



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

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A 7 May 2023

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

After Our Lord instituted the Mass, he had a discourse with the Apostles; and this discourse forms part of this Sunday's Gospel (John 14:1-12).

Amongst the beautiful things he said includes the famous phrase; "*I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*". In this powerful sentence, he tells us he does not simply give direction and advice; He is personally the Way, the unique means of

salvation; the way to God. Others claim to teach the truth; only Our Lord can say 'I am' the Truth. In his very person he embodies the Truth about God, and the truth about humanity. He is also the Life; he communicates the life he shares with the Father, giving the kind of life that only God can give; eternal happiness.

In his book, 'The Imitation of Christ', Thomas Kempis wrote; '*Without the Way, there is no going, without the Truth, there is no knowing, without the Life there is no living*'. What Kempis is saying is that without Christ, we are lost. Without He, who is 'true God and true man', humanity is lost. May we follow the Way, know the Truth, and find true Life - always.

God bless, Fr Michael



FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

If you still have not signed up this "free" (paid for by the Parish) subscription to use this incredible resource, please contact Fr Michael to do so.

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week: a half an hour video dialogue: "**Gender Theory vs. TRUTH - Chris Stefanick**". This is a very current issue. Show Search for it in "www.formed.org."

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

Psalm Response:

Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9

*Christ is the living stone,
chosen by God and precious to him*

GOSPEL: John 14:1-12

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HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

269 At the Lamb's High Feast

970 Be Thou My Vision

368 Regina Caeli

CONFIRMATION 2023

The Fourth Preparatory Session is on this Saturday, 6th May, and a Retreat on Sunday 21 May. Update: **No need to "Pot Luck"** meal as previously advertised as members of the Filipino Community has volunteered to bring the food.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPT has been slightly delayed. Rest assured, they will be worked on ASAP.



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

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

Anyone who does anything in the parish as a volunteer is required to attend (Members of the Parish and Finance Council, please attend). Those 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

WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY - The Christchurch Catholic Justice and Peace Commission invites you to participate in World Environment Day on 5th June. This year the focus is on solutions to plastic pollution. Single-use plastic plagues New Zealand rivers and beaches but there are many easy and simple ways you can reduce this plastic pollution:

- Avoid using plastic straws.
- Bring your own water bottle & coffee cup to work.
- Choose food with no plastic packaging.
- Avoid using plastic bags at the supermarket.
- Use glass containers instead of plastic.
- Recycle plastics, glass, cardboard, and cans.

BELOVED DISCIPLES is an inspiring course for the over-sixties. Pope Francis has been reminding us all that 'older people are a treasure'. This profound and enjoyable [online Zoom course](#) will help many to feel new value and serve with fresh confidence. Ideal for parishes, ecumenical groups and individuals. More details and registration at:

"A DAY IN MARY" - will be held at Our Lady of Victories, Sockburn on Saturday 13th May from 9.00am to 3.00pm, For further details contact Ron on 022 0970 627.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP is a Special Event for Men of the Christchurch Diocese, calling men of the Diocese together for a special men's breakfast 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. 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

CATHOLIC MUSICIANS' RETREAT - Tues 9th May 6-9pm. We are excited to offer musicians from our Catholic communities the opportunity to take time out of the busyness of life and to come and be ministered to. If you use your musical gifts with instruments or voice to lead the people of God in our parishes or schools in worship, please join us as we take time to connect with God and go deeper into this beautiful ministry. The evening will be led by international Catholic speakers Emma and David Kruse. People of all ages and musical experience are welcome. To register your interest or for more details go to www.cyt.org.nz/music

A DAY WITH ST JULIAN OF NORWICH (1342-c1414) – This year marks the 650th anniversary of her encounter with Christ's Passion which she received at thirty years of age and called them her 'showings'. Confined as an anchoress to St Julian's Church in Norwich, this 'unlettered' woman was the first woman to write a book in English. Fr Barry Malone SM will facilitate a day of contemplation of some of her wisdom and 'showings'. **Monday 8th May, 9am to 3.30pm.** Community of the Beatitudes, 67 Leithfield Road, Leithfield. BYO lunch. Register by Wednesday 3rd May, contacting Bishop's Pastoral Office, 3669869 or email mstopforth@cdoc.nz.

VOCATIONS TO THE DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD: Fr Tien Cao is the Vocations Director for the Christchurch Diocese. If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien at vocations.chch@gmail.com You may also want to check out the National Seminary's webpage, Holy Cross Seminary: www.holycross.org.nz

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