



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 15 January 2023

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
(Closed 1 Jan - 2 Feb)

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday
7am Amberley

Tuesday - Saturday
12pm Sanctuary of
Fourvière, Leithfield
(Closed 1 Jan - 2 Feb)

Reconciliation

By Appointment
or before Mass
(but not the last 5 Minutes!)

Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall

Behold the Lamb of God!



In the Biblical account in the Book of Exodus, the blood of the sacrificial lamb was put on the doorposts of the People of God, and death 'pass over' their household – but not of that of the Egyptians who had enslaved them; their firstborn perished. It was the event that liberated the People of God from their bondage to the Egyptians.

Ever since that event, the People of God celebrated the Passover feast as a memorial. This was the Last

Supper feast that Jesus celebrated as He instituted the Mass. The true bondage in life is sin, and with sin, comes death. We could say, that the Exodus account was a preparation, and an anticipation of the true liberation from the bondage/enslavement to sin. To be delivered from that, we need the true sacrificial lamb – the Lamb of God that can take away the sins of the world! And that is exactly what John the Baptist said when he pointed his followers to Jesus: "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!". They are also the exact words the priest says as he holds up the consecrated hosts that is the body of Christ, broken for us – Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb that takes away the sins of the world. The celebration of the Mass makes present again (re-"present") the one and the same sacrifice of Christ at Calvary – to take away our sins, to give us life.....

May we respond with true humility: "Lord I am not worthy....." and always come before Him asking for mercy.

Blessings, Fr Michael

P/s: Be warned!!!. Several scammers have been sending email pretending to be me. Please check the actual email address masked by my name.



SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:3,5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth

Psalm Response:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace

GOSPEL: John 1:29-34

"Behold, the Lamb of God"

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(Use Hymnal)

100 Come, Thou long expected Jesus
(tune: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus)

94 On Jordan's Bank

356 Hail Queen of Heaven (1 vs only)

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: 24m video, "Baptism and Confirmation". Since we will be preparing people for the Sacrament of Confirmation, its good to watch this interesting video. Furthermore the Gospel for this Sunday is about John the Baptist. (Search the word "Baptism and Confirmation" on www.formed.org).

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

The Hurunui Parish of the Good Shepherd will be offering to prepare candidates to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on the Vigil of Pentecost (Saturday 27 May). Bishop Michael Gielen will be administering the Sacrament. The preparatory sessions and Mass will be at Culverden because there was a larger number of candidates showing interest from the town. Registration forms are in the Church foyer and the parish website. www.catholichurunui.nz



(The registration form makes more sense if its printed as 'Landscape, double sided, & folded into A5)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

2023 This year the parish is again offering a programme to prepare children for their first Holy Communion. Enrolment closes 23rd January: the forms have been emailed out to those who are on the parish e-mail out, and printed copies are in Amberley and Culverden Churches. Parents and parishioners may be asked to assist Fr Michael with the programme.



SHOWING SOLIDARITY Sometime we do not know how lucky we are living in NZ. Taranaki's Br Peter Bray FSC who is the vice chancellor of Bethlehem University in Jerusalem, in his Christmas video, asks New Zealanders to contemplate what they can do to stand in solidarity with the Palestinians in a peaceful struggle; a struggle in which for students, "to exist is to resist" by going through Israeli checkpoints just to attend the university. Check out the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayL3LUyRgw8> The NZ bishops have invited Br Peter to make a speaking tour of NZ from 24 January to 8 February. Details later...

EPIPHANY QUIZ!! Answers below:

1. Leonardo da Vinci.
2. St Matthew's
3. The number of Magi/Wisemen were not given in the Gospel - just 'plural' (i.e. more than one). However, traditions refer to '3' because of the 3 gifts.
4. Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar
5. Manifestation, or 'to manifest', to show to the rest of the nations, God who is incarnated a man.
6. Theophany
7. 6 January
8. From the East
9. In a dream
10. Hmmm, if you had to look it up it means you did not pay attention to the Psalm during Mass! "*Kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts*"
11. In Psalms 71(72) there is mention of the Kings of which nations who will pay tribute to Jesus and bring Him gifts?
12. Presumably on camels.
13. Hump-free!! (Hymprey, get it?). (P/s His distant relation sat on the wall, and fell...)

Anna Clayton was again the first to enter. She received a few Christmas Santa for both (Christmas Quiz too) her effort. Entries received also from Angie and Anita Mones-Cazon.

QUIZ 3! JOHN THE BAPTIST!!! Prize? Brownie points in heaven..... and maybe something more.

- 1) How much older was John the Baptist than Our Lord Jesus? How did you figure it out?
- 2) Who was his father and mother?
- 3) The place where John baptised Jesus is today located in which country?
- 4) Why was John beheaded?
- 5) How many major feast days are there for John the Baptist in the Liturgical Calendar of the Church? Name them.
- 6) What did John the Baptist eat for food?
- 7) In which Gospel did John the Baptist said that Jesus existed before him? And how many times did he say this?
- 8) At which parts (plural!) of the Mass do priest utters John's words?
- 9) When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask John, "Who are you?", what did he declare?
- 10) Who were the two people named in the Gospel, who were originally two of John's disciples who became followers of Jesus?
- 11) If John the Baptist owns an electronic franchise business, which one would it likely to be? !!!!!