



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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23rd 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

The Spirit of the Lord has Been Given to me

Many Israelites of Jesus' time expected God to send a Messiah who would liberate Israel from the political domination of the Romans. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus went into the synagogue and read the text of the prophet Isaiah (61:1-2), and told the people there and then that the Messiah, as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah, was being fulfilled in his own person and preaching.



He came to liberate them from slavery (from idolatry, false gods, and more importantly sin/death). He announced liberation from sin, not from political subjugation. In His time, it was indeed good news to the poor, the down trodden, the faint hearted and those rejected by society. It should continue to be Good News for our time. We too are in need of liberation from our modern day idolatries and sinfulness.

Pope Paul VI, said: "[Jesus]' way is not, as you know, a movement of the political or temporal order; it calls rather for the conversion of hearts, for liberation from all temporal encumbrances. It is a call to love".

Blessings **Fr Michael**

P/s For those who read this early, its the 4th Sunday, so Mass is in Hawarden, and next Sunday there is a 5th Sunday, and Mass will be in Waiau.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

*All the people listened attentively
to the Book of the Law*

Psalm Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14,27

*You together are Christ's body,
but each a different part of it*

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES:

(see note on Back Page)

475 Gather Us In

846 Amazing Grace

355 I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary (Vs 1 & 2)

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 adhere to the law.

Amberley and Hanmer Springs: Vaccinated Only

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

PARISH HYMNAL makes a return last weekend - but with precaution. Until then we stopped 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 will be administered during Mass on the World Day of Prayer for the Sick:

Friday, 11th February, 2.00pm in Amberley.

This will replace the usual 7.00am Mass. Immediately afterwards, there will be a light refreshment in the Hall. Less than 10 parishioners have indicated they are attending, so this will be an "Open to all" Mass (subject to whatever changes to the Government's Covid Restriction at the time).

SYNOD INPUT/FEEDBACK! Reminder - Your feedback/input is required 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.

Please see also the Diocesan Notice, "Walking together as Church".

WALKING TOGETHER AS CHURCH

"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."

Discernment processes are happening in parishes and in addition to this we want to offer two opportunities to gather with others to encounter, listen and discern together, including small group conversation.

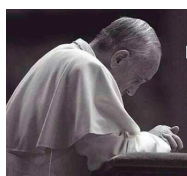
Tuesday **15 February** 6.30pm to 9.00pm or Sunday 6 March 6.30pm to 9.00pm, at Christ the King Pastoral Centre, Burnside. Please register by emailing jclarke@cdoc.nz or phone 03 366 9869. More info about the synod can be found at www.chchcatholic.nz/synod or contact Mike Stopforth 0275398542 email mstopforth@cdoc.nz

ASSISTING TONGA: If you wish to assist the people of Tonga, you can donate money via Caritas NZ, and the funds will be passed on to Caritas in Tonga to determine the best use of those funds to reach those most in need. As always Caritas, as the worldwide church's arm for social action, was there before the crisis preparing, is one of the first responders and will be there long after the cameras and media have turned their attention elsewhere.

Donations can be made to Caritas online through the Pacific Relief Fund (www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) or via their bank account 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include first & last name and put **Tonga** as the code).

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

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD: Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien at vocations.chch@gmail.com. You may wish to visit the website of Holy Cross Seminary www.holycross.org.nz



"To be a saint is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone"
Pope Francis

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