



# 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)

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

16 October 2022



#### Pray continually and never lose heart

In this Sunday's Gospel passage (Luke 18 :1-8) Our Lord gives us the parable of the widow pestering a judge – rather persistently – for justice. Eventually she gets what she wanted, hence we are to “....pray continually and never lose heart”. The message is very similar to the parable we heard a few Sundays ago – the so-called, the parable of the ‘Importunate Friend’ (11:5-8). In that parable, it was the

harassed father of the family disturbed in the middle of the night who had to get up to help his friend because he was persistent. When it comes to praying, the key is persistency.

The question is, when our prayers are answered, do we have the eyes of faith to realise it?

**Blessings,**

**Fr Michael**

**Diocesan Newsletter: INFORM.**

Please pick up a complimentary copy when you come to Mass.



### FORMED

**Catholic Resource on-line.** Fr Michael's  
Recommendation for this week:

After logging on, search for “Pope John Paul II” using the “SEARCH” facility (symbol of Magnifying glass). There is a huge collection of material, including a movie about his life. I think one of his most powerful legacies for our time is his teaching on family. It is especially poignant for our time when there is so much confusion on the nature of family and sexuality. We should hear again Pope saint John Paul II's message on family. Thus I recommend for this week's viewing - and I think its compulsory viewing for all families:

**“Volume 3 “Family Be Yourself” - John Paul II and the Family”**

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: Exodus 17:8-13

*As long as Moses kept his arm raised,  
Israel had the advantage*

##### Psalm Response:

Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

##### SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

*The man who is dedicated to God becomes  
fully equipped and ready for any good work*

##### GOSPEL: Luke 18:1-8

*The parable of the unjust judge*



#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

**883** Christ be Our Light

**892** The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

**340** My soul proclaims You (1st and Last vs?)

**OF YOUR CHARITY**, please pray for the happy repose of Msgr William (Bill) Middleton, a priest of our Diocese, whose last Parish was Christ the King. His Vigil will be at Christ the King Church on Sunday 16th October at 7.00pm. His Requiem Mass will be on Monday at 1.00pm at the Pro Cathedral

**WEEKDAY MASSES IN HANMER!** The priests' AGM is on the 18th October in ChCh, and immediately after that, the priests are gathering for two days in Hanmer for another conference. Their Masses in Hanmer are open to the public: at 8.30am on Wednesday and Thursday, 19th & 20th October. On these 2 days, there is NO mass in Amberley.

(If you see Fr Michael celebrating mass in Amberley, it means he has mastered the mystic art of Bi-location!)

**ABLAZE PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE** is being held on Friday **4th November** (evening) and **Saturday 5th November** 2022 at the Aldersgate Centre, 309 Durham Street. Inspiring keynote speakers, informative workshops and a time of prayer together. Diocese can assist with those who needs to be billeted. The cost is \$99 per person and registrations can now be made on our [Ablaze website](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze), [www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze).

More info? 03 3669869 or email [pastoral@chchcatholic.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@chchcatholic.org.nz)

Fr Michael encourages parishioners, and especially Parish Council members, to consider attending. If anything, the exposure to people who are fired up in faith is always contagious!

**NOVEMBER CARMELITE RETREAT** - "Mystical Love with our Carmelite Saints".

Father Carl Telford, S.M. will be leading the upcoming silent Retreat at Rochester Hall on Friday, 18 Nov to Sunday, 20 Nov 2022. Costs will be \$240 live in, day only \$120.

**DIOCESAN YOUNG ADULTS BALL**, or The Gonzaga Ball, will be held on on the **28th October** at the Canterbury Club. It is for those between the ages 18- 35. The evening consists of fine dining and amazing music in a stunning venue while connecting with young adults across the diocese and beyond. Early bird tickets close at midnight on Sunday 2nd October. Tickets are available at: <https://cyt.org.nz/ball/>



## PARISH GATHERING 2022!

**Sunday 30 October, Hawarden**

In two weeks' time, it will be our Parish Gathering. Please join us and be part of our parish community getting together for fun, food and for enjoying each others company, talents, cultural richness.... Please 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.

(NOTE: 30th October is the 5th weekend of the month, and it means Mass would normally be in Waiau and not Hawarden - However, on this occasion, we are cancelling Waiau, and having Mass in Hawarden instead (@10.30am), two Sundays in a row (i.e. 23 October and 30 October)

### Food & Drink

Bring some food and drink to share. Parish will provide a Filipino delicacy, a small suckling pig ('Lechon').

### Fun and sharing Talents

Karaoke, cultural items - please start thinking of what you can share. Let's show each other that Hurunui's Got Talent!

### Chairs & Trestles

Please if anyone could help with bringing trestles, gazebos and seatings

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

**22 October: Pope St John Paul II, 1920 – 2005:** His name was Karol Józef Wojtyła. Elected Pope in 1978 he became the first non-Italian Pope in 455 years. His pontificate of more than 26 years\* was the third longest in history - thus most of us still know of him. As part of his effort to promote greater understanding between nations and between religions, he undertook numerous trips abroad, traveling far greater distances than had all other popes combined: He visited 129 different countries on 104 apostolic voyages, and travelled over 1.2 million kms! He visited NZ in 1986, and celebrated Mass in (the then) Lancaster Park on 24 November. Of many of his gifts to the Church would be the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

\***Trivia:** Did you know that it was believed that that no one would ever out-reigned St Peter, the Apostle, in the number of years to lead the People of God (ie. approximately 34-37years)?..... or be in the Office of being his Successor longer than himself? **Blessed Pope St Pius IX** came close, nearly completed 32 years! (He was affectionately known as "Pio Nono" in Italian. Nono means 9th, but Nonno means grandpa!) His statue sits prominently in the Basilica of St Peter in Rome!

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