



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Palm (Passion) Sunday

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10th April 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

Blessed be the King who comes Crucify Him, Crucify Him!



Palm Sunday! Picture ourselves in the crowd who got carried away with hailing the new 'celebrity' coming into our city of Jerusalem..... welcoming Jesus with great fanfare, rejoicing and waiving palms because we heard of all the miracles he had performed, and thought of him being the worldly king that might deliver us..... If we can picture that, then we should park that imagery, and then put it side by side with what's to happen a week later.

From crying out: "*Blessed is the King who comes in the*

name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!", to, a week later, yelling "*...Crucify Him, crucify Him!*".

On Palm Sunday, we commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem one week before his Crucifixion/Resurrection! We enter into Holy Week, building up to the Holy Triduum. For those of you who get the parish newsletter, you would have found, included with my newsletter last Sunday, a copy of the Holy Week Schedule and an explanation of the Holy Triduum. I have taken the trouble to explain the Triduum, but as a priest I have always been shocked by the lack of knowledge of the importance of these celebrations amongst modern day Catholics, and worse, the lack of attendance because for most, they are just long ceremonies/celebrations that do not engage them. (*I am saying this, not in an attempt to push for more numbers! At the moment we still have to distance by 1m, and some of our Churches are too small to accommodate big crowds!*). The reality is, the Easter Vigil is actually a more important feast than Christmas, and Christmas has been hijacked by the secular world and turned it into commercial event.

If we Christians, cannot see these contradictions in how we behave, largely letting our behaviour to be dictated by the secular world, or 'the mob', then indeed, in our own time, we are not too different from the crowd in Our Lord's time... **Have a Blessed Holy Week Fr Michael**

P/s for Palm Sunday Masses, we gather either outside the Church or the back of the Church for the Blessings of the palms..... please follow instructions given out on the day..

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

*I did not cover my face against insult:
I know I shall not be shamed*

Psalm Response: My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:56

The Passion Reading

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(Singing may be omitted on the day)

229 All glory Laud and Honour
225 Were you there (Vs 1,3 &3)

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



Please stay home if you are sick

THE TRAFFIC LIGHT is still **RED**, and the 1m distancing requirement may still pose a significant problem in the small Church buildings of Amberley and Hanmer Springs - Please indicate to Fr Michael you are attending Weekend Masses in these two Churches, especially if you come as a big family or group, so that he can in advance work how to seat people. Text 021-1737992 or email: nzmichaelpui@gmail.com.

In Hanmer and Amberley, the pews are marked to help you to distance, and even though you may be in the same 'bubble' and want to sit together, doing so in some instances may make it harder for others to follow the markings for distancing.

PARISH/DIOCESAN NOTICES

CHRISM MASS CANCELLED for next Monday. As luck would have it, after printing the Holy Week Schedule, Fr Michael received notification of the cancellation of the Chrism Mass. It will be celebrated at a date yet to be announced (i.e after Easter!)



DID YOU KNOW THAT GOOD FRIDAY is the *only* day in the Liturgical Calendar that does not have a Mass? While there may be all sorts of liturgy or devotional exercises on the day, the Catholic Church's Official celebration is the 3pm commemoration of Our Lord's Passion in one place in each parish (Amberley 3pm). At that commemoration, Holy Communion is from taken from the Consecrated Hosts from Holy Thursday. Did you also know that at that celebration, there is a Retiring Collection which goes towards the help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land?. In the words of Pope Francis: *"This is the responsibility incumbent upon the whole universal church with regard to the mother Church of Jerusalem, which all Christians have an unforgettable obligation."*

PICK UP YOUR LATEST FREE COPY OF INFORM - the Diocesan newsletter this weekend. Later, the Apostolic Administrator wishes to mail to you a *special edition* of the INFORM magazine which is exclusively on the new Christchurch Catholic Cathedral, including its concept designs and plans of the precinct. The Parish is being asked to send the parish Roll with your postal details to the Diocesan Office so that the Diocese can mail you the special Edition directly. If you do not consent, and wish to opt-out of this and any communications related to it, please let Fr Michael know by Friday 22 April. He will also try his best to remove those who do not read this newsletter from giving 'automatic' consent.

FLIES-BY? If you see flies strewn all around the floors and pews in the Churches in our parish, please do not assume that the Churches have not been swept or cleaned for ages!. We have an invasion of Cluster Flies, and it is particularly bad this year. Even after spraying, and 'bombing' with insecticides, and sweeping multiples time each day, the flies that came into the buildings to hibernate change their mind during the warmer part of the day, and dies all around the place spending energy trying to get out along the windows. This is particularly bad in Amberley, Culverden and Cheviot. The situation will improve only after winter has peaked. Please be patient, or better still, come to Mass a little but earlier and help sweep and earn your Flies-By points!

THE NZ CATHOLIC INQUIRY CENTRE has created a new website as a "welcome mat" to welcome everyone to the Church, and especially for non-Catholics seeking the peace and comfort that faith brings. The website - www.catholicdiscovery.nz - it builds on the work the Catholic Enquiry Centre has traditionally done using booklets and postal correspondence to reach people interested in the Church. Full details: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/cathdiscovery-website/>

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