



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)

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

30 October 2022

The Son of Man came to seek and to save what is lost

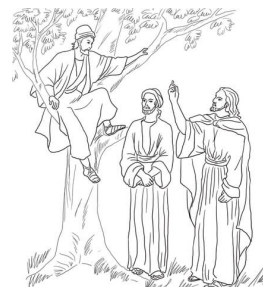
The Gospel passage (Luke 19:1-10) for this Sunday's Mass centres on Zacchaeus, a tax collector who lived in the time of Jesus.

In those days a tax collector like Zacchaeus would be despised by his own people for many reasons. Firstly, he worked for the Romans, the 'occupying power', collecting taxes for the 'enemy'. Secondly, a tax collector would be exacting more money from the people, simply to line his own pockets. Thus, a tax collector like Zacchaeus was viewed as one of the greatest sinners around.

We see them quoted together with sinners in the New Testament (e.g. 'He ate with sinners and tax collectors').

The encounter with Jesus challenged Zacchaeus to review his life even though in the episode, there was no mention of Jesus pointing out his shortcomings. An encounter with someone who is good/holy can often open our eyes to our shortfalls in life and inspire us to change our ways, and be a better person. This happened with Zacchaeus when He encountered Our Lord and we see him promising to correct the wrong he did.

As we come before Christ in the Eucharist may our eyes also be opened to how we can have our own change of heart in the wrong path we have chosen at times. The path to holiness necessarily include occasions of repentance and a change of heart
God bless Fr Michael



FORMED

Catholic Resource on-line. Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: Video (53m): 'Catholic Take on Halloween'

The celebration of Halloween has not been part of the NZ culture, but lately, for some reason, it is getting traction amongst our youth. It is probably due to all the advertisements and references to it in Hollywood movies. This video gives you a Catholic take on it, and a healthy way of focusing on All Souls and Saints (see back page).

P/s: The local Ministers of Association is organising an alternative to Halloween, called 'Light Festival' this Monday, 31 October. If you want to assist, please contact Lola Love: garrylolalove@gmail.com

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

*You are merciful to all,
because you love all that exists*

Psalm Response:

*I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God*

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

*The name of Christ will be glorified in you,
and you in him*

GOSPEL: Luke 19:1-10

Salvation comes to the house of Zacchaeus



HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

695 Glory and Praise to Our God
898 Make Me a Channel of Peace
367 Salve Regina



PARISH GATHERING

Sunday 30 October, Hawarden

For those who read this before Sunday!! Please join us and be part of our parish community getting together for fun, food and for enjoying each others

company, talents, cultural richness....

This is a parish event.

(NOTE: 30th October, being the 5th weekend of the month, means Mass would normally be in Waiau and not Hawarden - However, on this occasion, Mass in Waiau is cancelled, and we having Mass in Hawarden instead (@10.30am) followed by the Parish Gathering.

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

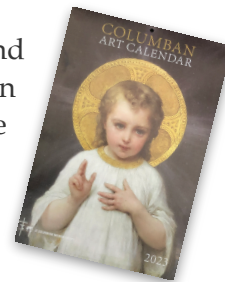
NEXT PARISH ATTRACTION! - Watch this Space! 24h Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is happening in the parish on the weekend of the First Advent. This is the 3rd year in a row we are running this as a Spiritual Boost as we enter Advent. It will start on the Vigil of the First Advent, and ends on the Sunday. The Roster will be out soon. Please consider taking an hour or two, even in the wee hours of the night to be before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Did you know that the Diocese has a "Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St Gregory's Bishopdale". Check it out next time you are around there.

Perhaps to wet your appetite, watch on FORMED, a 9 minute video called "Perpetual Adoration"

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

Ideal gift for Christmas, and helps remind you of feast days. They have arrived in the Parish Office, and will be sold in the Churches in a few weeks time. If you want one immediately, just call in when Fr Michael is home. \$12 each



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.

More info? 03 3669869 or email 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!

GATHERING OF FORMER PARISHIONERS of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St Albans. Pot Luck Lunch at St Matthews Hall, Jeffreys Rd, Bryndwr on Sunday 30 October from Noon until 3pm - tea and coffee provided.

More Info: contact Mary Columbus 022 673 8360 or Marie Kelly 03 355 6580.

A DAY WITH MARY - at St Gregory's Church, Cotswold Ave, Bishopdale on Saturday **12th November** commencing at 9.15am and concluding at 3.00pm. For more info', contact Ron 022 097 0627.

REMEMBERING PARIHAKA - Two free screenings of film telling the true story of war, passive resistance.

Tātarakihi: The Children of Parihaka. North City Church, 95a Sawyers Arms Road, Papanui - Saturday 29 October 3.30pm, and LAF Theatre, 1 Sumner Road, Lyttelton - Saturday 29 October 7pm.

ALL SOULS AND ALL SAINTS

The solemnity of All Saints, and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) fall on the 1st and 2nd of November. They express beautifully there states of the Church: Those of us still living (the **Church Militant**) unite our hearts with, and in a special way remember, the faithful departed, whether they be in heaven (**Church Triumphant**) or in purgatory (**Church Suffering**).

Trivia: Did you know that the mind of the Church is that the Priests do not celebrate more than one Mass a day, except if Pastoral necessity requires it? (Fr Michael has 3/4 for the weekend because of Pastoral need!)? However, for ALL SOULS, priests are authorized to say three Masses even when there is no Pastoral necessity!

Plea from Fr M: Please, do not encourage the celebration of Halloween amongst our youth if its not part of your heritage. It may lead to warp ideas of the dead and loss of our tradition to pray for them.

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