

# 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 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)

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

13 November 2022

#### Your endurance will win you your lives...

The world as we know it will come to an end. Many have tried to predict when the end-times will be, and many have failed. As Christians, we believe that it will happen with the Second Coming of Christ. No one really knows when it will be. Despite that, some are obsessed with figuring out the exact date and then re-set the date when the date passed and we are still standing!. Besides embarrassment and/or confusion, there have been occasions when it has led to fatal consequences because people try to take control of how things are going to end! The Christian understanding of the end times is that it will not be so much the destruction of the world, but its renewal. That is why the Christian is meant, even now, to work for a better world (as I preached last Sunday), captured perhaps by the catch phrase: "Make the world a better place than you found it".

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 21:5-19) links the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem with the end of the world. The destruction of the Temple is also seen as marking the end of the old order of things: a decisive judgement by God on Old Covenant, and the inauguration of the New. It is presented as a forerunner of God's judgement on all peoples at the end of time.



Destruction of the Jerusalem temple

Remember the words of our Lord: "Your endurance will win you your lives".

#### God bless, Fr Michael

P/s: Next Sunday, with the Feast of Christ the King, we celebrate the Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year "C", and then after that we start a new Liturgical Year 'A' with the season of Advent. We enter Advent with our 24h Parish Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament..... If you have not been part of this the last 2 years, then perhaps its time to take an hour slot!

Pps: See my recommendation of FORMED for the week. If you have not sign up, do so before our parish subscription ends. It is provided to parishioners for free.

#### **SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:19-20

For you the sun of righteousness will shine out

#### **Psalm Response:**

The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice

**SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12**Do not let anyone have food if he refuses to work

GOSPEL: Luke 21:5-19
The destruction of the Temple foretold



#### **HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES**

607 Let Mortal Flesh Keep Silence451 I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say

Eternal Rest (Sung)

#### FORMED Catholic Resource on-line.

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: The Lamb's Supper by Dr. Scott Hahn. It is a 'Talking Book" equivalent, 1h 15m! (Fr M has a copy if you prefer reading and can be relied on for returning!)- Dr. Scott Hahn reveals the early Christians' key to understanding the Mass: the Book of Revelation. With its bizarre imagery, mystic visions of Heaven, and end-times prophecies, it mirrors the sacrifice and celebration of the Holy Eucharist. See the Mass with new eyes, pray the Liturgy with a renewed heart, and enter into the Mass more fully and enthusiastically!

**24h ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** is our next parish event. This is the third year in a row we are running this as a Spiritual Boost to enter the season of Advent. It will start on the Vigil of the First Advent, and ends on the Sunday. Please consider taking an hour or two, signing on the "Roster" to be before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The Roster will be out soon. Anyone can drop in any time even without signing up.

- + 9.00am Culverden SATURDAY 26th Begins with Morning Mass. Ends with Benediction 12.30pm
- + 12.30pm Hanmer, SATURDAY 26th Ends with Benediction just before the 5.00pm VIGIL Mass
- + 5.00pm Amberley, SATURDAY 27th Ends with Benediction just before the 9.00am SUNDAY Mass

**BOX FOR HOLY SOULS** - In the month of November a box is provided in sone of our churches for parishioners to inscribe and place the names of their dearly departed. Masses will be offered for the happy repose of their souls. *If* you want specific Mass intentions, please give it to Fr Michael directly and not placed in the box.

# Advent Reconciliation? There will be time slots advertised soon.

**FR MATTHEW SIJI** will using the Hawarden's Presbytery for his spiritual retreat from this weekend. If you wish to join him for Mass, it will be at 9.00am from Monday to Friday 14th-18th November.

#### 2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

Ideal gift for Christmas, and helps remind one of feast days. They will be sold in Amberley, Hanmer and Culverden. You can also call in at the Presbytery/Office when Fr Michael is home, or contact him via email. \$12 each.



**FESTIVAL OF LIGHT** at the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Light. Outdoor Mass, Picnic Dinner, Candlelight Procession & Adoration under the stars.

10<sup>th</sup> December 2022, from 6pm. Sanctuary of Fourviere, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield. More info': Thomas: apostolate@fourviere.nz; 0225062538.

OCDS CARMELITE RETREAT, "Mystical Love with our Carmelite Saints". Fr Carl Telford, S.M. will be leading our upcoming silent Retreat at Rochester Hall on Friday, 18 Nov to Sunday, 20 Nov 2022. Costs will be \$240 live in, day only \$120. Contact Megan Emery ph 027 410 6940 or email <a href="mailto:benedictus@windowslive.com">benedictus@windowslive.com</a>

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

# Christmas Mass Times



#### SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE - 24th December

6.00pm Christmas Vigil – AMBERLEY (Carols @ 5.30pm) 9.00pm Christmas Vigil - HANMER \_(Carols @ 8.30pm)

SUNDAY, CHRIST

CHRISTMAS DAY - 25th December

10.00am Christmas Day – CULVERDEN (Carols @ 9.30am) 10.00am Christmas Day – CHEVIOT \_(Carols @ 9.30am)

#### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**15 Nov.** St Albert the Great. 1206-1280 AD. Bishop and Doctor of the Church. One of the great Christian philosophers, who re-discovered the works of Aristotle. St Thomas Aquinas studied under him. 1260 was elected the Bishop of Regensburg.

**16 Nov.** <u>St Margaret of Scotland.</u> **2046-1093 AD.** Married to King Malcolm III of Scotland. She raised 8 children, reformed the Royal Court and founded monasteries. She is remembered for the happiness of her marriage, her devotion to prayer and learning and her generosity to the poor.

**16 Nov.** St Gertrude, 1256-1301 AD. After being educated by the Benedictine nuns, she became a nun herself. She was devoted to the mystery of the Incarnation, and in particular to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to the Eucharist. Her spiritual writings had great influence in later centuries and indirectly contributed to the establishment of the Feast of the Sacred Heart.