



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 **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

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

18 June 2023

The Harvest is rich but the Labourers are few

In the Gospel for this Sunday (Mathew; 9:36 - 10:8), Our Lord said: *'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few'*. In the Bible 'the harvest' frequently alludes to the fullness of times and the final judgement. There is therefore a lot to be done before then. Our Lord asks His disciples 'to pray the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into the harvest'. The role of these workers is to prepare the harvest for the final realisation of the kingdom of God. They will work to prepare humanity for the final judgement, to bring about conversion and personal purification. As a start, their work is confined to the people of Israel. But the days are coming when their ministry will extend 'to the ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8). By virtue of our membership in the *one, holy, catholic* and *apostolic* Church, we share in the mission of the twelve and the disciples. How well do we live our baptismal dignity? Can we count ourselves one of the labourers, or are we just idle members?



Blessings

Fr Michael

P/s: We welcome Louis Bernard Jackman in baptism into the Body of Christ at the Amberley Mass. The proud parents, Therese and David, will put on a cup of tea in the hall and you are welcome to join them.

PARISH MOVIE Nite: "What is a Woman?" !!!!

The above is the title of a documentary-movie released last year which looks at this issue of Transgenderism - simply by interviewing various people on the question. This month, it has been watched by more people than any Hollywood movie after it was made available for free on its first anniversary. "What is a Woman?" should be compulsory viewing for all parents to be informed on the issues that has taken the Western World in a big way. We will have a parish viewing at Amberley Hall, followed by a discussion. 7.00pm Sunday 25 June. Get yourself informed on the subject.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-6

*I will count you a kingdom of priests,
a consecrated nation*

Psalm Response:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

SECOND READING: Romans 5:6-11

We have been reconciled by the death of his Son

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:36-10:8

The harvest is rich but the labourers are few

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

407 Baptised in Water

779 O God You search me

340 My Soul proclaims You (Vs 1 & 5)

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: **"You are not alone"**. 16m about discipleship on the topic related to this Sunday's Gospel.

"Search" on www.FORMED.org.

If you are a parishioner, and you have not signed up to make use of this resource, please do not waste this opportunity. It is easy to sign up. Go to the website and when it asks for parish, type in "Hurunui" and from there, select it and it will guide you through.

PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MASS TIMES

Fr Michael has written to the bishop to seek approval for the proposal and will keep parishioners informed as to the outcome.

DID YOU KNOW THAT one of our parishioners, Therese Jackman and her friend, started a mini periodical called **"The Catholic Family"**. This is their thought behind it: *"Our hope is that these small pages can bring some companionship on your journey towards holiness; with some light and hope from fellow pilgrims, who though they may be geographically far from you, are walking exactly the same path, every day."* So far they have published 3 periodicals, and Fr Michael asked for the latest copy to be put on the Parish website (Parish Newsletter tab) so that you can have a quick look - check it out!. Anyone who is interested in joining their mailing list just have to register a postal address for 4 mail-outs a year.

PERPETUAL ADORATION has now been in the Christchurch Diocese for 10 years! All are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass on Friday, 30th June at 7.30pm to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the Adoration Chapel. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael and will be held at St Gregory's Church, Cotswold Ave. For more information contact Matt O'Connell on 366-9869 or chchadoration@gmail.com

3 DAY WEEKEND RETREAT - The Beatitudes Community warmly invites you to a weekend retreat to walk on a liturgical and spiritual pilgrimage with our Lord through his pascal mystery. **Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th June 2023 and Friday 25th to Sunday 27th August 2023.**

If it is not be feasible for you to join from Thursday, then you are encouraged to prepare from home by taking a personal time of prayer with Christ and then to join from Friday evening. Contact Sr Giovanna Maria at retreats@fourviere.nz

18 JUNE: DAY OF PRAYER FOR REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS: Check out Caritas NZ's website for Pope Francis' message for World Day of Migrants and refugees: www.caritas.org.nz and also how to mark this year's Day. This year Caritas is using the opportunity to re-ignite the discussion on the treatment of the Rohingya in Myanmar

SPONSORSHIP REQUEST FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH TEAM (CYT) Revolution Camp: 30th June to 2nd July. CYT Revolution is our camp for Years 6 to 8. Many young people struggle financially to be able to come to camp so we are asking if you would consider donating to support this camp and those who wish to attend. Your donation will provide the opportunity for young people to develop, strengthen and/or maintain their relationship with Christ. Thank you in advance for helping a young person's faith journey. Online banking through the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch

Account: 03-0802-0948733-00

Particulars: Donation **Reference:** RevCamp23

SECOND HAND CATHOLIC BOOKSHOP - If you are looking for the right book to nourish your faith which at a bargain price St. Augustine's Second-Hand Catholic Bookshop is the place to visit in Christchurch. If you have any Catholic books that you no longer need and not sure what do with, you are welcome to drop them off at the shop so they can be passed onto a new generation.

LOCATION: 90 Greers Rd, Christ the King foyer.

OPENING HOURS: 11am-2pm. EFTPOS available.

INVEST IN CHRISTMAS JOY

A Catholic Development Fund Christmas Club Account allows you to enjoy the peace and joy that the birth of Jesus brings without the unnecessary stress at what is often a busy and expensive time of year. Your savings are available from 1 December in time for Christmas celebrations or even summer holiday expenses, and your account will earn interest for you while doing good within our community. **CDF – INVEST IN GOOD** : 0800 403 863 www.cdf.org.nz

Saints and Solemnities of the Week

Wed 21 June: St Aloysius Gonzaga

Thu 22 June: Sts John Fisher (Bishop),

Thomas More (Martyr),

Paulinus of Nola (Bishop)

Fri 23 June: Birthday of St John the Baptist

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