



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs
(Every Saturday)

6:30pm Cheviot
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays Only)*

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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

23 July 2023

Let them both grow till the harvest

Last Sunday, in the Gospel Reading, we were given the parable of the Sower, and this Sunday we move to the parable of the 'Wheat and Darnel' (Matthew; 13:24-43). In both, Our Lord spoke about the idea of the 'harvest' at the end of time.

The parable of the Wheat and Darnel suggests that there will come a time when the 'good' and the 'bad' will be separated: i.e. during the harvest. There are 'good' and 'bad' within the 'kingdom' for now; they co-exist, and God's wisdom is to leave them to grow together until the harvest at the fullness of time. The implication of the co-existence of good (wheat) and evil (darnel) within the 'kingdom' for now that there is a final destiny, and until then, there is time for change and repentance. Like the 'parable of the Sower, this is also 'Good News'. Until our choices in life are locked in because we have completed our journey, there is the possibility of changing. With God's grace, even the 'darnel' can change into 'wheat', even 'evil' people has the ability to change to become good people. Indeed part of the message of the parable is to exhort us to have a change of heart, and to repent. As long as we are still alive, there is still time to change, time to repent, and time to have a change of heart.

That is what the journey of holiness is about: constantly striving to be better.....to do good and avoid evil. For Christians, the guiding light is Christ and His teachings.

God bless, Fr Michael

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



HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

You will grant repentance after sin

Psalm Response:

Lord, you are good and forgiving

SECOND READING: Romans 8:18-23

The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-43

Let them both grow till the harvest

970 Be Thou my vision

731 For the fruits of all creation

Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

(Starts with the words of the Hail Mary...)

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star

so strong and bright.

Gentle mother, peaceful dove
teach us wisdom, teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father,
You were chosen for the Son.

You were chosen from all women
and for woman, shining one....

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) 1st, 2nd, 3rd week	6:30pm Vigil (Sat) 1st, 3rd, 5th week
Amberley	9:00am every Sunday	8.30am every Sunday
Cheviot	11:00am Sunday 1st, 2nd, 3rd week	11:00am Sunday 1st, 3rd, 5th week
Hawarden	10:30am Sunday 4th week	10:30am 2nd & 4th week
Waiau	11:30pm Sunday 5th week	No Mass



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.

The plan is 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, David & Therese Jackman at david.m.jackman@gmail.com Paco and Lou Mones-Cazon at loumonescazon@gmail.com Sandy Velmonte at Shandeep23@yahoo.com or Genilyn Mercado at mercadogenilyn@yahoo.com

ADORATION NIGHT! Thank you to all who attend last Thursday.

**FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE**

Fr Michael's recommendation for this week is a 7m 11s video discussing: "Where is hell? How can a loving God send people to hell?"

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.

MASS WITH SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is being offered on

Thursday 27th July @ 10.00am at Amberley

(followed by Morning tea in the Hall)

"This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to indeed by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle and brother of the Lord"

(Catechism of the Catholic Church, para. 1511; Mark 6:13; Jas. 5:14-15). The anointing of the sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude (CCC 1520). These graces flow from the atoning death of Jesus Christ, for "this was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took our infirmities and bore our diseases'" (Matt. 8:17). **P/s, no 7.00am Mass that day**

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday 25 July - Feast of St James, Apostles ??-44AD. He was the brother of St John and both were fishermen. He witnessed the Transfiguration and one of those who slept through Our Lord's agony in the Garden. He was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I to please the Jewish opponents of Christianity, and was buried in Jerusalem. Eventually his relics were taken to Spain and his shrine at Compostella grew in importance until it became the greatest pilgrimage centre in western Europe.

Wednesday 26 July - Sts Joachim and Anna, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. An ancient tradition, already known in the 2nd century, gives these names to the parents of the Virgin Mary.

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