



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiau | Hanmer Springs  
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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)

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

23 October 2022

#### He who humbles himself will be exalted

Reading the Gospels, it is easy to think of the Pharisees as the 'baddies' in the Gospels, especially in the references to their antics Our Lord made in His teachings. Thinking that way would do them a disservice, for their goal was often to lead a holy life (not unlike us), and to love strictly according to the Law of Moses. Where they usually went wrong could be summarised under these headings;

- exaggerated focus on the externals,
- interpreting Scriptures to suit the situation, and
- having a sense of self-righteousness that saw themselves being 'better' than others.



These are the same areas against which Our Lord frequently and fiercely attacked. Sometimes the attitude we adopt are not too different from them! It is only when we begin to see our own sinfulness and our own weakness that we realised we need to be saved. After all, God came to us as a Saviour: to save us from our sins. The path to holiness must begin with the realisation of our own brokenness. In relation to this realisation, this Sunday's (Luke 18 :9-14) Gospel invites us to examine again how we pray, and how we see each other before God. The Pharisees prayed with a certain smugness, while the tax collector with a certain humility, conscious of his sinfulness. It is the prayer and attitude of the Tax Collector that is the example for us to follow: "God be merciful on me a sinner".

**Blessings, Fr Michael**

### FORMED

**Catholic Resource on-line.** Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: Video (53m): 'Pius XII and the Holocaust'

From time to time, the secular media tries to throw mud at how the Pope of the time of the Holocaust (Pius XII), by appearing not to be taking a more condemnatory action of the Nazis, was complicit in the Nazi's persecution of the Jews..... this is far from the truth. This video presents a more balance view of what truly transpired.

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Ecc 35:12-14, 16-19**  
*The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds*

#### Psalm Response:

The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**  
*All there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me*

#### GOSPEL: Luke 18:9-14

*The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified*



#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

**846** Amazing Grace  
**842** Come Back to Me  
**340** My soul proclaims You (1st and Last vs?)



## PARISH GATHERING 2022!

**Sunday 30 October, Hawarden**

One more week to go! Pray for fine weather.

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

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES Catholic

### Parish of Christchurch East :

- Parish Finance Administrator – 12 hours /w
  - Pastoral Teams Co-ordinator – 15 hours /w
- email: [parish@christchurcheast.org.nz](mailto:parish@christchurcheast.org.nz)

### **The Ozanam Canterbury Charitable Trust (OCCT):**

- Manager Social housing and complex – 10 hours /w
- See diocesan website [www.chchcatholic.nz](http://www.chchcatholic.nz) or contact Mary Brady [mbrady@svdpcch.co.nz](mailto:mbrady@svdpcch.co.nz)

**PRIESTS AGM/CONFERENCE** last week may have led to some wondering what has been decided, especially with regards to a Capital Programme in the diocese. Although most in the Hurunui may think the Hurunui Parish will not be affected, the reality is, the Programme affects all parishes in the Diocese. Suffice to report for now, 4 generic points from the meetings, for Parishioners' information;

- Bishop Michael is listening / consulting
- No (major) decisions being made this year
- The amalgamated Parishes will remain as they are
- The bishop wants thriving and welcoming parishes, and a worthy Cathedral

**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, www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze](http://www.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze).

More info? 03 3669869 or email [pastoral@chch.catholic.org.nz](mailto:pastoral@chch.catholic.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!

**PARISH TO PARISH BNB!** If you are travelling around NZ and Australis, you might want to try Catholic Hospitality. The latest booklet listing bed and breakfast accommodation in Catholic homes is now available at a cost of \$15.00. For further information contact Marie Anderson 03 3595 541 or [marie.ian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz)

## SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**28 October: Sts Simon and Jude, Apostles.** There are not many references to Saints Simon and Jude in the Gospels, thus nothing is known of either of them with any certainty. As Apostles, however, we know with certainty that they were key actors in laying the deep foundations of the Church.

Biblically, Saint Jude was often confused with Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed Jesus! Indeed the tradition of calling him "Jude" rather than the Scriptural "Judas" is likely to be part of the attempt to avoid such confusion (We find a similar attempt in John 14:22 to distinguish the two Judases when it was clarified that he was Judas but "not Iscariot"). He is probably assigned as the Patron Saint of Hopeless Causes, because of the faithful's reluctance to seek the intercession of one whose misfortune it was to share a name with Christ's betrayer - i.e. Jude is the saint to turn to as a last resort!!

Saint Simon the Apostle is called the "Zealot" in Saint Luke's Gospel. This may describe his zeal for the house of the Lord or denote his membership in a radical Jewish sect. He is the patron saint of tanners.

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