



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fifth Sunday of EASTER

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15 May 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

*(Remember to base the Vigil
on the Sunday of the month)

Love One Another....

If we read this Sunday's Gospel passage in its wider context of where it fits in whole Gospel, we will find that the words spoken by Jesus are part of the commentary on the gesture of the washing of the disciples' feet just before the Institution of the Eucharist. Turning our memory back to Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, whereby the very gesture of Foot-Washing was re-enacted during the Mass of the Institution of the Lord's Supper (i.e. Mass of the institution of the Mass!), we get a better sense of it. In instituting the Mass, Jesus reminds all of us, and especially priests, that by coming to the table of the Eucharist, we are all called to serve others. This Sunday's passage not only connects the celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass, with the gesture of foot-washing, but it also highlights it as an expression of service, and an expression of the commandment to love each other.

As we come before the altar every Sunday let us also make the pledge to try and live what we celebrate at the altar. May everyone know that we are the disciples of Christ through how we live, and how we put our faith into action.

Easter Blessings

Fr Michael

P/s - please see next page about our Parish Gathering in June, and put it your diary, and if you can help in any way, please put up your hands and be counted.

Pps - if you are relatively new to the parish, please make yourself known the me, but better still, send me an email to my private address (see bottom of next page), and help me find an opportunity to get to know you (e.g a visit?). This parish more than other, requires me to rush away after Masses on Sundays....



SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 14:21-27

They gave an account to the church of all that God had done with them

Psalm Response: We are His people,
the sheep of His Flock (or, Alleluia).

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:1-5

*A vision of the heavenly Jerusalem,
the bride of the Lamb*

GOSPEL: John 13:31-33,34-35

In the Son of Man, God has been glorified

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

779 O God Your Search Me
920 A New Commandment
368 Regina Caeli

407* Baptised in Water (possibly in
Culverden during Baptism)



PARISH GATHERING!

Sunday 26 June
Hawarden
after 10.30am Mass

We are a geographically widespread parish with practically 6 very different communities, each with its own blessings and challenges. Since parish life is also about building relationships ('*vertically*'... with God, and '*horizontally*'... with each other), it is good for parishioners to have opportunities to get together that we may support each other in our faith journey. This is probably more important than ever after two years of a Pandemic that introduced another layer of division.

Fr M has just proposed the idea to members of the Parish Council, of having a Parish Gathering, for fun, food and for enjoying each others company, talents, cultural differences and so on. It will be held on the fourth Sunday when the Mass will be in Hawarden, which means Fr M does not have to rush away for another Mass. Please put in your diary now, and make an effort to come together for a parish event, and reach out to others: remember, a parish can also be a lonely place for some.

Food & Drink

Bring some food and drink to share. Parish will provide a suckling pig ('Lechon') the Filipino way.

Fun and sharing Talents

Karaoke, cultural items - please start thinking of what you can share. Let's show each other that Hurunui's Got Talent!

Chairs & Trestles

Please if anyone could help with bringing trestles, gazebos and seatings

THE TRAFFIC LIGHT IS ORANGE! Please continue to protect each other from Covid or Influenza by staying at home if you are sick.

The wearing of mask in indoor setting is still highly recommended at the moment. Please do not put Fr Michael under pressure to have 'exceptions' to bypass safety measures imposed on him, including;

- No Holy Communion from the chalice (*for now*),
- No Shaking of hands (*outside one's bubble during the Sign of the Peace*),
- No Communion on the tongue &
- No Holy water available in stoops.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH to three siblings, Zara, James and William Hamilton who are being baptised on Saturday 14th May during the Vigil Mass. We congratulate their parents, Vicky and Matthew Hamilton.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION of four children is a parish celebration - please put it in your diary. 19th June, Feast of Corpus Christi, please bring a plate to share in the Amberley Hall, after the 9.00am Mass. There will be prayer cards with the children's name for you to pick at random.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS are now available in the foyer of various Churches. For those of you who picked up (or were mailed) your receipts last week, there is now an updated copy available as there were a couple of typographical error on the dates of the Financial Year. Apologies. For those who have been issued an updated Reference number, there were also errors with our system not including your contribution under the old number. Please be patient as we continue to put the systems in place to get all these correct for the future.

With the receipts, you can claim 1/3 back as tax rebated from the government.

FLIES-BY? If you see flies strewn all around the floors and pews in the Churches in our parish, and in particular in Amberley, Cheviot, Hanmer and Culverden, please do not assume that the Churches have not be swept or cleaned for ages!. We have a bad invasion of Cluster Flies this year. The situation has improved greatly from its worst but will only cease after winter has peaked.

ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT CONFERENCE: Catholic networks in New Zealand and Australia are again co-hosting the virtual Alive in the Spirit conference to enrich Catholic communities as the two countries emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic. Attended online by 1000 people last year, the interactive pastoral experience offers individuals and groups a variety of ways to engage flexibly. It runs from **26 to 28 May**. Full details here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/alive-spirit-returns/>

THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER and at times, General-News, are being sent out to several families, the former usually on the Friday of the coming Sunday. The e-mail out is also a way of disseminating news or important issues quickly - please sign up using the parish email if you haven't.

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