

Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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 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)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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2 October 2022



Increase Our Faith.....

I have always been fond of the opening paragraph of this Sunday's Gospel passage (Luke 17:5-10);

"The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you."

How do we really quantify our faith? An 'ounce", or the "size of a mustard seed"? If we could quantify it, I think it would be more in its 'quality' than in 'quantity' – but, even then, how do we measure it? The point is, even with the little faith we have, God can still work wonders. Thus, the Apostles' request should always be ours: "Lord, increase our faith". All we need is to have at least some faith that God is with us, cares for us, and loves us.....and God plays His part.

Blessings

Fr Michael

FORMED

Catholic Resource on-line. Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week:

"St Francis of Assisi - Sign of Contradiction". It is a video that is just over an hour. With St Francis' feast day coming up on Tuesday 4 October, its an opportune time to discover the impact he had on our faith, and the world. Just type the words "St Francis" in the search and you should find it. It would be nice to hear your feedback. (*Read also the bottom of the back page*)



SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4
The upright man will live by his faithfulness

Psalm Response:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14 *Never be ashamed of witnessing to our Lord*

GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10 Increase our faith

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

601 Praise to The Lord416 When Love is Found

Mo Maria

Mo Maria aianei O tatou waiata; kia kaha ra tatou, kia nui te aroha.

For Mary now Our songs Let us be strong Let there be great love

Aroha ki te Atua Aroha ki a Maria I te Rangi, i te whenua āke tonu, āke tonu.

Love God, Love Mary In heaven and on earth Forever and ever

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

KALEVALE is on this Sunday (7 August) after 9.00am Mass in Amberley. It is a time for a free cuppa, and 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!

Sunday 30 October Hawarden

Its now October, and soon it will be our Parish Gathering. 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 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.

(NOTE: 30th October is the 5th weekend of the month, and it means Mass would normally be in Waiau and not Hawarden - However, on this occasion, we are cancelling Waiau, and having Mass in Hawarden instead (@10.30am), two Sundays in a row (i.e. 23 October and 30 October)

Food & Drink

Bring some food and drink to share. Parish will provide a Filipino delicacy, a small suckling pig ('Lechon').

Fun and sharing Talents

Karaoke, cultural items - please start thinking of what you can share. Let's show each other that Hurunui's Got Talent!

Chairs & Trestles

Please if anyone could help with bringing trestles, gazebos and seatings

PARISH'S 24 HOUR ADORATION COMING UP -

1st weekend of Advent. Watch this space.

PARISHIONERS are encouraged to register their names on the parish roll - simply by emailing or texting Fr Michael with the details . Any baptised Catholic living within the parish boundary is technically a parishioner! It is the start to have some connection with the parish, and from there, perhaps even invite Fr Michael around for a cuppa. You can also receive parish news via email-outs, and the free 'subscription' to FORMED (Catholic resource online)

HOLY COMMUNION ON THE TONGUE - Now that the Bishops have lifted all liturgical restrictions in response to the Government's removing of most Covid-19 requirements, we priests can relax a bit more from the pressure of those who expect us to publicly defy the Bishops' rulings, and those who complain that we risk their compromised health! Yay!. More and more normality ahead..... However, there are people in the parish community who have compromised health. Fr Michael is suggesting that, as far as possible, that those who want to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, to try and be at the end of the queue for Holy Communion. It's just a small consideration to others who would otherwise feel at Holy Communion from the chalice will be restored sometime in the future.

TALKS ON ST IRENAEUS OF LYONS, Newly declared Doctor of the Church. On October 15th, 9.00am at Sanctuary of Fourvière. Speakers include: Dr Robert Loretz and Fr Pierre-Marie Soubeyrand CB. There will be two morning talks followed by Mass and lunch (POTLUCK with hangi style meals available for sale). Koha welcome for the day. More information: Michael 021 825 955 or Thomas apostolate@fourviere.nz

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

4 October: St St Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226. St. Francis of Assisi, Founder of the Franciscan orders of the Friars Minor, the women's Order of St. Clare (the Poor Clares), and the lay Third Order. He was also a leader of the movement of evangelical poverty in the early 13th century. His evangelical zeal, consecration to poverty, charity, and personal charisma drew thousands of followers. Francis's devotion to the humanity of Jesus and his desire to follow Jesus' example reflected and reinforced important developments in medieval spirituality. He started to practice of setting up a crib in the Church for Christmas. Known in Italy also as the 'Poverello' (Poor Little Man, he is one of the most venerated religious figures in Roman Catholic history, and he and St Catherine of Siena are the patron saints of Italy. In 1979 Pope St John Paul II recognized him as the patron saint of ecology. Pope Francis took on the name 'Francis' because of him.