



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)

Christ the King Year C

20 November 2022

Today you will be with me in paradise....

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year. Since 1925, the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year has been celebrated as the Feast of Christ the Universal King.

Arguably, I would say the best description of Christ the King can be obtained by looking at a crucifix. Usually we see the alphabets I.N.R.I. depicted on a scroll nailed on the top part of cross. INRI is like his crown. It stands for the Latin, *Iēsus Nazarēnus, Rēx Iūdāeōrum*, which in English translates to "**Jesus the Nazarene, KING of the Jews**" from an episode in John's Gospel. John's Gospel also tells us it was written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

This Sunday's Gospel passage from St Luke (Luke 23:35-43) also gives us the same scene from St John, but a little less detail. The scene proclaims to us powerfully that Our Lord is King, but His Kingdom is *not* of this world. We can tell the difference between His Kingship or Kingdom from that of worldly Kings and Kingdoms from the crucifix. The crucifix reminds us that from a worldly point of view, Christ the King is a failure, dying the most agonizing and disgraceful of deaths which the ancient world could devise. Yet, as St Luke describes it, this sad scene becomes a moment of triumph, the moment when the Christ journeys to the Heavenly Father - the moment of His crowning glory. It is a journey in which Christ the King entrusts Himself into the Heavenly Father's hands, taking with Him those who are humble enough to acknowledge their need to be forgiven, and of receiving the gift of mercy which He has come to offer. His words to the criminal next to him is very poignant: "*Today you will be with me in paradise*" - and that was because the criminal knew the King, and His Kingdom.

God bless, Fr Michael

P/s: Next week we start the new Liturgical Year (Year A, or '1' for weekdays) by preparing for Christmas with the season of Advent.



SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-3
They anointed David King of Israel

Psalm Response:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:12-20
The Father has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves

GOSPEL: Luke 23:35-43
'Today you will be with me in paradise'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

320 Hail Redeemer King Divine
321 Crown Him with Many Crowns
356 Hail Queen of Heaven

NO PUBLIC WEEKDAY MASS next Thursday 24th November in Amberley. This is a 'one-off' cancellation.

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE
Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week:
"Prepare the Way of the King by Dr. Scott Hahn" (Search these words on www.formed.org)
Again, I am recommending Scott Hahn! This time is a 47m podcast preparing us for Advent, Christmas.

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

Ideal gift for Christmas, and helps remind one of feast days and liturgical seasons. They will be sold in Amberley, Hanmer and Culverden. \$12 each.



24h ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT! 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. Anyone can drop in any time even without signing up - but signing up ensures someone is there in the 24h period. The Roster should be in churches in Culverden, Hanmer and Amberley.

- + **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

Advent Reconciliation?

There will be time slots advertised soon.

BOX FOR HOLY SOULS - In the month of November a box is provided in some 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. *For specific Mass intentions, please give it directly to Fr Michael directly and not placed in the box.*

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE's End of year Mass and morning tea will be held at Our Lady of the Assumption Church, 170 Hoon Hay Road on Saturday 3 December at 10am. All welcome.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHT at the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Light. Outdoor Mass, Picnic Dinner, Candlelight Procession & Adoration under the stars.
10th December 2022, from 6pm. Sanctuary of Fourviere, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield. More info': Thomas: apostolate@fourviere.nz ; 0225062538.

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, CHRISTMAS DAY - 25th December

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

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

22 Nov. St Cecilia. Virgin and Martyr. Martyred circa 230 AD. Devotion to St Cecilia, in whose honour a basilica was constructed in Rome in the fifth century, spread far and wide because of the *Passion of Saint Cecilia*, which holds her up as a perfect example of a Christian woman, who embraced virginity and suffered martyrdom for the love of Christ.

24 Nov. Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions. Martyrs. The evangelization of Vietnam began in the 16th century. There are now about 6 million Catholics in Vietnam, some 10% of the population. The seed of the Faith has been watered by the blood of the martyrs of Vietnam – the missionary clergy, the local clergy and the ordinary Christian people. In the course of the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries no less than 53 decrees, signed by the lords and emperors of the country from 1625 to 1886, launched one persecution of Christians after another, each one more savage than the last. Over the whole territory of Vietnam about 130,000 Christians were killed in these persecutions. Since the beginning of the 20th century 117 of these heroes (those whose sufferings were cruellest and best documented) were beatified, in four groups. They were all canonized together by Pope John Paul II on 19 June 1988. By nationality, there were 96 Vietnamese, 11 Spanish and 10 French. By status, there were 8 bishops, 50 priests, and 59 laymen and women. By mode of death, 75 were beheaded, 22 strangled, 6 burned alive, 5 torn to pieces while still alive, and 9 died of torture in prison.

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