



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiau | Hanmer Springs
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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3rd 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 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

Go.... and sin no more

The Gospel of John records the Scribes and Pharisees displaying much animosity towards Our Lord. They want to get rid of Him, and they made many attempts to trap Him and to discredit Him. This Sunday the Gospel gives us one such episode (Jn 8:1-11) whereby He was presented with a woman caught in adultery. Noticed how only the woman is dragged into the scene, not the man!



Jesus showed kindness to the woman. The passage parallels the account in the Old Testament in which the prophet Daniel vindicated Susannah. Our Lord did more though, He offered the woman pardon and peace. He did not condone her sins but challenged her to "Go and sin no more". He challenged her to be more..... The best way to help people repent of their wrong often requires us to meet them where they are at, and then lovingly show them the better path, encouraging them to be more, rather than condemning.

The call to repentance is a continuous call. In the journey of holiness, we have to repent often, including how we treat other sinners.

Blessings,

Fr Michael

P/s: Come to be reconciled there are several opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent, as advertised.

THE TRAFFIC LIGHT is still **RED**, but the rules are relaxing from **11.59pm 4 April**

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 & request from the bishops.

- **Amberley and Hanmer Springs:** (*Vaccinated Only, seating limited because of 1m distancing*)
- **Culverden/Hawarden/Cheviot/Waiau:** (*Open to All, limited to 25 {until 4 April} 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: Isaiah 43:16-21

*See, I am doing a new deed,
and I will give my chosen people drink*

Psalm Response: The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

*I look on everything as so much rubbish
if only I can have Christ*

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

*Let the one among you who has not sinned
be the first to throw a stone*

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(Singing may be omitted on the day)

196 Attende Domini
200 Praise to You

*(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 to protect those who are vulnerable

While we look forward for the easing of restrictions from midnight 4 April, we must still try to protect those who may not have mild symptoms should they get infected. Mass attendees are encouraged to take **more** precaution against the spread of Covid, to protect those who may be more vulnerable (e.g those who are immune compromised, or have comorbidities that are not good for Covid infection). There are numerous safety measures that we all can take to reduce the likelihood of Covid-19 transmission, and mask wearing is highly encouraged. Remember, 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.

Fr Michael may be able to spare some RAT kits if you are sick at home and want to be sure.

Unless symptomatic or vulnerable, we would love to see you at Mass, and we look forward to weekend 9/10th April when our all Masses will be open to all. However, depending on the numbers turning up, bookings may be re-introduced for Mass attendance at Amberley and Hanmer because 1m distancing means limited seating.

PARISH/DIOCESAN NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT

- + Amberley: 5.30pm every Friday
- + Other Mass centres: Volunteers to lead?

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION IN LENT

Below are some schedules opportunities you may wish to explore:

- **Amberley** 6.00pm, Wednesday 6th April for *1st Holy communion children and guardians*
- **Amberley, 6.30pm- 7.30pm**, Thursday 7th April
- **Cheviot, 11.00am - noon**, Friday 8th April
- **Hanmer Springs, 3.00pm-4.00pm** Saturday 9th April (Front Flat)
- **Culverden, 6.00pm to 7.00pm** Wednesday 13th April



HOLY WEEK TIME TABLE - The Holy Week timetable is out. Those who are on the parish-email would have received an electronic copy.

Please put the CHRISM Mass in your diary. It will be at the Pro-Cathedral on 11th April @7.30pm. At the Chrism Mass, the holy Chrism, Oil for Anointing the Sick and the Oil for Catechumens are blessed. The priests also renew their commitment to their priestly service, and the bishop invites the people to pray for them, and for himself. The faithful are encouraged to attend to show their oneness with, and their support for, their bishop and priests.

THE PARISH ROLL is changing every week, or rather it is being updated every week, because Fr M keeps on discovering Catholics, practising or otherwise. If you are a Catholic living in the parish, can you please make yourself known, or if you know of anyone who is unlikely to be on the parish roll, let Fr M know so that he could invite them home.

SYNOD CONSULTATION - "Pope Francis wants to hear from you!" While several individuals and groups in our parish have sent Fr Michael their input (and Fr M has forwarded them to the Diocese), there is still time for anyone who wants to do so to do it. Invite friends, Catholic or not, or even disenfranchised Catholics (!) to take part in a survey for the ongoing international synod on the future direction of the Church. The survey is being advertised on Stuff and in social media such as Facebook, so you might see it pop up. Please share it with friends who may not be reached by your parish/diocesan Synod consultation. Link to the survey: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-feedback/>

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2022



THE CATHOLIC
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Monday, 11th April *NB: No 7.00am Mass*
7.30pm **Christchurch, St Mary's Pro Cathedral, CHRISM MASS.**

Tuesday & Wednesday, 12th & 13th April
7.00am Amberley, Holy Mass

Holy Thursday, 14th April *NB: No 7.00am Mass*
7.00pm **Amberley, EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
Silent Prayer before the Altar of Repose (Hall) until 10.00pm

Good Friday 15th April *NB: No 7.00am Mass*
3.00pm **Amberley, CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Amberley: 10.00am Stations of the Cross (@ Catholic Church of Holy Passion)
Hawarden: 10.00am Ecumenical Service (@ St Raphael's Catholic Church)
Cheviot: TBA Ecumenical Service (@ Knox Presbyterian Church)

Holy Saturday 16th April *NB: No 7.00am Mass at Amberley*
7.00pm **Culverden, EASTER VIGIL MASS**
NB: No 5.00pm Mass at Hanmer

Easter Sunday 17th April

9.00am **Amberley, EASTER SUNDAY MASS**
8.30am **Hanmer Springs, EASTER SUNDAY MASS**
11.00am **Cheviot, EASTER SUNDAY MASS**

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