



# 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

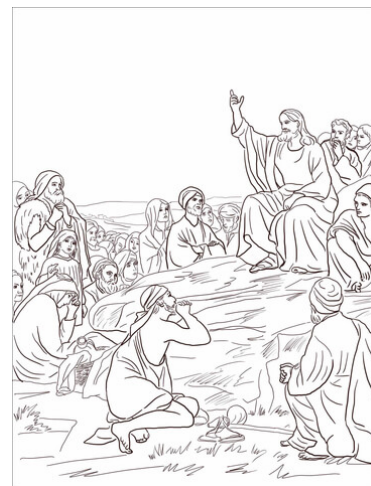
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12 February 2023

#### But I say this to you....

St Matthew wrote his Gospel addressing Jewish converts who had come to recognised Jesus as the Messiah they had been waiting for...but, not as they expected. He was not just another human prophet; He is both Divine and human!.

The first **five** books of the Old Testament, namely the books of *Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy*, are collectively known as the Torah. St Matthew structured his Gospel in a manner very similar to the Torah. It is because the Jewish converts were very familiar with the Torah, and he wanted them to see how in the person of Jesus the Old Testament prophecies were all fulfilled, and

that He was the long awaited Messiah. Knowing this, give us a better sense of the opening remarks by Our Lord in this Sunday's Gospel passage: "I came not to abolish the law and the prophets, but to fulfill them." He went on to say: "You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: **but I say this to you....**". His words, His teachings, overrode the old Law!. Who can 'override' God's law but God Himself! Laws can be something so 'cold' and heartless. Jesus taught that merely trying to keep the precepts of the ancient Law was not enough. Observing them must be something from the heart. Our external actions must be a reflection of what we really are like inwardly. For example, it is not enough for others to see us performing the actions of a Christian - our whole attitude in life must be Christian. It is not enough to be seen to be upright, we must be upright of heart too.



### Blessings, Fr Michael

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(Use Hymnal)

706 Praise to the Lord

720 Be Still

Ka Waiata

Ka waiata

Ki a Maria

Hine i whakaae

Whakameatia mai

Te whare tangata

I sing to Mary

Our mother

The one who heard God's call

The call to be

The mother of our Lord

(of us all)

Gentle woman

Loving mother

Our Lady Queen of Peace

I sing to Mary

The mother of Our Lord

(of us all)

Hine purotu

Hine ngakau

Hine rangimarie

Ko te Whaea

Ko te Whaea

O Te Ao

(o Te Ao)

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21**

*God predestined wisdom to be for our glory  
before the ages began*

#### Psalm Response:

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10**

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37**

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but I say this to you*

## FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: a movie!. *"Unbreakable: A Story of Hope and Healing in Haiti"* In light of the recent devastation by the earthquakes in Turkey/Syria, perhaps it is good to watch the triumph of the human spirit, after a similar event in Haiti in 2010. Watch how the bonds of hope are oftentimes born out of the shackles of despair. (Search the word **"unbreakable"** on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)). For parishioners who have not made use of the parish Subscription, plus do so....

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023



21 Candidates have signed up. Please remember them in your prayers as they are the future of our Parish and the Church. Later on, prayer cards with their names will be created for parishioners to take home and be reminded to pray.

## CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand puts together a Lenten Reflection Programme every year for communities to come together to reflect and pray. The theme for this lent is **"I am the Light of the World"**. Parishioners residing in Culverden will meet with the Anglicans over the Lenten Programme. (Details later).



**Any volunteers to take a leading role in Hanmer or Amberley?** You can check out the material on: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/lent> or ask Fr Michael for a hard copy (will be in foyer of Churches soon).

**THE DIOCESE DISPATCH** is a new Diocesan newsletter from Simon Thompson, the Diocesan General Manager. It is a summary of things that are happening in the Diocese. For those of you who gets this Parish Newsletter via email, a link to subscribe has been included in the email.

**AUCKLAND FLOOD APPEAL** - Bishop Michael has launched an Auckland Flood Appeal to provide support to those in Auckland who have been severely impacted by the recent flooding and its effects. If you would like to support the Appeal, please donate to our fundraising account: 03 0802 0948733 22 with the following information: Particulars: Your surname and initials. Code: AKL.

Reference: Your Phone Number.

If you would like a receipt issued to you, please email: [giving@cdoc.nz](mailto:giving@cdoc.nz) with the date of donation, the amount, your phone number and your email/postal details.

## TURKEY/SYRIA EARTHQUAKES

Caritas Aotearoa NZ is accepting donations to help the people of south-eastern Turkey and northern Syria, seriously affected by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake and aftershocks of Monday 6 February which toppled hundreds of buildings and killed many thousands of people. You can donate online through the Caritas Emergency Donation tab at this link: [www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online](http://www.caritas.org.nz/donate-online) (Please specify that your donation is for Turkey Earthquake), or donate via the Caritas bank account: 03-0518-0211216-00 (please include your first & last name and put Turkey as the code.)

**VALENTINE'S DAY MASS** - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February, 6.30pm @ St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Reflecting on God's gift of love in marriage. Hospitality to follow. Come and celebrate with others.

**A DAY WITH MARY** @St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester Street on 18<sup>th</sup> February commencing at 9.00am and concluding at 3.00pm. For further details contact Ron on 03 379 0567.

## Saints of the Week

14 February: **Saints Cyril (827?-869), monk, and Methodius (826?-885AD), Bishop**  
The saints were blood brothers. Cyril and Methodius believed in the importance of celebrating liturgy in our own language. They translated the liturgical texts into the Slavonic language and invented the Glagolitic and possibly also the Cyrillic alphabet.



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