



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiau | Hanmer Springs
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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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 9 July 2023

Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened....

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, Our Lord invites us to come to him with our burdens and heavy loads.

In an imperfect world tarnished by sin – life itself can be burdensome and distressing. In fact, suffering in this life is one of the four "Noble Truths" on which Siddharta Gautama, or Buddha, built his religion some 2500 years ago (more on this in my Sunday Homily!). Two Sundays ago, I have also, more or less, touched on suffering (or distress) when I preached about the prayer the priest prays after the Lord's Prayer during Mass (which includes a request 'to be safe from all distress').

Burden and distress are part of suffering and they can come from within or from others. The first reading for this Sunday gives us an account of the burden of those who live in a time after the exile of the People of God, whose relief would only come not by the pride of the one on the chariot but by the meekness of the one on a colt (hint: Palm Sunday!). St. Paul in the second reading speaks of another burden, the burden of the flesh. It is the burden of having to deal with our natural inclinations and the stubbornness of human will. Submitting to the Spirit of God is a way of dealing with our natural inclinations.

In whatever from we are labour and are overburdened, Our Lord invites us to come to Him in humility and to learn from him.



God bless,

Fr Michael

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's recommendation for this week is a 52m podcast: "Doctor, Doctor# 140 – Anxiety is Prayer Waiting to Happen: Turning to God in Times of Need".

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.

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)

969 Lord of all hopefulness

795 I heard the voice of Jesus say

355 I'll sing a hymn to Mary (Vs 1-2)

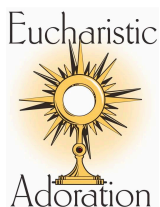
CHANGES TO MASS TIMES will commence in August 2023.

<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) 1, 2, 3rd week	6:30pm Vigil (Sat) 1, 3rd, 5th week
Amberley	9.00am every Sunday	8.30am every Sunday
Cheviot	11:00am Sunday 1, 2, 3rd week	11:00am Sunday 1, 3rd, 5th week
Hawarden	10:30am Sunday 4th week	10:30am 2nd & 4th week
Waiau	11:30pm Sunday 5th week	No Mass

LAST MASS IN WAIU? There is a fifth Sunday this month, and that means there is a Mass at Waiau on 30 July. Since this will also be the last Mass there before the new Mass times (see above) commence, it would be good if as many parishioners can turn up. We will have some refreshment at the end of Mass. Please pray for fine weather.

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

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD - Matt O'Connell has been appointed as the Diocesan Vocations Coordinator to work alongside the Vocations Director, Fr Tien Cao. Matt will be helping with new initiatives and events to promote vocations. He can be contacted on vocations.chch@gmail.com or 027 536 9407.

REPLENISH HEALING & RETREAT CENTRE has a vacancy for hosts. The Centre is a 'home away from home' for individuals and families needing God-centric respite care, established seven years ago in Okuku, North Canterbury. The Centre is seeking new hosts for their Retreat and Healing Country House. This is a non-salaried position that includes a pocket-money stipend, along with full accommodation and board. For more information, please apply to our Trust Chair, Peter Brown, at replenishnz@gmail.com

HEARTS AFLAME SUMMER SCHOOL is back this summer with ten days of world-class lectures, and uplifting prayer! It is a life-changing experience for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith, have an authentic encounter with Christ and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/24! Registrations open July 2nd at 2pm. Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to register or find out more.

MASS OF THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL - The Carmelite Sisters warmly invite you to the annual celebration on Sunday, 16 July at 2.00pm, at the Carmelite Monastery, 52 Halswell Road. Msgr. Rick Loughnan will be the principal celebrant, followed by afternoon tea. You are most welcome to join us on this special occasion to ask Our Lady's intercession for all your intentions. In preparation, a novena of Masses will be offered for all our relatives and friends.

Saints of the Week

11 July, Tues: St Benedict, Abbot, 480-537AD: He is regarded as the 'father of Western Monasticism', after having put together a rule of communal living that would become the norm of many Christian monks and nuns. He is also the Patron Saint of Europe (Pope Benedict XVI took his name).

15 July, Sat: St Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church, 1218-1274AD: A Franciscan Friar who was elected a bishop, and wrote extensively on philosophy and theology. A personal friend of St Thomas Aquinas

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