



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sixth Sunday of EASTER

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22 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)

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you....

The Gospel passage (John 14:23-29) for this Sunday is part of what is known as the "farewell discourse of Christ". After the excitement and celebration of the Resurrection, the Church's liturgy takes our glance towards Our Lord's "departure": the Ascension, and then Pentecost.

Naturally the Apostles are dejected and apprehensive at the idea of His departure. He reassures them, and explains that although He is departing, He is not deserting them. He promises that the Heavenly Father will make a home in *them if they love Him and keep His word*. He will remain with them in a very different way with the coming of the Holy Spirit. He remains with them through the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit who will lead them into a full understanding of what He earlier revealed and taught. ....

In the discourse, Jesus offers the apostles the gift of peace; "My own peace I give you". This gift is extended to us in our time, and also His Spirit; if we love him and keep his word.



### Easter Blessings

Fr Michael

*P/s: regarding our Parish Gathering (see back page): Please put it in your diary and support it. There has been some expression of fear of Covid still around. If you feel vulnerable, please wear a mask during Mass. Other precautions will be in place (e.g. sanitising, ventilation by leaving doors open if its not to cold....). If you fell vulnerable in possible a more crowded space, you may wish to attend a less crowded Mass elsewhere in the parish and join us in the gathering in Hawarden after Mass, and that is mainly outdoor. Please pray for good weather.*

*The Karaoke machine is organised - show us **Hurunui's Got Talent!!!***

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

*It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves not to burden you with any burden beyond these essentials*

#### Psalm Response:

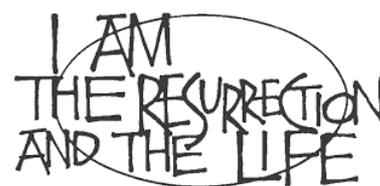
O God, let all the nations praise you!

#### SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

*He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven*

#### GOSPEL: John 14:23-2

*A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you*



### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

970 Be Thou My Vision (Skip 2nd vs)  
899 Lord make me a means of Your  
peace (Vs, 1, 3(twice) and 4)  
368 Regina Caeli



**PRAYER CARDS** for the 4 children who are making their first Holy Communion on Corpus Christi, 19th June, are available in the Church foyer. Please pick a card randomly to pray for the children. Fr M will approach some parishioners personally to 'adopt' the First Holy Communicant in prayer/support.

On the Day, please bring a plate as it is a Parish celebration.

**PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS** are now available in the foyer of various Churches. With the receipts, you can claim 1/3 back as tax rebated from the government. If you want to support the parish in this way (Direct Debiting or using a set of envelopes), please email the Parish Office.

**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/>

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY** is available for the times you may have a stint in the hospital.... but you must play your part too if you want a chaplain or priests to call on you. Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital please advise the chaplain or let the nurses know that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain/Priest on call:

- Christchurch Hospital:** Angela McCormick - 364 0640 (x89554)
- Burwood Hospital:** Jane Dick - 021 572 480
- Hillmorton Hospital:** Joan Hough - 021 501 683
- Nurse Maude Hospice:** Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438
- St George's Hospital:** Christchurch North Parish - 03 359 1438
- Southern Cross:** Cathedral Parish - 379 1068

**THIS PARISH NEWSLETTER** and occasionally, general parish updates are being sent out to several families. The former is 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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## 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.