full-time negotiable.

Details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/nzcbc-manager-apply/>

VALENTINES DAY MASS A date for your diaries. Valentine's Day Mass, Monday 14th February, 6.30pm @ St Mary's, celebrated by Archbishop Paul.