



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

27th February 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 Waiiau
(5th Sunday Only)

12pm Sanctuary of
Fourvière, Leithfield

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday
7am Amberley

Tuesday - Saturday
12pm Sanctuary of
Fourvière, Leithfield

Reconciliation

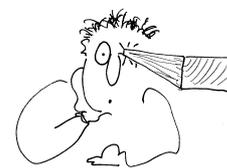
By Appointment
or before Mass
(but not the last 5 Minutes!)

Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall

Why do you observe the splinter?

The message of this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 6:39-45) can perhaps be summarised by the line: "Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?"



In our dealings with others, we can all do better, and often the "doing better", starts with the ability to realise the shortcomings in ourselves. We can only improve by NOT smugly feel we are perfect, and that everyone else is not! This wisdom was also uttered by the Greek philosopher Socrates. He advised us to learn to know ourselves (In Greek: γνῶθι σεαυτόν). He even expounded it to say: "The unexamined life is not worth living". Few of us do enough of the exercise to get to know ourselves. The journey to know oneself is necessary if we want to be holy, and perhaps live a life less irritated by other people and circumstances or always have a critical spirit to put down others. Knowing ourselves, with our own shortcomings and failures, make us more humble and less quick to decry another person's faults.

Blessings,

Fr Michael

THE TRAFFIC LIGHT is RED! And Omicron is now in the community

Please stay home if you are sick

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, limited to 100 and 1m distancing)

Culverden/Hawarden/Cheviot/Waiiau:

(Open to All, limited to 25 and 1m distancing requirement)

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 27:5-8

The test of a man is in his conversation

Psalms Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Death is swallowed up in victory.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

Can the blind lead the blind?

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

695 Glory and Praise to Our God

779 O God You search me

356 Hail Queen of Heaven

(In Lent we will not sing at the end of Mass)

THE SEASON OF LENT

We enter the season of Lent this Ash Wednesday

+ 9.00am Mass Amberley (*note change of time, not 7.00am*)

+ 7.00pm Mass Culverden

+ 7.30pm Ecumenical Service, Cheviot (*Note, in St Anthony's Catholic Church, but led by Anglican Minister*)



In light of the Omicron transmission in the community, the Apostolic Administrator expressed a preference that priests do not impose ashes on the forehead, and to consider giving people the option to administer the ashes on themselves at the end of Mass. Fr Michael will impose ashes to those who wishes him to do so. Those who feel venerable, can do so themselves at the end of Mass.

While one of the aims of the Season of Lent is the interior conversion of the heart, we nevertheless express our penitential mood through external concrete signs and gestures. Some of these external signs are expressed in our liturgies and through the change in appearance in our churches.

There is definitely a starkness in our liturgies for Sundays and weekdays. Some of the things that would be evident include:

- † The liturgical colour of purple, the same as that for a funeral;
- † The 'Gloria' is neither said nor sung, and there is no incidental music – the only music is to support singing;
- † The disappearance of the word 'Alleluia' (which will re-emerge with great intensity on the Easter Vigil celebrations);
- † There are no flower decorations in the Church;
- † People leave the church in silence, at the end of Mass, in keeping with the penitential mood. This is part of our 'Fasting'.

These external signs set the tone for our Lenten Season, paving the way towards the Holy Week celebrations.

Apart from the above, there are also many concrete exercises that help us to actively participate in the Lenten spirit:

- *Stations of the Cross*, particularly on Fridays. In Amberley at 5:30pm, Fr Michael will lead it next Friday, and hope there are parishioners who can lead them on other Fridays, or in our other churches. He has several settings/reflections which he can provide – just ask him.
- More opportunities to go to *Confession*, as we approach Holy Week.
- *Alms Giving* Envelopes are available on the pews for donations for projects (by Caritas) that promote social justice and peace.

There are of course, many other ways of seeking internal conversion of the heart, and the Church very much encourages us to take our own initiative in finding ways, befitting of our circumstances, to pray, fast and give alms.

PARISH/DIOCESAN NOTICES

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH means it is mass in Hawarden this weekend - a gentle reminder for those who read this before Sunday. Hawarden it is an "Open to All" Mass so we are limited to 25 - please book!!!!

KALEVALE on the next Sunday, the first Sunday of the month - with precaution in place against Covid of course (*Please keep physical distance, and masks are highly recommended*).

For those who are unfamiliar: Kalavale is a place in Tonga. The Amberley community has been having a cup of tea after the 9.00am Mass in Amberley, at which a mini raffle is run. Proceeds go to support the mission of the the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary in Kalevale. It is a good opportunity for parishioners to catch up, for 'newish' parishioners to meet others, and for us to extend hospitality to visitors. Sadly the Parish Priest has to rush off!

ASH WEDNESDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE is online. The combined annual Catholic – Anglican Ash Wednesday service is being held 5.30pm and will be available to view online via the Diocese YouTube channel: [Catholic Diocese of Christchurch - YouTube](#)

CYT AMAZING RACE - the Catholic Youth Team is invited all who are in Years 7-13 to make a team to enter the CYT Amazing Race. Sunday **20th March** 10am -1.30pm, Around Central Christchurch www.cyt.org.nz

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