



# 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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

25 June 2023

#### Do not be afraid of those who kill the body....

Our Lord forewarned His apostles (Matthew 10:26-33) that the message they were to preach would not be acceptable to all. It would mean persecution and even death for them. His only assurance to them; *"Do not be afraid.....", and , "..... anyone who declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven"*.

In New Zealand, it is unlikely that we will face martyrdom for our faith - but increasingly, the media paints the Church in very negative light, and we are fair game for being ridiculed and portrayed as 'unthinking'. Thus Our Lord's words are still relevant to us, for the environment we live in is as hostile to the Christian message as it was in the time of the Apostles - and it is precisely in this environment that we are asked to bear witness to Our Lord. Like what Our Lord asked the Apostle, we are to preach the Gospel in season and out of season, without fear and anxiety.

Blessings **Fr Michael**



#### 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: Jeremiah 20:10-13

*He has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men*

##### Psalm Response:

Lord, in your great love, answer me.

##### SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

*The gift considerably outweighed the fall*

##### GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

*Do not be afraid of those who kill the body*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

**964** Be not afraid

**898** Make me a channel of Your peace

**347** O purest of Creatures (Vs 1 & 2)

### Message from Bishop Michael Gielen

On Thursday evening, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, announced he had appointed Father John Adams as the new Bishop of Palmerston North. As he prepares to farewell you, his family and friends, we pray in thanksgiving for all Bishop-elect John has given to our diocese over his lifetime of service. We also pray for the Diocese of Palmerston North as they welcome their new Shepherd. May Bishop-elect John be given an abundance of grace and strength necessary for his new mission.

† Michael Gielen  
Bishop of Christchurch

### PROPOSAL TO CHANGE MASS TIMES

The Bishop has approved the proposal to implement the changes that were proposed by Fr Michael. The date of implementation will be made known to you soon.

### FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week is a movie: "**Ninth Day**". "Search" on [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org).

It is relevant to the Gospel for this Sunday. Here's a short synopsis: "*From inside the hell of the Dachau concentration camp "Priest Block," Father Henri Kremer clings to a fragile life and challenged faith. But Gestapo officer Gebhardt, a young and ruthless lapsed seminarian, arranges a nine day reprieve for the priest. If Kremer can persuade his staunchly anti-Nazi Bishop to capitulate to Nazi occupation, he'll go free. But if he fails or tries to escape, death awaits. Torn between duty, faith, fear for his own life and for the lives of his loved ones, in just nine days Kremer must find a way to ease his conscience, protect his family, hold on to his faith and uphold his vows.*" If you are a parishioner, 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.

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



**REPLENISH, A HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT** on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> July. A time away to replenish, learn about and experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Chapel on site with adoration, rolling hills and times of praise and worship at a country house. Ages 18 - 35, \$100pp includes food and accommodation.

Led by Diana Ingles.

Contact: [crarestore.nextgen@gmail.com](mailto:crarestore.nextgen@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](mailto:retreats@fourviere.nz)

**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](http://www.cdf.org.nz)

### Saints and Solemnities of the Week

Tues 27 June: St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of Church

Wed 28 June St Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Thu 29 June: Sts Peter & Paul Apostles (Solemnity),

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