



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of EASTER

Year C

1 May 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)

It is the Lord!....

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples returned to their daily life as fishermen. Life went back to normality for them despite witnessing an incredible and life changing event. In some ways, they were like St Thomas who wavered in his belief (last week's Gospel), or that the routine of daily-life put them back on the path of complacency. The earlier appearances of the Lord did not seem to sustain them. And yet again, Our Lord appeared to them: this time, the beloved disciple, St John the Evangelist, exclaimed: *'It is the Lord'*. All these happened in the midst of fishing – earning a living!

The Gospel message is a timely reminder that sometimes we forget that Our Lord comes to us through our daily work and activities, and that as people of faith, our lives are meant to have been changed by our faith.

May we recognised our Lord's presence in our lives, in others, and most especially in the consecrated Bread and Wine that is His body and blood. After all, He gave us the Eucharist and told us it is Him, His Flesh and Blood for the life of the world. We can only but humbly respond using John's words: *'It is the Lord'*. And then, over and above the expression of faith, attempt to put our faith into action.....

Easter Blessings,

Fr Michael

P/s: This weekend is one of those that could create confusion: Saturday 30th is in the month of **April**, and Sunday 1st is the month of **May**. Always remember to base the Vigil Masses on the Sunday - i.e. this weekend the vigils are of the 1st Sunday of the month. For those who receive the advance email-out of this newsletter, its a reminder that this weekend there are Masses in Hanmer, **Culverden** (1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday), Amberley and Cheviot



SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 5:27-32,40-41

We are witnesses to all this: we and the Holy Spirit

Psalm Response: I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me (or, Alleluia).

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 5:11-14

*The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given
riches and power*

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

*Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to
them, and the same with the fish*

I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

281 Alleluia, Glory to God (4vs)
644 Alleluia Sing to Jesus
368 Regina Caeli

THE TRAFFIC LIGHT IS ORANGE! Please continue to protect each other from Covid or Influenza by staying at home if you are sick. The wearing of mask in indoor setting is still highly recommended at the moment. Please do not put Fr Michael under pressure to have 'exceptions' to bypass safety measures imposed on him, including;

- No Holy Communion from the chalice (*for now*),
- No Shaking of hands (*outside one's bubble during the Sign of the Peace*),
- No Communion on the tongue &
- No Holy water available in stoops.

KALAVALE this Sunday at Amberley. On the first Sunday of the month, after Mass in Amberley, there is a cup of tea with raffles drawn. Proceeds support the Little Company of Mary nuns in Kalavale, Tonga, from which we call the gathering. It is also an opportunity for parishioners to mingle.

On 20th April, the nuns wrote to thank us for a donation of \$474.70 they received from the Hurunui Parish.

FLIES-BY? If you see flies strewn all around the floors and pews in the Churches in our parish, and in particular in Amberley, Cheviot and Culverden, please do not assume that the Churches have not been swept or cleaned for ages!. We have a bad invasion of Cluster Flies this year. The situation will improve only after winter has peaked.

PARENTS MEETING for those preparing their children for their **First Holy Communion**, this **Wednesday 4th May @ 7.00pm**. Please note that on this occasion the meeting is at **CULVERDEN**. Please also note that because there is no longer restrictions of numbers at Mass, First Holy Communion will be at **AMBERLEY** so that we can have a parish celebration afterwards in the Hall.

VOLUNTEER required for the Catholic Shop to cover Thursday afternoons and casual cover for others on sick leave. Computer and customer skills beneficial and full training will be given. For more information pop into the shop or call 027 4222 515.

VOLUNTEERS also needed at St Vincent de Paul Shop. If you can be of assistance in the areas below, please phone 03-389 7484 :

- Driver Assistant (some lifting required)
- Shop Assistants
- People to value art, books, collectables and jewellery.

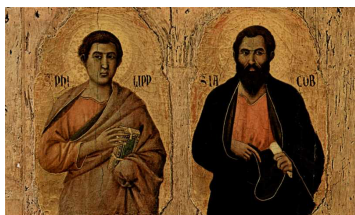
A DAY WITH MARY – You are invited to spend a day with Mary on Saturday **7 May** at St Anne's Church in Ferry Road. Starting at 9.30am and concluding with Benediction at 3pm. For more information contact Marie 027 551 8070.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME is a 5 week course being offered by the Christchurch North Parish, beginning 3 May 2022 - 7.30pm at St Joseph's Parish Centre. The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us. For more information, contact Brendan Woodnutt, 0274806960 or evangelisation@christchurchnorth.org.nz.

Or go to our website:

<https://www.christchurchnorth.org.nz/catholics-returning-home>.

OPEN DAY @ VILLA MARIA COLLEGE on Wednesday 25 May 9am – 2.30pm. Villa Maria is a Catholic girls' college from Years 7-13 situated at 21 Peer Street, Christchurch. Principal Deborah Brosnahan and student leaders will address visitors in the auditorium at 9am and 1pm for Year 9 intake and at 11am for Year 7 intake. www.villa.school.nz



FEAST DAY FOR THE WEEK

Sts Philip and James, Apostles, Tuesday 3rd May

Philip was born at Bethsaida and started as a disciple of John the Baptist. After the Baptist's death he followed Christ. James the son of Alphaeus is called "James the Less", to distinguish him from James the son of Zebedee. James "the brother of the Lord" ruled the Church at Jerusalem; wrote an epistle; led an austere life; and converted many Jews to the Faith. He was crowned with martyrdom in the year 62. St Jerome held these two Jameses to be the same person, and this was certainly the prevailing opinion when the feast of Philip and James was instituted in 560. Nowadays scholars prefer to divide them, in which case we might think of today as being the feast of Philip and James and James.

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