



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Year C 14 August 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)

The Feast of the Assumption falls in the 15 August. For the year 2022, the New Zealand bishops have transferred this feast day to Sunday the 14th of August. It is one of two Holy Days of Obligation for New Zealand Catholics that may fall outside Sundays (The other being Christmas). It is also the patronal feast day for New Zealand.

Full of Grace....

Did you know that the ancient Marian Prayer (also a hymn), **Sub tuum praesidium** (* see below), can be traced back to the 4th century, and it could have been used even much earlier? Through this prayer, the early Christians acknowledged that God blessed Mary, the Mother of Our Lord, in many ways, including that of already being in a glorified state, a state to which other members of Christ's mystical body can only look forward to at the end of this life, and at the coming of the life of the world to come. The final cry of the prayer is: "O glorious and blessed Virgin!"

Mary's blessedness is echoed throughout the Gospels, and especially in the Gospel of Luke. The Archangel Gabriel greeted Mary with these words: "Hail, full of grace ..." and "Fear not, Mary, for thou has found grace with God..." (vv. 28 & 30). Later, Elizabeth's words to Mary were; "Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (v. 42). In return, Mary's own words, tell us something: "From henceforth all generations shall call me blessed" (v. 48). In other words, the early Christians have always believed that Mary's earthly life was crowned with the blessing of being in a state that made her very special. The early Christians believed that because of the special state of her Blessedness, Mary's body did not face the corruption of a typical human being when she finished this life, i.e. that when she falls into the sleep of death, she would be **assumed** into heaven, body and soul.

The feast of the Assumption celebrates this belief. There are records showing this feast being celebrated in the Church in the fifth century and it became a universally celebrated by the seventh century. In 1950, Pius XII solemnly declared this belief to an article of faith using these words: "**the Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, on the completion of her earthly pilgrimage, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory.**"

Mary, assumed into heaven, pray for us,

Fr Michael

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Apocalypse 11:19,12:1-6,10

*A great sign appeared in heaven:
a woman adorned with the sun*

Psalm Response:

The queen stands at your right hand,
arrayed in gold

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26

*Christ will be brought to life as the first-fruits
and then those who belong to him*

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

The Almighty has done great things for me



*Sub tuum praesidium confugimus,
Sancta Dei Genitrix.
Nostras deprecationes ne despicias
in necessitatibus nostris,
sed a periculis cunctis
libera nos semper,
Virgo gloriosa et benedicta*

*We fly to thy protection,
O Holy Mother of God;
Do not despise our petitions
in our necessities,
but deliver us always
from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin*

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

340 My Should Proclaims
113 The Angel Gabriel
367 Salve Regina

FORMED

CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND - Free Access to All Parishioners

It's not too late to sign up. go to <https://formed.org/> It will give you lots of good Catholic material: Movies, documentaries, catechetical material to help you understand the Catholic faith. If you are not on the Parish mail-out, just make contact via email, and you will be guided on how to sign up for FREE.

Suggested viewing this week: only 29 mins
"The Bible and the Virgin Mary: Episode 11: The Assumption" <https://watch.formed.org/august-15-the-feast-of-the-assumption-of-mary/videos/the-assumption>

Parish Community viewing:

Venue: Amberley Parish Hall

Video: The Forth Wise Man.

Date and time: Sunday 18th September, 4.00pm

Check out the trailer via this link:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=uizq-6xizBU>



PARISH GATHERING 2022!

The parish gathering that was intended in June will now be held in October.
Sunday 30 October

Hawarden

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 put in your diary now, and 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. With this space!

NOTE: 30th October is the 5th weekend, and it means Mass will normally be in Waiau and not Hawarden - but on this occasion, Mass will be in Hawarden (i.e. Cancelled in Waiau)

MASS OF THANKSGIVING will be celebrated by Fr Monty Bamford in our parish:

+ **Saturday 3rd September, Hanmer Springs & Culverden**

+ **Sunday 4th September, Amberley (1st Sunday's cuppa)**
(Cheviot by Fr Prendeville to allow Fr Monty to mingle and have a cuppa in Amberley. Fr M intends to take his Annual leave the whole of September)

Fr Monty's note of thanks has been emailed to all who gave him a monetary gift through the parish.

TIM...BER!!! A thank you to all who assist(ed) Fr Michael with the felling of the tree on Church property in Hanmer Springs on Saturday morning (as of printing this, the work has yet to be done!).

MOVIE FUNDRAISER - FR STU

Wednesday 24th August 7.30pm @

Hoyts Northlands. \$25 per person.

Tickets available from: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/LDD> or

email Katherine: kpawson@cdoc.nz

to purchase via a bank deposit.

Proceeds go towards formation of Catechists in the Diocese.



CARITAS SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 4-10 September

The theme for this year focuses on racism: *Whakakāhoretia te kaikiri. Kotahi anō tātou i roto i te Karaiti* (Say no to racism. We are one in Christ). Resource pack for reflection, prayer and action, is available in the Church foyer.

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SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK
TE WHIKI O TE WHAI TĪKA
4-10 SEPTEMBER
www.caritas.org.nz



3 BEDROOM HOUSE AVAILABLE FOR RENT There is a notice in the Amberley Church Notice Board from a parishioner.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

16 August: St Stephen of Hungary, 969 - 1038. Crowned King of Hungary in 1001 AD, and devoted much of his reign to the promotion of Christianity. He is the patron St of Hungary where his feast day is a public holiday celebrated on the 20th!

19 August: St John Eudes, 1601-1680. Priest. Born in Normandy and spent years preaching parish missions. He organised a congregation of nuns that eventually became of Order of Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, dedicated to the care of women. He also formed a congregation of priests dedicated to the running of seminaries. He is often depicted with the Sacred Heart, as he promoted that devotion, together with the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

20 August: St Bernard (of Clairvaux), 1090-1253. Abbot, Doctor of the Church. Born in Dijon, France, into a noble family. He joined the monastery at Cîteaux, which was founded as a kid to reject the laxity that has crept into the Benedictine order at the time. Within 3 years, he set out to found a new monastery Clairvaux - the birth of the Cistercian Order - where he remained for the rest of his life.

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