



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiau | Hanmer Springs  
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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time    Year C    7 August 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 too must stand ready

At the time the Scriptures were written, the threat of paganism was not quite as damaging as the apathy and materialism which pervade all our societies today. At least, in those times, "pagans" still believed in some kind of god. Conscious of the new paganism of our time, Pope St John Paul II, in 2002, addressed youths getting ready for World Youth Day (in Toronto) with the words like:

- "Do not be content with anything less than the highest ideals!"
- "Do not let yourselves be dispirited by those who are disillusioned with life, and have grown deaf to the deepest and most authentic desires of their heart,"
- "You are right to be disappointed with hollow entertainment and passing fads, and with aiming at too little in life,"
- "If you have an ardent desire for the Lord, you will steer clear of the mediocrity and conformism so widespread in our society."
- "In this secularized age, when many of our contemporaries think and act as if God did not exist, or are attracted to irrational forms of religion, it is you, dear young people, who must show that faith is a personal decision that involves your whole life." .....
- "Our personal encounter with Christ bathes life in new light, sets us on the right path, and sends us out to be his witnesses."

In effect, the Pope calls youth to become missionaries in today's society. He offers them the following advice:

- Study the Word of God and let it enlighten your minds and hearts.
- Draw strength from the sacramental grace of reconciliation and the Eucharist. Visit the Lord in that 'heart to heart' contact that is Eucharistic Adoration.
- Bring comfort to the suffering and peace to the world," as "many people are wounded by life: They are excluded from economic progress, and are without a home, a family, a job; there are people who are lost in a world of false illusions, or have abandoned all hope.

The Pope's message is timeless, and it is for all of us, not just youth people. We too must stand ready (Luke 12:32-48) keeping our lamps burning and be constantly watchful during this historical era of our time. Let the Gospel be the measure and guide of our lives decision and plans.

**Blessings, Fr Michael**

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: Wisdom 18:6-9

*You made us glorious by calling us to you*

#### Psalm Response:

Happy the people the Lord  
has chosen to be his own.

#### SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

*Abraham looked forward to a city founded,  
designed and built by God*

#### GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-48

*You too must stand ready*



### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

830 Church's One Foundation  
883 Christ Be Our Light  
355 I'll Sing a Hymn to Mary

**KALEVALE** is on this Sunday (7 August). Parishioners in Amberley have a cup of tea after the 9.00am Mass in Amberley. It is a time to mingle and catch up with friends and to reach out to visitors or newly arrived parishioners. During the cuppa, a mini raffle is run and the proceeds go to support the mission of the the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary in Kalevale (hence the name). Sadly the Parish Priest has to rush off!



**PARISH GATHERING 2022!**

The parish gathering that was intended in June will now be held in October.  
**Sunday 30 October**

**Hawarden**

**Please put in your diary now, to be part of our parish community getting together for fun, food and for enjoying each others company, talents, cultural richness....** Please put in your **diary** now, and make an effort to come together to this parish event, and reach out to others: remember, a parish can also be a lonely place for some. With this space!

**Apologies:** *Those who are astute picked up that 30th October is the 5th weekend, and it means Mass will be in Waiau and not Hawarden - This issue is being dealt with, and will be clarified in the next newsletter, but the date and Venue is correct - its a question of Fr Michael finding a priest to cover Waiau, or getting permission to have Mass in Hawarden instead of Waiau that weekend)*

**MASS OF THANKSGIVING** will be celebrated by Fr Monty Bamford in our parish:

- + **Saturday 3rd September, Hanmer Springs & Culverden**
- + **Sunday 4th September, Amberley (1st Sunday's cuppa)**  
(Cheviot by Fr Prendeville to allow Fr Monty to mingle and have a cuppa in Amberley. Fr M intends to take his Annual leave the whole of September)

**CONGRATULATIONS** to James and Michael Allison whose baptisms are in Cheviot this Sunday. Please remember them in your prayers.



**CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND** - Free Access to All Parishioners

Its not too late to sign up.

go to <https://formed.org/> It will give you lots of good Catholic material: Movies, documentaries, catechetical material to help you understand the Catholic faith. If you are not on the Parish mail-out, just make contact via email, and you will be guided on how to sign up for FREE.

Suggested viewing this week - A series on the Eucharist called "PRESENCE". Episode 1 starts with "God is With us". This would be a good series to watch as a group of family and to have a discussion afterwards. <https://watch.formed.org/presence/season:1/videos/god-is-with-us>

**INVEST IN CHRISTMAS JOY** through a Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account. It allows you to enjoy the peace and joy that the birth of Jesus brings without unnecessary stress at what is often a busy and expensive time of year. Your savings are available from 1 December in time for Christmas celebrations or even summer holiday expenses. Let your account earn interest for you while doing good within our community. Contact: 0800 403 863 or [www.cdf.org.nz](http://www.cdf.org.nz)

**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](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com)

**SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**8 August: St Mary of the Cross** (better known to us as *St Mary McKillop*), 1842-1909. Founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. She established schools and Australia, and she was in NZ too. Pope Benedict XVI canonised her on 17th October 2010, the first Australian to be canonised. In the NZ/Australia liturgical Calendar, she pushed St Dominic's feast day on the Universal calendar to a different day!

**9 August: St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein): 1891-1942.** She was born into a practising Jewish family, and had a career as a distinguished philosopher, with a Doctorate from the University of Freiburg. After reading the autobiography of St teresa of Avila, she became a Catholic. Later she join the Carmelites. On 20 July 1942, the Dutch Bishops' Conference had a statement condemning Nazism read out in all churches. In retaliation, the authorities had all Jewish converts to Christianity arrested. St Teresa died in Aushwitz Concentration Camp. (*Jealous???* Fr M attended the canonisation Mass!!)

**10 Aug: St Laurence, ?-258.** Deacon and Martyr. He was one of the 7 deacons in Rome, and was executed four days after Pope Sixtus II. It was a time when the Roman empire charged Christians as having "ODIUM HUMANI GENERIS" or, having the hatred of the human race!. He presented to the emperor Valerian, who wanted the properties owned by Christians, the 'real' gold and silver of the Church: the poor!. He was burnt alive. A basilica was built over his tomb.

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