



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

6 November 2022

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)

He is God, not of the dead, but of the living

It is of the essence of the Christian faith that when death comes, life is changed, not ended. When we die, our soul leaves the body and is before God for judgement awaiting the day of the Resurrection ('of the body', as we recite in the Apostles' Creed).

In Catholic theology, *'the unity of soul and body is so profound that one has to consider the soul to be the "form" of the body: i.e., it is because of its spiritual soul that the body made of matter becomes a living, human body; spirit and matter,*

in man, are not two natures united, but rather their union forms a single nature. (Catechism para. 365). It is with this unity in mind that as Catholics we express our beliefs through our living and the way we take care of the body of our deceased, showing our hope in the 'resurrection of the body'.

Perhaps it is an opportune moment to highlight to parishioners that in 2016 the Congregation of the Divine Worship of the Faith issued a one page Instruction regarding the **burial and conservation of the ashes** in the case of cremation (rather than scattering them for example). You can find that document easily on the internet. In light of this Sunday's Gospel, and also the recent feast of All Souls and All Saints, it is also an opportune time to clarify that cremation is no longer 'frowned upon' by the Church, or even 'banned'. While it may have been 'banned' at one stage in history, it was to address a prevalent heresy of the time that denied the belief in the Resurrection of the body. That era has passed, and we no longer face that denial, and many Catholics are cremated even today. The 2016 instructions address the **dignity** of dealing with the ashes. Contrary to some cynical opinions, the instructions are NOT about 'Church control', but rather a beautiful reflection on why we should show great dignity to the human body (and ashes), and a warning against drifting unthinkingly into 'popular choice' (e.g. of scattering) that may negate the very belief in the resurrection, or treat our dearly departed in an undignified manner. **God bless, Fr Michael**



SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

*The King of the world
will raise us up to live for ever*

Psalm Response:

Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

*May the Lord strengthen you
in everything good that you do or say*

GOSPEL: Luke 20:27-38

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HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

697 Sing a new Song unto the Lord
451 Sing with all the saints in glory

Eternal Rest (Sung)

PARISH GATHERING - Thank you to everyone who attended and helped in making last Sunday's Gathering a great success and fun!

NEXT PARISH EVENT! 24h Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on the weekend of the First Advent. This is the third 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.

KALAVALE is on this Sunday, the first Sunday of the month. After Mass in Amberley there is a cup of tea with raffles drawn. Proceeds support the Little Company of Mary nuns in Kalavale, Tonga, from which we call the gathering. It is also an opportunity for parishioners to mingle.

Catholic Resource on-line.

FORMED recommendation for this week: A 5m video titled: "Why Catholics believe in "life everlasting". (Search for it using the App).

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. *If you want specific Mass intentions, please give it to Fr Michael directly and **not** placed in the box.*

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

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



LITURGY MATTERS! - Old habits are returning! To all who proclaim the Word during Mass, it is good to be reminded again that the **Response to the Psalm** is meant to be given **without** any prefacing. Please do **not** say: "The Response is....", or worse, "The Responsorial Psalm, and the Response is...."! Just like when it is sung, just pause and give us the words of the response (without prefacing it), and the congregation responds, repeating the word/tune.

Also, at the end of the 1st and 2nd readings, the one who proclaims them end with: "**THE Word of the Lord**" (not "**THIS IS** the Word of the Lord"). That was updated when the Church updated the words of the Mass. It suggests what is just proclaimed is the Word, not just what's in the Lectionary!

Further reminder!! The Alleluia is meant to be sung, and when Fr Michael is the celebrant, the Alleluias will *always* be sung! If you are a reader, always check if you need to read the middle verse, or if that is sung too.

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS FOR 2022:

- Monday 7th & 14th Nov 1pm – Our Lady of Victories, Parish Centre, Main South Road.
- Wednesday 16th Nov 7pm – St Theresa's Hall, Riccarton.

Attending these safeguard workshops is a requirement of all volunteers in all Church roles. Leaders and volunteers from any Parish or Catholic Community who have not attended in the last 2 years, or any volunteer who have not yet attended a Safeguard Workshop are asked to enrol. There is an option to register your attendance in advance on this link should you wish to: <https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/safe-church/safeguarding-course-registration/>
Safeguarding Officer: Email: cward@cdoc.nz

MONTHLY MONDAY MUSINGS - a series of talks by Dr Robert Loretz at 7.30pm on the First Monday of the month at the Community of the Beatitudes. See Poster on the Notice Board for more details.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

10 Nov. Pope St Leo the Great. c400-461AD. The saint repeatedly fought heresy throughout his lifetime. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that Leo's papacy was "undoubtedly not one of the most important in Church history". In the Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon, he addressed important questions concerning the nature of Christ, defending Christ's true humanity and divinity, explaining the unity of Christ's dual nature by the term "hypostatic union". He also reaffirmed Papal authority in the Church.

11 Nov. St Martin of Tours. Bishop. c336-397. The 3rd bishop of Tours. Also known as Martin the Merciful. He was a soldier in the Roman army who became a "soldier of Christ" as a monk and later as a bishop. He strove to live a humble and upright life in the military, giving away much of his pay to the poor. His generosity led to a life-changing incident, when he encountered a man freezing without warm clothing near a gate at the city of Amiens in Gaul. He cut his own cloak into two halves with his sword, giving one half to the freezing beggar. Later, in a dream, He saw Our Lord wearing the half-cloak he had given to the poor man.... the rest is history as they say!

12 Nov. St Josaphat. Bishop and Martyr. 1580-1623AD. St Josaphat was an Eastern Rite bishop. He fought to re-unite the Orthodox Church with the Roman Rite to heal the schism of 1054AD. He was martyred by extremists for his effort.

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