



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Lent

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13th March 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

### 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



### This is My Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him...

The Gospel (Luke 9:28-36) passage for this Sunday is that of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Sometimes I wonder why the Church gives us this passage in Lent when we celebrate this event as a feast on the 6<sup>th</sup> of August. I suspect it appears in Lent because as we move towards the Holy Week, to the Passion of Our Lord,

and the darkness of the Cross looms more and more, the Church wants us not to lose focus on what lies beyond the darkness of the cross. The Transfiguration gives us a preview: that is, beyond the cross, we have the glory of the Resurrection, where He would be transfigured. Beyond the darkness of the cross, there is light. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes it in this way: *'For a moment, Jesus discloses His divine glory, confirming Peter's confession. He also reveals that He will have to go by the way of the cross at Jerusalem in order to enter into His glory'* (CCC, para. 555).

May Jesus' Transfiguration help us with our faith, may it strengthen our hope, and may love conquers all.

God bless, Fr Michael

**THE TRAFFIC LIGHT is RED! And Omicron is now rife 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/Waiau:** (*Open to All, limited to 25 and 1m distancing*)

**Please book** within 24 hours of attending as space is rather limited. Text 021-1737992 or email: nzmichaelpui@gmail.com. Please use scan the QR code, of record your details on the sheet *(Please read Health and Safety Update overleaf).*

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Genesis 15:5-12,17-18**  
*God enters into a Covenant with Abraham*

**Psalm Response:** The Lord is my light and my salvation

**SECOND READING: Philippians 3:20a-4:1**  
*Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 9:28-3**  
*The Transfiguration of Christ*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(Singing may be omitted on the day)*

883 Christ Our Light  
215 Transfigure us O Lord  
(Vs 3 Omitted)

*(In Lent let us leave quietly at the end of Mass as part of our parish's Lenten exercise - i.e. no singing...)*

Please can everyone who attends Mass take **more** precaution against the spread of Covid. It is not about creating fear, but about protecting those who may be vulnerable (e.g those who are immune compromised). The transmission is now rife in the community. Please be assured that Fr Michael has RAT kits ready to test himself should he have any symptoms, and if he tested positive, Mass will be cancelled (suggest if you are not on parish e-mail-out, that you register your email address to do so). Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are infected: We continue to pray that all will recover soon and fully. It is extra important to be attentive to Covid-19 symptoms and to isolate and get tested if such symptoms appear. For more information on Covid-19 symptoms, see: <https://covid19.govt.nz/prepare-and-stay-safe/about-covid-19/covid-19-symptoms/>.

During our Masses, there are numerous safety measures that we all can take to reduce the likelihood of Covid-19 transmission (including mask-wearing, spacing and ventilation, and general common sense for hygiene). Remember, in Hanmer and Amberley, the pews are marked to help you to distance, and even though you may be the same 'bubble' and want to sit together, doing so may make it harder for others to follow the markings for distancing.

If you have any doubts or concerns - you are encouraged to call Healthline (0800 358 5453) or contact your local general practice. Unless symptomatic or immune-compromised, we would love to see you at Mass.

Please be in touch if you have any questions or concerns

## PARISH/DIOCESAN NOTICES

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

- + Amberley: 5.30pm every Friday
- + Culverden: 7.00pm Friday 18th March & 1st April
- + Other Mass centres: Volunteers to lead?

If you want to do the Stations from home to take precaution against Covid, you can also try;

+ The Parish YouTube series. Search for it, and you may find Stations which Fr Michael recorded during the Lockdown.

+ there is a Station of the Cross on demand on the 'Faith Development Ministries' website  
<https://www.fdm.org.nz/stations-of-the-cross>

### 1st HOLY COMMUNION - PARENTS MEETING

Wednesday 16th March - **Culverden** (Church). Please bring completed lessons 1,2, & 3 and USB card.

**BRACKENBRIDGE CEMETERY** - Did you know that the parish owns a cemetery? It was where the Amberley Church used to be located. At the last AGM Fr Michael cried out for parishioners to assist him in its maintenance (e.g. spraying) - although someone did put up her hand, the ideal would be to have a group of people showing interest. At the moment, all its maintenance falls on Fr Michael. Please, even if you can help ONCE in twelve months, just make yourself available.

**WEEKLY ONLINE ROSARY** for Peace in the World: In answer to the call of Pope Francis to pray for peace in the world, an online rosary will be held each Friday in Lent at 8pm starting on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Details and the link for joining the rosary can be found on the Diocesan website at <https://chchcatholic.nz/> or on the Diocesan Facebook Page. Please contact Matt on 027 536 9407 for more details.

**THE NATIONAL LITURGY OFFICE** offers on its website, a page featuring the preparation for liturgies for each Sunday in Lent. You may wish to have a look. <https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/>

**ST VINCENT de PAUL, SVDP**, is in desperate need for sheets and blankets to provide warmth and comfort to those in need in our community this coming winter. We also have a great need for Household furniture particularly Whiteware and Dining Tables. Bedding can be placed in the Parish Clothing bins or email Penny on [penny@svdpchch.co.nz](mailto:penny@svdpchch.co.nz) to arrange bedding/furniture pickup. Thank you for helping us help others.

### **Opening Prayer (Collect) for the Mass of the Feast of the Transfiguration, 6th August**

*O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of Your only Begotten Son,  
confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers  
and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship,  
grant we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of Your Beloved Son, we may merit to become  
coheirs with Him, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.*

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