



# 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 Sunday)

Sunday

(1st Sunday)

10:00am

(4th Sunday)

11:30am

(5th Sunday Only)

12pm **The Beatitudes,**  
**Leithfield**

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Saturday  
7am Amberley

Tuesday - Saturday  
12pm **The Beatitudes,**  
**Leithfield**

### Reconciliation

By Appointment  
or before Mass  
(but not the last 5 Minutes!)

### Rosary

Wednesday  
1:30pm Amberley  
Church Hall

EASTER Sunday Year A 9 April 2023

Alleluia, He is Risen....



Easter is the Celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ after his death by crucifixion. It is victory over death, and a celebration of new life. It is the ultimate victory of good over evil.

In the Northern Hemisphere, Easter coincides with springtime – which is also a time of 'new life', thus highlighting the very Easter message. Because of this, some countries and cultures in the Northern Hemisphere develop all kinds of symbolism for Easter or converted pagan symbolisms into those of Easter's. We therefore have Easter eggs, sprouting grass, bunnies.... that are symbols of new life, as Christian symbol of the New Life in Christ.

While for many in New Zealand the connection with some of the springtime symbols, which has been given an Easter meaning, has been lost or obscured (except of eggs and bunnies!), we Christians must always speak of the meaning behind them. And new life in Christ means;

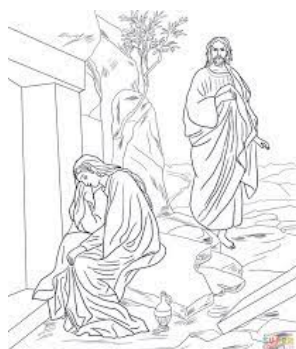
- Life is changed because of the Encounter with the Risen Christ
- A new beginning and a radical departure from our past, especially our sinful ways
- Living in new hope, with courage and strength to face all adversity in life
- Celebrating that hope, gathering around the altar every Sunday, the Day of the Lord, the Day of the Resurrection – to do this 'in memory of me',
- Living in a happy and joyful expectation of the coming of the Lord at the end of times.

May the new life that Christ gives you be in your heart and your life,

Alleluia, He is Risen

Fr Michael Pui

P/s **No Masses in Amberley on Monday and Tuesday** - Fr M needs to go to his hideout for a break



### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

281 Glory to God  
282 Sing to the Mountain  
267 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE**

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: "The Resurrection of Jesus: Fact or Fiction? by Steven Smith" 1h 4m. Dr. Steven Smith explores Resurrection narratives from the vantage point of each of the four Gospels as well as many of the vital medical details of Roman crucifixion. Search for it in "[www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)."

**HOLY WEEK** - Fr Michael would like to thank all who assisted in any way during the elaborate liturgies of Holy Week.

**CONFIRMATION 2023**

The Fourth Preparatory Session is on this Saturday, 6th May, and a Retreat on Sunday 21 May. Please remember the candidates in your prayers.

**DIVINE MERCY** Sunday Annual Celebration is at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral on Sunday 16th April. Mass will be at 4.30 pm celebrated by Bishop Michael Gielen, preceded by confessions at 2.30pm and Chaplet of Mercy at 3pm. Contact; Pat Barrett 03 359 2087

**GET INFORMed** - If you have not picked up your free copy of the Diocesan Newsletter (INFORM), there are still plenty in the foyer.



**BREAKFAST WITH BISHOP MICHAEL GIELEN**  
Bishop Michael is calling men of the Diocese together for a special men's breakfast that he is hosting on Saturday 13th May, 7.30am at Sacred Heart, Addington (70 Spencer Street). Join him for a time of faith, feasting and a special announcement about a brand new spiritual initiative for the men of our diocese. Breakfast provided. Gold coin donation on the day. Mark your diaries now. Registration information to follow.

**SAFEGUARDING**

**WORKSHOP**, Wednesday 29th March at 7pm-8.30pm – St Marys Pro Cathedral, Manchester St. Venue: Assisi Lounge. Volunteers in all parishes, including ours, are required to attend. Later, there will be a workshop held locally. It is recommended that if you have not been to a Safeguarding Workshop in the last two years that you attend this updated safeguarding workshop. People who are not volunteers but would like to know about safeguarding, are very welcome to attend to understand what safeguarding is in practice for our everyday lives. Just turn up and sign in. Contact: Clodagh Ward, email: [cward@cdoc.nz](mailto:cward@cdoc.nz) Mobile: 022 0124142

**WEBSITE**, As part of our commitment to creating a culture of Safeguarding, the Diocese has developed a new website for all diocesan faith communities that provides access to useful resources and detailed information on Safeguarding within our Diocese. Visit [www.cdocsafeguarding.nz](http://www.cdocsafeguarding.nz) or scan the QR Code to visit the site.

**THE CATHOLIC ENQUIRY CENTRE** has a new website. You may wish to visit it or encouraged someone to visit who wants to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make a donation: <https://www.catholicdiscovery.nz/>

**ACHIEVING PREGNANCY THE NATURAL WAY -**

The Billings Ovulation Method™ can help you to optimise your chances of conceiving naturally. Our Fertility Educators will teach you to recognise your body's natural signs of fertility and pinpoint the most fertile day in your cycle. The Billings Ovulation Method™ is effective, non-invasive and affordable! And it is backed by over 50 years of medical research. For a free information leaflet, contact Billings LIFE NZ: 0800 693 378, email [info@billingslife.org.nz](mailto:info@billingslife.org.nz) or visit [www.billingslife.org.nz](http://www.billingslife.org.nz)

**The Resurrection in the words of some Early Christian Church Fathers**

**The Apostles' Creed:** "I believe in . . . the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the flesh. Amen" (*Old Roman Symbol* [A.D. 125]).

**Polycarp of Smyrna:** "[W]hoever perverts the sayings of the Lord for his own desires, and says that there is neither resurrection nor judgment, such a one is the firstborn of Satan. Let us, therefore, leave the foolishness and the false-teaching of the crowd and turn back to the word which was delivered to us in the beginning" (*Letter to the Philippians* 7:1-2 [A.D. 135]).

**Justin Martyr:** "Indeed, God calls even the body to resurrection and promises it everlasting life...." (*The Resurrection* 8 [A.D. 153]).

**St Irenaeus:** "For the Church, although dispersed throughout the whole world even to the ends of the earth, has received from the apostles and from their disciples the faith in . . . the raising up again of all flesh of all humanity" (*Against Heresies* 1:10:1-4 [A.D. 189]).

**Tertullian:** "After the present age is ended he will judge his worshipers. . . . All who have died since the beginning of time will be raised up again and shaped again and remanded to whichever destiny they deserve" (*Apology* 18:3 [A.D. 197]).  
"Therefore, the flesh shall rise again: certainly of every man, certainly the same flesh, and certainly in its entirety" (*The Resurrection of the Dead* 63:1 [A.D. 210]).

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