



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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 2 July 2023

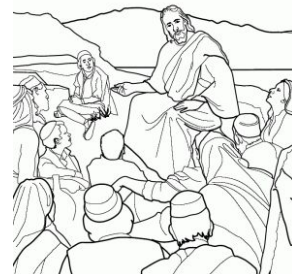
Anyone who finds his life will lose it....

In the Latin or Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, to which most of us in New Zealand belong, the ritual for baptism involves the pouring of water over the forehead with the baptismal formula. Those of you who witnessed the baptism of Louis JackMAN in Amberley three weeks ago, I hope, were reminded of the hope expressed in prayers of the ritual. Some Rites within the Catholic Church still maintain the old ways of baptising, which involves the total immersion (i.e. the whole body being immersed into water) of the candidate in water. I think baptising in this way projects more clearly the idea of the newly baptised dying to the old self to emerge from the water a new creation. The emergence is like a new birth into a new life in Christ. It also reflects Christ's own death, burial and resurrection. The simplified ritual is more practical, but the symbolisms are much more evident with total immersion.

Ultimately, our baptism is but the beginning of a journey that is to culminate in the share of Christ's Resurrection. Thus being a Christian means also learning to die to self, dying to sin, in order to live in Christ in His new risen life (see 2nd Reading). Although embracing the Christian faith may seem a **personal** matter, paradoxically, being a Christian is anything but an individualistic pursuit. There is no true union with Christ if we do not follow His footsteps. There is no true union with Him which does not lead to genuine concern for our neighbours, for the Church, and for those who are poor in spirit, etc. Our Lord puts in beautifully in this Sunday's Gospel passage; "Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it". Being baptised, being a Christian, comes with a communitarian outlook. Listen (or read) carefully to what else He says in this Sunday's Gospel (Matt 10:37-42)

God bless,

Fr Michael



SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16
This is a holy man of God; let him rest here

Psalm Response:
For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-4,8-11
When we were baptised we went into the tomb with Christ, so that we too might live a new life

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42
Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it

MAKE A JOYFUL
NOISE UNTO THE
LORD ALL THE
EARTH

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

924 Brother, sister, let me serve you
877 Will you come and follow me
347 O purest of Creatures (Vs 1-3)

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES will commence in August 2023.

<u>Locations/Towns</u>	<u>Presently</u>	<u>As of August 2023</u>
Hanmer	5:00pm Vigil (Sat) every week	5:00pm Vigil (Sat) every week
Culverden	6:30pm Vigil (Sat) 1, 2, 3rd week	6:30pm Vigil (Sat) 1, 3rd, 5th week
Amberley	9:00am every Sunday	8.30am every Sunday
Cheviot	11:00am Sunday 1, 2, 3rd week	11:00am Sunday 1, 3rd, 5th week
Hawarden	10:30am Sunday 4th week	10:30am 2nd & 4th week
Waiau	11:30pm Sunday 5th week	No Mass

KALAVALE is the name of the parish's monthly gathering after Mass @Amberley for a cuppa and raffles on the **1st-Sunday of each month**. The name comes from the place in Tonga which benefit from our donation to the LCM (*Little Company of Mary*) sisters over there.

Join us in the hall this Sunday after Mass, and win a raffle or two while supporting the mission at Kalavale.

The LCM sent a letter to thank us for our donation of \$1125.50 in the last financial year. They informed us that it has been another busy year for them because of many weather-related events, and they are eternally grateful for our support. In October/November next year, they will be celebrating 50 years of service in Tonga.

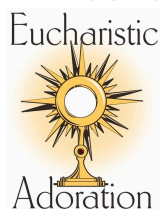
FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's recommendation for this week is a movie: **"Dysconnected: The Real Story Behind the Transgender Explosion"**. It is part of Fr Michael's personal crusade to get people informed of the ideology that is creeping into our society that is doing harm to our youth. "Search" on **www.FORMED.org**.

If you are a parishioner, and have not even started to use FORMED, 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.

PARISH MOVIE-NITE - thank you to all who packed the Hall to watch: "What is a woman?". It relates to the above, and you can now watch the full doco-movie (at least for now) free online. Just search with these words: "Twitter, What is a woman?" and you should find it.

GET INFORM-ed, the free Diocesan Catholic Newsletter. The latest edition should be in the Church foyer.



PARISH ADORATION NIGHT! Over and above our Parish having a yearly 24hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (*on the 1st weekend of Advent*), several young families have come together to organise this.

Everyone is welcome to join us for an hour of Adoration at the Parish Church, followed by a shared potluck dinner in the hall. Children under 10 are welcome to join activities in the hall during the first part of Adoration. (*Kids will share a snack at the start, participate in the shared activities, and then join in the last part of Adoration.*)

When: Thursday 20th July

Time: Adoration is 5.30 - 6.30, dinner to follow

Where: Catholic Church, Amberley.

(Hall is behind the Church)

Bring: Fingerfood / soup to share (note: *Soup in a crock pot can help to keep it warm during Adoration*)

(*All going well this may be a monthly event*)

HEARTS AFLAME SUMMER SCHOOL is back this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, and uplifting prayer! It is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/24! Registrations open July 2nd at 2pm. Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

MASS OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL - The Carmelite Sisters warmly invite you to the annual celebration on Sunday, 16 July at 2.00pm, at the Carmelite Monastery, 52 Halswell Road. Msgr. Rick Loughnan will be the principal celebrant, followed by afternoon tea. You are most welcome to join us on this special occasion to ask Our Lady's intercession for all your intentions. In preparation, a novena of Masses will be offered for all our relatives and friends.

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