



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 **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

Second Sunday of Easter Year A 16 April 2023

For those whose sins you forgive...

The Gospel passage for the Second Sunday of Easter is always about the forgiveness of sins. Pope Saint John Paul II, influenced of course by visions of St Faustina (*see back page*), decided to call the Second Sunday Easter, "Divine Mercy Sunday". In our Diocese, Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated somewhere in the Diocese in a big way, and this year it is at St Mary's Pro Cathedral at (4.30pm, see next page) and with priests making themselves available from 2.30pm.



I have always liked the classic expression from the poet Alexander Pope (c1711): "...to err is human, and to forgive Divine" – and I reckon the Easter Resurrection scene captured by the this Sunday's Gospel presents this truth beautifully.

May we as an Easter People, also experience God's mercy.

Alleluia, He is Risen

Fr Michael Pui

P/s *Masses this weekend is covered by Fr Dan Doyle and Fr Kerry Prendeville SM - Please make them feel at home.*

After bouncing back for what appeared to be a cold (and testing negative for COVID) over Holy Week, Fr Michael's health took a dive today (Friday). This time he tested positive for COVID, and is in isolation until next weekend!.



HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

269 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
268 Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord
368 Regina Caeli

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CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: **WORKSHOP**, Wednesday 29th March at 7pm-8.30pm "Mercy: What Every Catholic Should Know — St Marys Pro Cathedral, Manchester St. Venue: Assisi Audiobook" 6h 34m. Its rather long, but you can listen in parts before going to bed!. Fr. Daniel Moloney covers a broad range of topics regarding mercy that are prevalent for our society today. Search for it in "www.formed.org."



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

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. To register please visit www.cathmen.nz or contact Mike Stopforth at the diocesan office, phone 366 9869 or 027 5398 542

SAFEGUARDING

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 Mobile: 022 0124142

Watch this space for our workshop on our Parish

ACHIEVING PREGNANCY THE NATURAL WAY -

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VOLUNTEER FOR CATHOLIC SHOP to join their team of volunteers to help out on a Friday. Please contact Vicki vschupbach@cdoc.nz for more information.

Pope St John Paul II, St Faustina and Divine Mercy

When St. Pope John Paul canonized Sr. Faustina (making her St. Faustina) Kowalska, he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday (the feast day associated with the message) as a feast day for the entire Church to be celebrated on the Second Sunday of the Easter season.

St Faustina promoted the message of The Divine Mercy: that is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Her message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy were recorded in a diary of 600 pages of private revelations she received about God's mercy. Well before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy was spreading. The Divine Mercy message is as simple as remembering ABC:

A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that all the graces of His mercy can only be received by our trust.

As providence would have it, Pope St John Paul II died on the Vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday

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