



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 17 July 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)

You fret about so many things....

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 10:38-42) gives us the well known story of Mary and Martha. It is easy to judge Mary for the apparent selfishness of her conduct or Martha for the note of irritability that we detect in her complaint of her sister's lack of co-operation in the task of serving. Some people erroneously think that Martha was being criticised by Our Lord since He sighs at Martha's undue agitation. On closer reading: Our Lord said "Mary has chosen the better part". It means Martha has chosen something good too, but that Mary's choice was better. The value of quiet communion with the Lord is being stressed as something important. The point is made of the need to pay 'undivided attention' to the things that truly matter (cf. 1 Cor. 7:35) – things that endure: faith, hope and love.

Our Lord's approval of Mary's eagerness to take the opportunity to listen to His word, and be in His presence, teaches us that as His followers we cannot allow ourselves to become so preoccupied with the pursuit of external duties that we never have a moment for prayerful recollection. I'd like to think that in daily life, both are needed; i.e. being practical about the things that needed attention without neglecting the importance of things spiritual. It is easy to be bogged down with 'being busy', that we forget the need for a time of quiet and prayerful reflection.

Seek first the Kingdom of God, and by doing so, and our worldly worries are more likely to be seen in the right perspective.

Blessings, Fr Michael

FORMED - Parish Subscription is in place!

For those of you who received this newsletter via the parish mailout, you would have received a link to be part of the Parish subscription to have access to lots of Movies, documentaries, catechetical material to help you understand the Catholic faith. Some of the movies on lives of saints are very good.

With the controversy over the USA's news on Roe Vs Wade, perhaps its good to listen to the 50 minutes video "Changing Sides" available on FORMED. It is about the true story of a dedicated Planned Parenthood director, Abby Johnson, who eventually became a pro-life activist: <https://watch.formed.org/changing-sides/videos/changing-sides>

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1-10

Next year your wife Sarah will have a son

Psalm Response:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:24-28

A mystery hidden for generations has been revealed to God's saints

GOSPEL: Luke 10:38-42

Martha works; Mary listens



HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

720 Be Still for the Present of the Lord

909 Be Still and Know

340 My Soul Proclaims You Mighty God
(Vs 1 & 5 only)

THE ORDINATION OF REV. MONTY BAMFORD to the Order of Priests will be on Saturday 16th July 2022 at 11.00am at the St Mary's pro Cathedral, 373 Manchester Street. He has personally invited all parishioners.

LIVESTREAM OF THE ORDINATION will be available via this link: <https://vimeo.com/729020112> Originally there was to be a community viewing at Amberley Hall, but several people involved are sick

Fr Monty will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving, in our parish:

- + **Sunday 24th July, Hawarden*** (including Fr Michael Guthrie, ordained for Diocese of Westminster, U.K)
- + **Saturday 3rd September, Hanmer Springs & Culverden**
- + **Sunday 4th September, Amberley (1st Sunday's cuppa)** (Cheviot likely to be by another priest if arrangements are successful, to allow him to have a cuppa in Amberley. It'll probably be covered by another priest as Fr M intends to take his Annual leave the whole of September)

DONATION to Father-to-be: As he is from our parish, it would be nice to give him a gift as was done during his ordination to the Diaconate. If you want to give him something for his ordination to the priesthood, you can send it through the parish. It is important that you identify it in the transaction details with "FRMONTY". Parish Account is [CDOC Hurunui Parish](mailto:CDOC.Hurunui@parish.org), 03-1592-0522332-20

HEARTS AFLAME SUMMER SCHOOL:

Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 30/12/22 until 8 / 01 / 23! You can register at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration or find out more at our website or on our social media.

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If you still have not signed up, and just want it check it out: go to <https://formed.org/>

JOHN PAUL II CENTER FOR LIFE RACE NITE - The JP2 Racenight is back. Friday September 2nd in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway for an evening of fun and help support the work of the JP2 Centre for Life. Tickets are \$60 per person which includes entry and a two course meal with cash bar available. Contact Maria on info@jp2.org.nz or 022 503 9249 to reserve your ticket now.

DEDICATION TO MARY: The Community of the Beatitudes warmly invites you to the Sanctuary of Fourvière on Saturday 23rd July for a morning dedicated to Mary. The morning begins at 10 am with the rosary, a talk by Fr Allan Jones SM, procession with an icon of St Peter Chanel, and Holy Mass. We will pledge ourselves to our beautiful Mother, Mary - imitating the first missionaries who brought the gospel to our shores. Bring a plate to share at our potluck lunch which will conclude the morning. For more information, contact Thomas at 022 606 2538

ENCOUNTER JESUS - A prayer, praise and healing evening. Thursday 21st July at the St Joseph's Pastoral Centre, Vagues Road. Starting at 7pm. All welcome. For more info please contact Judith on 027 261 5655 or Brendan on 027 480 6960

MEMORIAL MASS FOR FR FRANK KELLY will be held on Saturday 23 July at 11:00am at Christ the King Church, 90 Greers Road, Burnside, Christchurch. All are very welcome to attend.

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VOCATIONS: Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien at vocations.chch@gmail.com

Saints of the Week

St Lawrence of Brindisi - 21st July: (1559-1619), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Capuchin Friar, great preacher and theologian, linguist, Papal Nuncio to Bavaria.

Mary Magdalene - July 22nd July : Mary was with our Lord in His public ministry. Scripture Scholars cannot agree if she is the same unnamed woman, a sinner, who washed the feet of Our Lord with here hair in the Gospel of John. What is more important is what she did in her subsequent life after her encounter with Our Lord. She gives us an example of how God's grace extends to every one.

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