



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

25 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)

### Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.

In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 16:19-31) Lazarus' plight presented a rich man with an opportunity to use his wealth in the service of those less fortunate. The rich man, obviously did not care, and in death, goes to Hades and is in torment. Facing the torment, he wanted his brothers on earth to be warned. But as Abraham said, spiritual truth can only reach those who are open to conviction.

Here is some disturbing facts as food for thought:

- The total wealth of the three richest individuals in the world equals the gross national product of about 50 of the poorest nations.
- Elon Musk earns US\$383 million per day while over 1 billion people are living on less than a dollar a day.
- Eighty-Eight Percent of all internet users live in industrial countries, while 2 billion people still lack electricity.



These are out dated statistics, and the incredible gulf between the two extremes grows wider each year. We in New Zealand are really the lucky ones. We have much to thank God for the blessings we have, much conversion of heart to achieve, and a lot of praying to do for God's mercy. More importantly, we must not forget the Lazarus story.

May God have mercy on us.

Fr Michael

*P/s: I know..... Absence makes the heart grow fonder!! I'll be back on the 29th November - see you at 7.00am Morning Mass in Amberley*



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

"CHOSEN - How Christ Sent Twenty-three Surprised Converts to Replant His Vineyard". This is a book, and on the web-site you can listen to someone reading it. It is 17 hours, but you can pause for next time. Just type the title in the search.

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Amos 6:1,4-7**

*Woe to those who live in luxury*

**Psalms Response:**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**

*Do all that you have been told, until the  
Appearing of the Lord*

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**

*Dives and Lazarus*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

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

**883** Christ be our light

**820** Seek Ye First

**356** Hail Queen of heaven



**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.

**THANK YOU** to those who responded to the call out for Amberley church volunteers! If anyone else is interested in helping in your area of the parish, please let Fr Michael know.



*“Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”*

*1 John 3:18*

**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.

**CANTABRIANS MARCH TO DEFEND RIGHT TO LIFE** Right to Life commends the estimated 450 Cantabrians who peacefully marched from Victoria Square in Christchurch on Saturday 17th September, to express their support for a culture of life and opposition to a culture of death. To also support legislation that will give legal recognition to the unborn child as a human being from conception and endowed by our Creator with an inalienable right to life. For further pro-life information refer to [www.righttolife.org.nz](http://www.righttolife.org.nz)

**GOLDEN CATHOLICS** Christ the King, 11 am Friday, 7 October Join Bishop Michael and senior parishioners for Mass before hearing about the Bishop’s latest visit to Rome to participate in the ‘Seminar for New Bishops.’ A light lunch will follow in the Parish Centre. Numbers are limited, so please RSVP for catering purposes: email [receptionists@cdoc.nz](mailto:receptionists@cdoc.nz) or telephone 03) 366 9869.

**THE CATHOLIC SHOP IS NOW ONLINE!** Visit our online store and browse over 1,000 products across rosaries, books, jewellery, statues, crucifixes, candles, bibles and much more. We ship nationwide so it’s perfect for buying gifts to celebrate sacraments, birthdays and festive times of the year. Visit [www.thecatholicshop.nz](http://www.thecatholicshop.nz) and shop a great range of gifts and church supplies from the comfort of home.

**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](#)

**ABLAZE PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE** Registrations are now open for Ablaze! The conference being held on Friday **4th November** (evening) and Saturday 5th November 2022 will be THE place to be as we look at parish renewal. Ablaze will include great keynote speakers, workshops, worship and time to connect with others from across the whole diocese. The cost is \$99 per person and registrations can now be made on our [Ablaze website, www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze). Spaces are limited so register now!

**FEAST DAYS & SAINTS FOR THE WEEK**

**27 September: St Vincent de Paul, priest, 1581-1660.** In NZ we associate St Vincent de Paul with the society that is named after him. (It was actually started by 7 people, including Frederick Ozanam!) However what the Society does, and stands for, speak of St Vincent’s life. His was one that was devoted to the service of the poor. He founded a congregation of priests for missionary work and a group of lay-men to help paupers, and with St Louise de Marillac, found the Sisters of Charity.

**29 September: Feast of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael.**

The word, "angel," comes from the Greek word, "aggelos," which means, "messenger." The Bible recognises "nine choirs" of angels, each with its own name and purpose. There is also mention of seven archangels in the Bible, leaders amongst their kind and entrusted by God with special duties. Just three are known by name, Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael. Michael = "One who is like God", Gabriel = "God is my strength" and Raphael = "God is my health".

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