



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiiau | Hanmer Springs
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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 Waiiau
(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)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

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You cannot be slave of both and money

In the Gospel (Luke 16:1-13, or 16:10-13), we read of the steward, or an 'employee', who lost his job because he squandered the goods and talents entrusted to him by his master. Before news of his dismissal becomes public, he strikes a deal with his master's debtor, to win favour from them.

At first glance, Our Lord seems to praise the steward for his dishonesty, but on closer observation, we find that the steward is actually being commended for his shrewdness. He grasps his critical situation and acts with foresight, with vision.

The parable emphasises a single point; that we should be shrewd enough to make proper use of our worldly wealth, while we *still have time*, for our eternal salvation. Our Lord says (verse 9); "...use money, tainted as it is, to win friends, and thus makes sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you **in the tents of eternity**". In simple language it would be something like; '...use wisely, the wealth entrusted to you, and secure your salvation in the **eternal** Kingdom of God'. Our Lord's concern is that we spend as much foresight and energy on spiritual matters, which have **eternal** consequences, as we do with earthly wealth which only have earthly consequences. He ends his parable so eloquently with the words: "No servant can be the slave of two masters... You cannot be the slave both of God and money".

God bless

Fr Michael



(P/s - reminder, next Sunday put your clock one hour ahead for Daylight savings!)



Māori Language Week – Te Wiki o te Reo Māori
As Part of Maori Language week, you may wish to learn the Lord's Prayer in Maori. Here is a link to a video of Pa Peter Tipene of the Auckland Diocese teaching it:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU1GNEV0hYY>

(see next page also)

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Amos 8:4-7

*I will never forget your deeds,
you who trample on the needy*

Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

*Pray for everyone to God,
who wants everyone to be saved*

GOSPEL: Luke 16:1-13

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HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

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

883 Christ Be Our Light

820 Seek Ye First

Ka Waiata

Ka waiata kia Maria

Hine i whakaae

Whakameatia mai

te whare tangata

Hine purotu, hine ngakau

Hine rangimarie, ko te whaea

Ko te whaea, O Te Ao (o Te Ao)

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.

THIS WEEKEND! 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.

CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE Fr Michael's **FORMED** Recommended viewing for this week is something light and interesting: the Swiss Guards! It is a 50min doco on the smallest army in the world serving the smallest country in the world, the Vatican. The video is titled: "Soldiers of the Pope". <https://watch.formed.org/soldiers-of-the-pope-1/videos/soldiers-of-the-pope-1>

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK

New Zealand has its very own language, Māori! Along with English and NZSL (New Zealand Sign Language), te reo Māori is has been an official language of Aotearoa since 1987. Every year Māori Language Week is held to promote the indigenous language and celebrate the culture. Kiwis are encouraged to learn some te reo Māori and are given the chance to experience the culture with events scheduled around the country.

Did you know that certain Maori phrases used in the Catholic Church of Aotearoa New Zealand are specific to our use, and differ from those translations in other Maori-English translation? This is because many original Maori words by our Catholic tupuna were originally derived from Latin, and not English? Check out this resource <https://pndiocese.org.nz/maori/glossary/>

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight saving starts at 2 am on Sunday 25 September 2022 when clocks go forward 1 hour.



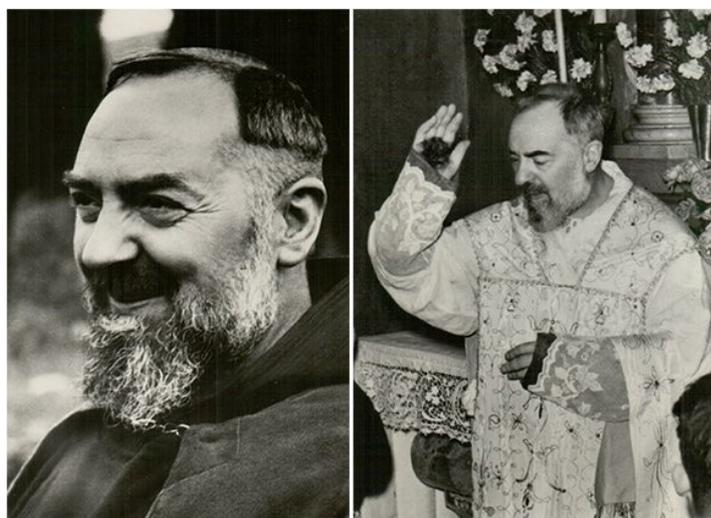
COVID RESTRICTIONS LIFTED In response to the Government removing most Covid-19 requirements along with the "traffic light" system this week, the New Zealand Bishops have lifted all liturgical restrictions regarding Covid. They have issued an "enthusiastic invitation for all Catholics of Aotearoa New Zealand to return to full and active participation in Sunday Mass" The full statement can be read [here](#)



FEAST DAY OF THE WEEK

23 September: St Pio of Pietrelcina (1887-1968).

He was born in the small village of Pietrelcina in southern Italy, and joined the Capuchin friars at the age of 16. He became a priest seven years later, and spent fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was very much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. Many miracles were popularly ascribed to him during his lifetime. He died a few days after the fiftieth anniversary of his receiving the stigmata, and over 100,000 people attended his funeral.



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