



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 **The Beatitudes,**
Leithfield

Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday
7am Amberley

Tuesday - Saturday
12pm **The Beatitudes,**
Leithfield

Reconciliation

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

Rosary

Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A 26 March 2023

I am the Resurrection and the life

As our Lenten journey advances towards Holy Week, more and more, the Gospel passage for each Sunday in Lent sheds light on the Mission of Jesus. This Sunday we are presented with the Gospel passage (John 11:1-45) in which Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. It is an illustration of His claim: "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die". The new life of the new covenant is given to the world through Him. It is His sacrifice that will save the world, and it is His Resurrection that will bring in eternal life which is available to all those who believe in Him. But believing demands that we hope, and hoping demands that we love. To attain eternal life, we must participate in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus, and that is what we do at Mass. Perhaps the words of St Irenaeus, a second century Church father is very poignant:

"Just as bread that comes from the earth, after God's blessing has been invoked upon it, is no longer ordinary bread, but Eucharist, formed of two things, the one earthly and the other heavenly: so too our bodies, which partake of the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, but possess the hope of resurrection" (Adv. Haeres. 4,18).



Psalm 27 ends with the great prayer of hope in the resurrection: *I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!* May it also be our prayer and hope.

Praise to Your Lord Jesus Christ, **Fr Michael**

P/s Fr Michael will be reading a letter from the Bishop at this weekend Masses.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12-14
I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live

Psalm Response:
With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-11
The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you

GOSPEL: John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45
I am the resurrection and the life

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(Hymnal)

198 We Rise Again from Ashes
780 Be Still My Soul



In LENT, let us depart Mass in silence as part our "fasting" or self-denial.

Use the silence also as a means to recover the sense of sacredness of the space, and allowing those who want to hear God's voice better, an opportunity to do so.

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: "Episode 72: The Tears of God". Jesus weeps for Lazarus, Jerusalem and sin..... " This is a video discussion between 3 Franciscan Friars on the tears of Jesus, including crying for Lazarus (this Sunday's Gospel. Search for it in "www.formed.org."

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, FRIDAYS OF LENT

This coming Friday is the last Friday before Good Friday to join parishioners in a communitarian exercise of praying/walking the Stations: **Amberley @5.30pm** and **Culverden @5.00pm**. A different set of reflection and prayers are used each time.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The third Preparatory Session is on this 1st April. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES - Please pick up your envelopes if you support the parish via Planned Giving or Direct Debit. Those who contribute via Direct Debiting also have a set of "Special Envelopes" for occasions that do not occur on Sunday.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE together with the explanation of the TRIDUUM, i.e. Good Friday, Holy Thursday and Easter Vigil, will be handed out when you come to Mass this weekend. For those who receive the Parish e-mailout, you were sent an electronic copy last week. If you are attending Holy Week elsewhere, check out the times in other parishes in the Diocesan Website: www.chchcatholic.nz

RECONCILIATION - Below are opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The idea being, that one is reconciled before the Holy Triduum:

- 31st March, Friday **Cheviot** (Hall) - 1.00-2.00pm
- 4th April, Tuesday **Amberley** (Church) - 7.00pm
- 5th April, Wednesday **Hanmer** (Flat) - 3.30 - 4.30pm
- 5th April, Wednesday **Culverden** (Ch) - 5.00-6.00pm

DIVINE MERCY Sunday Annual Celebration is at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on **Sunday 16th April**. Mass will be at 4.30 pm celebrated by Bishop Michael Gielen, preceded by confessions at 2.30pm and Chaplet of Mercy at 3pm. Contact; Pat Barrett 03 359 2087

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2023




THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI

Monday, 3rd April
7.30pm **Christchurch, St Mary's Pro Cathedral, CHRISM MASS.** NB: No 7.00am Mass @ Amberley

Tuesday & Wednesday, 4th & 5th April
7.00am **Amberley, Holy Mass**

Holy Thursday, 6th April
7.00pm **Amberley, EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** NB: No 7.00am Mass @ Amberley
Silent Prayer before the Altar of Repose (Hall) until 10.00pm

Good Friday 7th April
3.00pm **Amberley, CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION** NB: No 7.00am Mass @ Amberley
Amberley: 10.00am Stations of the Cross (@ Catholic Church of Holy Passion)
Cheviot: TBA Ecumenical Service (@ St John's, Anglican Church)

Holy Saturday 8th April
7.00pm **Culverden, EASTER VIGIL MASS** NB: No 7.00am Mass @ Amberley

Easter Sunday 9th April
9.00am **Amberley, EASTER SUNDAY MASS**
8.30am **Hanmer Springs, EASTER SUNDAY MASS**
11.00am **Cheviot, EASTER SUNDAY MASS** NB: No 5.00pm Mass at Hanmer

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP, Wednesday 29th March at 7pm-8.30pm – St Marys Pro Cathedral, Manchester St. Venue: Assisi Lounge. Volunteers in all parishes, including ours, are required to attend. Later, there will be a workshop held locally. It is recommended that if you have not been to a Safeguarding Workshop in the last two years that you attend this updated safeguarding workshop. People who are not volunteers but would like to know about safeguarding, are very welcome to attend to understand what safeguarding is in practice for our everyday lives. Just turn up and sign in. Contact: Clodagh Ward, email: cward@cdoc.nz Mobile: 022 0124142

CHRISM MASS will be celebrated at the Pro-Cathedral. It is the Mass where the Oils are Blessed by the Bishop. (Oil of Chrism, Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens) Mass in Amberley, and Fr Michael would appreciate it if parishioners could attend the CHRISM Mass as a way of showing support to the priests who will renew their vows.

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