



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

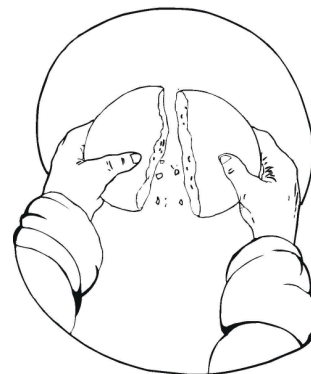
Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall

Third Sunday of Easter Year A 23 April 2023

And they recognised Him at the Breaking of Bread....

The disciples recognised Jesus through his word and in the "breaking of bread". The latter expression, the 'breaking of bread' or 'fractionis panis' is a term used in the Church to refer to the Eucharist. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:

"The Breaking of Bread, because Jesus used this rite, part of a Jewish meal when as master of the table he blessed and distributed the bread, above all at the Last Supper. It is by this action that his disciples will recognize him after his Resurrection, and it is this expression that the first Christians will use to designate their Eucharistic assemblies; by doing so they signified that all who eat the one broken bread, Christ, enter into communion with him and form but one body in him. (Paragraph 1329. CCC).



In the liturgy of the Mass Christ makes Himself known through His word of Scripture and in the breaking of bread. The Eucharist is a celebration of Easter because not only is it a memorial of Jesus' offering of Himself to the Father but it is also a sign in which we recognise Christ as alive giving Himself to the whole of humanity.

Alleluia He is Risen!

Fr Michael

P/s: Thank you for all the well-wishes and prayer during my encounter with Covid. Only today do I feel I am back in the land of the living. While for most people Covid infection come with mild symptoms, I must say that it was an unpleasant experience for me: mainly in the form of fatigue and 'brain fog'!

Weekday Masses resumes on Monday.

It has been reported that Covid cases are high in Canterbury, and the colds and influenza are doing their rounds. We should all take care of each other, and protect the vulnerable, by staying home if we are sick.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14,22-33

*God raised this man Jesus to life,
and all of us are witnesses to this*

Psalm Response:

Lord, you will show us the path of life

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

*Your ransom was paid
in the precious blood of Christ*

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)



644 Alleluia Sing to Jesus
663 Sweet Sacrament Divine
368 Regina Caeli

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: a 2 minute video: "Road to Emmaus" Dr. Tim Gray explores how the story of Jesus' encounter with the disciples on the road to Emmaus (this Sunday's Gospel) reveals to us the "meaning and pattern of the Mass." 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.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPT has been slightly delayed because Elaine the Treasurer could not come in last Tuesday with Fr Michael in isolation. Rest assured, they will be worked on ASAP.

30th APRIL IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY AND VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK (30th April – 6th May). Next Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Easter, is Good Shepherd Sunday, and the Gospel readings always give us the figure of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. If you are on Planned Giving you should have a Special Envelope marked "Seminary Appeal" which you may wish to support the formation of Priests. Prayer for Priestly Vocations:

*Heavenly Father, in your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for your people
Fill your Church with the spirit of courage & love.
Raise up worthy ministers for your altars,
and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Eternal High Priest.
Amen. St. John the Baptist – Pray for us!
St. John Vianney – Pray for us!*

ANZAC DAY is a day to remember those who lost their lives in the theatre of war, and to pray for them - and also to remember those who went to war and scarred by the experience. Mass as usual in Amberley, 7.00am

WORKSHOPS ON SAFEGUARDING will be held in our parish (Amberley Hall) on two occasions:

- 16th May, Tuesday - 12 noon
- 18th May, Thursday - 7pm

It's been about three years since one was held in our parish, and anyone who does anything in the parish as a volunteer is required to attend (Members of the Parish and Finance Council, please attend). People who are not volunteers but would like to know about safeguarding, are very welcome to attend to understand what safeguarding is in practice. Just turn up and sign in. Contact: Clodagh Ward, email: cward@cdoc.nz Mobile: 022 0124142

THE DIOCESE DISPATCH NEWSLETTER is a newsletter from the Diocesan General Manager, Simon Thompson. A subscription (link) link will be sent to those on parish email. Its news about the Diocese (e.g. buildings, Canon Law challenge, etc...)

A PILGRIMAGE WITH ST PETER CHANEL @ the Sanctuary of Fourviere: 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield, Saturday 29th April from 10am. Talk by Michael Loretz and Thomas Peacock on the early missionaries from Fourviere to Oceania and New Zealand. Talk by Fr Pierre Marie CB: The Spirituality of Pilgrimage. Visit of the Heritage Mission Trail. 12pm: Holy Mass. Followed by shared Lunch: please bring a plate to share. For more information contact: Thomas at apostolate@fourviere.nz

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

- **St Mark the Evangelist: 26th April:** He was a cousin of Barnabas and accompanied the apostle Paul on his first missionary journey; later he followed him to Rome. He was a disciple of Peter. He is credited with founding the Church in Alexandria. His body was stolen from Alexandria in 828 and taken to Venice, which adopted him as its patron saint. The Symbol of St Mark's is that of a winged Lion (and can be seen everywhere in Venice)
- **St Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr (1803-1841AD): 28 April:** He was born in France, at Cuet in 1803. He had been a priest for three years when he was accepted by the Marists, a missionary order. He was sent out to evangelize the island of Futuna in the Pacific, where cannibalism had only recently been banned by the local ruler, Niuliki. At first all went well, but as he learned the local language and gained the confidence of the people, Niuliki became jealous and fearful; and the baptism of his son and his son's friends was the last straw. Niuliki sent men who set upon him and clubbed him to death. He is the first martyr of Oceania. Pope Pius XII declared him a saint in 1954
- **St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, (1347-1380AD) Doctor of the Church: 29 April:** St Catherine was born in Siena and, seeking perfection, entered the Third Order of the Dominicans when she was still in her teens. She wrote letters to many major public figures and carried on a long correspondence with Pope Gregory XI, urging him to reform the clergy and the administration of the Papal States. She fought hard to defend the liberty and rights of the Popes and did much for the renewal of religious life. She also dictated books full of sound doctrine and spiritual inspiration. In 1970 Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church.



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