



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

11 September 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)

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All three readings for this Sunday focus attention on Divine forgiveness. Each reading considers this notion from a somewhat different angle. In the Gospel, God seeks out sinners like the shepherd who seeks the single lost sheep, the woman who searches for the one lost coin, and the father who runs out to embrace the prodigal son. We cannot begin to understand forgiveness until we begin to love. Love and forgiveness are two sides of the same coin. This love, taken to the extreme, sees the Divine One giving us Himself in the Eucharist. This love, taken to the extreme, also sees Him giving us the very sacrament that takes away our sins – the sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. All we have to do is to confess our sins with a contrite heart before a priest.

Remember, it is God who seeks us before we begin to think about seeking Him. May He find us responding.

Blessing, Fr Michael

FORMED

Catholic Resource online: www.formed.org

If you are a parishioner, please go to the website and sign up. The parish has paid for all parishioners to have access for free. Faith seeks understanding. Through FORMED, you have access to good Catholic material: movies, podcast, movies, books... (See next page for Community Screening at Amberley next Sunday)

Recommended for this week: podcast by Dr Scott Hahn, based on his bestselling book: "The Lamb's Supper". In the book Dr Hahn reveals the early Christians' key to understanding the Mass through the Book of Revelation. See the Mass from a new perspective, and pray the Liturgy with a renewed heart, and enter the Mass more fully and enthusiastically!

<https://watch.formed.org/the-lamb-s-supper-by-dr-scott-hahn/videos/the-lamb-s-supper-by-dr-scott-hahn>

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened

Psalm Response:

I will rise and go to my father

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-32

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HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(Please note that the hymns may change on the day)

970 Be Thou my Vision

842 Come Back to Me

365 Immaculate Mary (Vs 1 & 8 only)

21st ANNIVERSARY of 9/11 is this Sunday. It is a day we must always pray for those who perished, and for peace and harmony in the world. Here are some Statistics to remind us: There were 2,977 fatal victims, 2,753 were killed in the World Trade Center and the surrounding area, 184 at the Pentagon, and 40 in Pennsylvania. These deaths included 265 on the four planes. Two decades after 9/11, its effect is still being felt today as trauma and exposure to toxic air following the event continues to surface. Over 80,000 first responders registered with the World Trade Centre Health Registry for health monitoring, treatment and support.

FR MICHAEL IS ON ANNUAL LEAVE from Tuesday 30 August till Thursday 29th September. 7.00am weekday Masses will resume at Amberley upon his return on Thursday 29th September (his feast day!). In case of emergency, please try the Waimakariri Parish or Fr Dan Doyle (from next Sunday). Fr Dan covers the last 3 weekends of September. Please make the supply priests welcome.

AMBERLEY CHURCH We are **desperately** seeking one more volunteer to help with cleaning of our church. Please contact M. Bimler on 027 693 0501.

PARISH COMMUNITY 'MOVIE' Please join us as part of our Parish get-together to watch the movie: "The Forth Wise Man". Sunday 18th September, 4.00pm. Amberley Parish HALL. Bring POPEcorn to share! Check out the trailer via this link: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ujzq-6xizBU>

IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL When admitted to the hospital, make sure that someone register you as a Catholic. Due to privacy laws, some hospitals do not provide names of Catholic patients to our Catholic Chaplains. If a patient or a family wishes to see the Catholic hospital chaplain please ask the ward staff to contact the Catholic chaplain.

NEXT SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP DATES:

- Tuesday 13th September at 9.30am – Sacred Heart Addington/South Parish
- Tuesday 13th September at 1.30pm – Sacred Heart Addington/South Parish
- Wednesday 14th September at 7pm – St Peters, Beckenham, 11 Fisher Avenue/South Parish

Anyone in the Parish who is involved in any volunteering role who have not yet attended a Safeguard Workshop (*or have not done so in the last 2 years*) should attend. You do not need to RSVP, just turn up and sign in. There is an option to register your attendance in advance on this link should you wish to: <https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/safe-church/safeguarding-course-registration/> Contact: Clodagh via email cward@cdoc.nz or 022 0124142

ENCOUNTER JESUS EVENING An evening of Prayer and praise with an opportunity for personal healing prayer. To be held at the St Joseph's Parish Centre, Vagues Road, Papanui on Thursday 15th September at 7pm. All welcome. For further information please contact Judith 027 261 5655.

MARCH FOR LIFE is happening again this year on Saturday, 17th September 2022. Gathering together at Victoria Square in Christchurch at 1pm. March begins at 2pm. For further details please see flyers at the back of the Church or head to the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeChristchurch/

MASS FOR LIFE AND JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE AGM The JP II Centre is hosting a Mass for Life on Friday September 23rd at 7pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Come and join us in prayer that the sanctity of life will be upheld. Mass will be followed by drinks and nibbles in the Narthex. During this time of socialising the JP II Centre will hold its Annual General Meeting. All are welcome. For more info, please contact Maria 022 503 9249 or info@jp2.org.nz

FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK 13 September: St John Chrysostom (349 - 407)

He was born in Antioch. After a thorough education, he took up the ascetic life. He was ordained to the priesthood, and became a fruitful and effective preacher.

He was elected Patriarch of Constantinople in 397, and was energetic in reforming the ways of the clergy and the laity alike. He incurred the displeasure of the Emperor and was twice forced into exile. When the second exile, to Armenia, had lasted three years, it was decided that he should be sent still further away, but he died on the journey, worn out by his hardships.

His sermons and writings did much to explain the Catholic faith and to encourage the living of the Christian life: his eloquence earned him the surname "Chrysostom" (the Greek for "golden mouth").



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