



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Fourth Sunday of EASTER

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8 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)

#### I know them and they follow me....

I sometimes wonder who in the Church was tasked with the decision to carve out which Gospel passages for each Mass. Take this Sunday's passage: it seems a bit strange that we are given only 3 verses (John 10:27-30) of John's Gospel, while last Sunday, it was an extra long passage!. Furthermore, to understand the passage in the right context, one practically has to read the whole of Chapter Ten, and know something of life in ancient societies. Notwithstanding that, this Sunday's Gospel reading, long or short, the theme of the Good Shepherd still comes through.

In ancient societies the people often looked to gifted and righteous rulers for happiness and security. The Israelites of the Old Testament saw such rulers also as their shepherds. The ideal shepherd is well described in the Old Testament (c.f. Ezekiel 34, Psalm 72). Furthermore, a beneficent king in the Greek speaking world was often given the title 'Saviour' (*sôtér*). History, however, has shown that like all humans tarnished by sin, even the best of rulers, were unfaithful to their charge. And that's the foundation of God's promise to His people: that He will provide His people with the best of Shepherd: 'I shall raise up one shepherd, my servant David, and put him in charge of them to pasture them...' (Ezek. 34 :23; cf. Jer. 33 :14-16) – one who would even lay down His life for His flock. The promised Shepherd would be first and foremost a king, and one who would rule justly and benevolently. All the imageries of the Old Testament prophecies and hope became a reality in the person of Christ. Christ *is* the Good Shepherd.

Chapter ten of John's Gospel describes the love between the true Shepherd and His sheep. He knows his own, and they know Him; He gives His life for them. In the verses following, Jesus speaks of himself as the "gate of the sheepfold". Through Him, and only through Him, can one enter the fold and be saved.

**Blessings** Fr Michael

P/s: The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter is called Good Shepherd Sunday. For the half a century, it has been used to promote vocations to the Priesthood. Pray for priests after the heart of Christ. It is also the World Day of Prayer for vocations. Of course, there are many other types of vocation, or calling in life (parents, teachers, doctors, civil servant...), BUT we must not be so politically correct that we do not dare to pray specifically for priests, or the priesthood, rather than praying for vocations in general. It is Good Shepherd Sunday for a reason: to pray for vocations to the priesthood, for priests after the heart of Christ. And for those of you who are on **Planned Giving**, there is a special envelope towards contributing to the Seminary.



#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Acts 13:14,43-52**  
*We must turn to the pagans*

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

**SECOND READING: Apocalypse 7:9,14-17**  
*The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to  
springs of living water*

**GOSPEL: John 10:27-30**  
*I know my sheep and they follow me*



#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

877 Will you come and follow me  
\* Lord is my Shepherd

(see next page)

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**A HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY**  
to all mothers!

**Post Communion Hymn** (not in Hymnal)

The Lord is My Shepherd - by Brian Boniwell

The Lord is my Shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

Over the mountains, the waters and by-ways,  
valleys and highways he's waiting for me.

*Refrain*

I want to go to meet him there,  
to lay myself down in his love.

The Lord is my shepherd, and I want to follow,  
wherever he leads me, wherever he goes.

And while on the journey to where we are going,  
he promised to be there to help us along.

And over the mountains we'll walk on together,  
to know all the wonders he's given to me. *Refrain*

**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.

**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** may be available this weekend, but if not, it will be by the middle of next week. Please pick up your receipt to save us postage. 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 and Culverden, please do not assume that the Churches have not been swept or cleaned for ages!. We have a bad invasion of Cluster Flies this year. The situation is improving, and will cease when winter has peaked.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS** from the Vocation Director, Fr Tien Can

*Father, in your plan for our salvation  
You provide shepherds for your people  
Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love.  
Raise up worthy ministers for your altars,  
and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
the Eternal High Priest. Amen.*

*St. John the Baptist – Pray for us!*

**Ukraine**  
Blue & Yellow Ribbon  
Appeal Fundraiser



The Honorary Consul of Ukraine  
in NZ - Oleksandr Kirichuk  
Speaking Event

Wednesday 18 May Rangiora Baptist Church 7.30pm  
Thurs 19 May Cashmere Club 2pm  
Thurs 19 May St Bedes Hall 7.30pm  
Fri 20 May Kaiapoi Club 2pm  
Fri 20 May Kaiapoi Club 7.30pm

*Entry by donation*

**\*\*Raffles\*\***

Stand With Ukraine - Westpac 030162-0154408-000  
Reference "Ukraine"

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP** for Volunteers  
+ **Wed May 4th** @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm – St Teresa's, Riccarton  
+ **Tues May 10th** @ 7pm – 8.30pm

Who should attend? Anyone who can attend this event. Any new Volunteers or people who have not yet been able to attend past workshops are asked to attend. **Contact:** Clodagh Ward, **Email:** [cward@cdoc.nz](mailto:cward@cdoc.nz), Ph: 022 0124142

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