



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

16 July 2023

A sower went out to sow....

The farmer or anyone who sows seeds in the hope of a harvest, lives in a world of chance. The seed may not germinate, or the crop could fail. One would think that any farmer or sower worth his salt, or knows his business, would know how and where to sow his seeds. Yet, in the parable that Our Lord told, he described what appeared someone who was careless, or even wasteful, in his sowing. On top of that, there were forces beyond his control, like the weather, that were against him.

The parable spells it out in vivid detail how each sowing fared. Three out of four sowings were wasted; only a part of the seed landed on good soil, and produced crop a plenty, and according to our Lord, 100, 60 or 30 fold – which is more than one can normally expect from any harvest! In His elaboration, He of course spoke of the seed that is the Word of God that is being sowed.

There's a second message for us who have "ears to hear" this parable. The ending of the passage sums it up for us: "And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty."

Are we the "rich soil" Jesus hoped us to be? If we are not at this moment, we can rectify that, by working on the soil: by working on our listening and understanding, that our hearts may be good soil for the Word of God to grow and produce a rich harvest. That is why I have always preached the words which St Augustine used: "Faith seeks understanding...". It is seeking the understanding that we can help the Word to take root in us....



God bless,

Fr Michael

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

See now, your king comes humbly to you

Psalm Response:

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9,11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of
the body, you will live*

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

*You have hidden these things from the wise and
revealed them to little children*

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

820 Seek ye first the Kingdom
637 Seed scattered and sown
356 Hail Queen of Heaven (Vs 1-2)

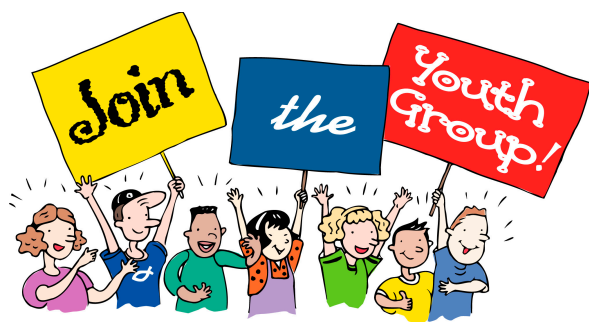
FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's recommendation for this week is a 11m video for children!: "The Jesus Stories 9: The Parable of the Sower".

Search" for it 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.

LAST MASS IN WAIU? There is a fifth Sunday this month, and that means there is a Mass at Waiu on 30th July. This will also be the last Mass in Waiu before the new Mass times (see above) commence. We will have some refreshment at the end of Mass. Please pray for fine weather and turn up for the last Mass there.



PARISH YOUTH GROUP! On the **23rd of July** we welcome all families with youth to launch our Hurunui Parish Youth Group! There will be activities for every member of the family.

We plan to meet every fourth Sunday of the month, **after the 10.30am Mass in Hawarden**. Our goal is to have our young people know the value of a deep friendship with Christ and to enjoy the support and fun of friendship with each other. Parents will also deepen their knowledge of the faith, and experience the fellowship of other Catholic families, as they cover their own faith formation course next door.

Over the course of the year kids can look forward to tramps, sports days, pilgrimages, music and our regular gatherings at Hawarden Parish Centre. All are welcome! Any queries please contact,

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**PARISH ADORATION NIGHT!**

Over and above our Parish having a yearly 24-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (*on the 1st weekend of Advent*), we are exploring an evening of Eucharistic Adoration.

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

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

A LIBERAL ARTS INTENSIVE COURSE is being offered in Canterbury. This is a collaborative effort between a fraternity of faithful lay people in Canterbury, Augustine Academy and Campion College (NSW)

Dates: 4th-16th September Week 1

- Tuesday night 5th 7pm at St Peters Church hall Beckenham
- Thursday night 7th 7pm at St Patrick's Kaiapoi Church Lounge
- Friday night 8th 7pm at Our Lady of Victories Sockburn

Format: 2 x 30-45 minute lectures (Dr Paul Morrissey, Campion College and Ben and Eliza McCabe, Augustine Academy) and then panel discussion.

For more information, including a detailed programme of Week 2, and to enrol, please contact Nick at: alexandernick@live.com

JUBILATE 2023 - The Christchurch South and West parishes are bringing their talented choirs and young singers together for a good sing. Come and join your voice in fervent core singing and support our featured choirs. Where? St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. When? Thursday 27 July from 7.00 to 8.00pm. All welcome and admission is free.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saturday 22 July - St Mary Magdalen: In Biblical accounts, she was healed of "seven devils", and ministered to Our Lord in Galilee and was present at the Crucifixion. Saw was also in the group of women who were the first to discover the empty tomb, and it was to her that Our Lord first appeared after the Resurrection. Although there is no concrete evidence, in Western tradition, Mary Magdalene is often identified with 'the woman who was a sinner', and the sister of Martha and Lazarus of Bethany.

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