



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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The Baptism of Our Lord

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9th 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

### "You are my Son, the Beloved..."

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany, the manifestation of Our Lord as Light of the Nation. This Sunday the Church brings to a close the Christmas season with the celebration of the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord. This feast can be regarded as the "Second" Epiphany (the Second Revelation/manifestation of God to the world). In the Biblical accounts, the One God was revealed to us as a Trinity of persons: The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit.

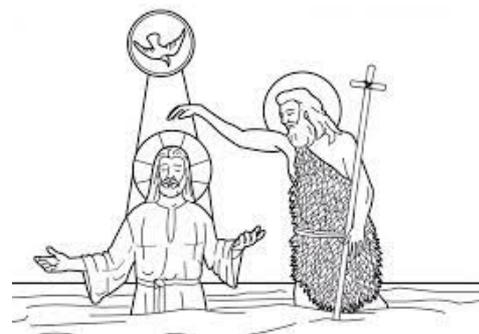
Our Lord received a Baptism He did not need, and in doing so, manifested or revealed to us the sanctification of water as a means of salvation. Not surprisingly, in the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany (manifestation of God). Our Lord, with His baptism, also conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world. As the Baptist put it, pointing to Christ: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world."

May all come to the water of life, the water of baptism.....

Blessings

Fr Michael

P/s Did you know the actual Site where Jesus was baptised is in Jordan?. The site is often referred to as "Bethany beyond the Jordan" (Al-Maghtas). The archaeological sites discovered and the associated studies carried out recently show the remains of five churches uniquely designed and built since the 5th century as memorials of Jesus' baptism. Not far from the baptism site (unfortunately a demilitarised zone at present) is Elijah's Hill, the place where Elijah ascended to heaven in the 9th century BC. The Bible states that Elijah would return before the coming of Jesus, so when John the Baptist began baptizing people there it caused a huge stir in the surrounding villages asking if John was Elijah or their messiah. (Some of us have been blessed with the opportunity to visit and pray there!)



### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it*

**Psalm Response:** O Bless the Lord, My soul

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

*He saved us by means of t  
he cleansing water of rebirth*

#### GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-16,21-22

*'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy  
Spirit and fire'*

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES:

(see Back Page)

NOTE: 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 - perhaps we can make it work. We will start doing this perhaps in a fortnight 's time when the pressure comes on the space in the newsletter.

**407 – Baptised in Water** - *Michael Saward*

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise -  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king;  
one with his rising, freed and forgiven  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptised in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king;  
born of one Father, we are his children -  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

**171 – When Jesus comes to be baptised** – *Benedictines of Stanbrook*

When Jesus comes to be baptized,  
He leaves the hidden years behind,  
the years of safety and of peace.  
to bear the sins of humankind.

The Spirit of the Lord comes down,  
anoints the Christ to suffering,  
to preach the word, to free the bound,  
and to the mourner, comfort bring.

He will not quench the dying flame,  
and what is bruised he will not break,  
but heal the wound injustice dealt,  
and out of death his triumph make.

We praise you God, source of all life,  
we praise you, Christ, eternal Word,  
we praise you, Spirit, gracious gift:  
your triune presence fills our world.

**340 My Soul Proclaims you, Mighty God** – *Anne Carter*

My soul proclaims You, Mighty God,  
my spirit sings Your praise.  
You look on me, You lift me up,  
and gladness fills my day.

Then let all nations praise our God,  
the Father and the Son,  
The Spirit blest who lives in us,  
while endless ages run.

PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

**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 & Waiiau: Open to All** (limited to 50 and distancing requirement)

**OUTDOOR MASS** in Amberley? Originally, under the new Traffic Light system, Fr Michael planned to celebrate the Mass on the 1st Sunday in Amberley as an outdoor (BYO Chair), event and to make it an "open to all" (i.e. no Vaccine Pass required) Mass. However, the feedback given to him was that this was not practical for the older parishioners. Unless he hears of any objection, no such Outdoor Mass will be held, and Amberley continues to be for the Vaccinated only.

**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,*

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