



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Please pay attention to New  
Mass Timetables and location  
which commenced in August  
2023**

**Weekend Mass**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

13 August 2023



### Saturday Vigil

5pm Hanmer Springs  
(Every Saturday)

6:30pm Culverden  
(1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays)  
(Remember to base the Vigil  
on the Sunday of the month)

### Sunday Mass

8.30am Amberley  
(Every Sunday)

11am Cheviot  
(1st, 3rd, 5th Sundays Only)

10.30am Hawarden  
(2nd & 4th 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!)

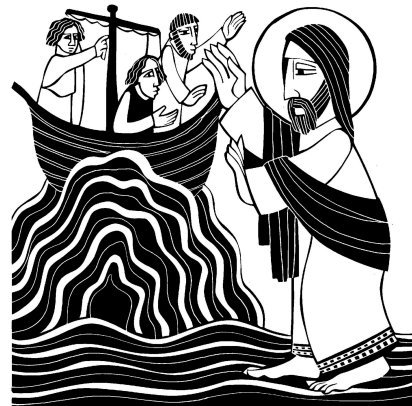


### Rosary

Wednesday  
1:30pm Amberley  
Church Hall

### Courage! It is I! Do not be Afraid...

Our Christchurch contingent of World Youth Day has returned home. At the World Youth Day gathering in Lisbon last week, it is reported that 354 thousands were registered to attend. The actual number for the Mass with the Pope would likely be higher. On our 6pm news, at least on this occasion, there was a quick reference to it (less than a minute?), but for many other WYD gatherings, there was no or hardly any mention of the gatherings. It just shows that for the secular media, something good happening in the Church is not deemed worthy of reporting, but, when there is anything in the Church that involves a scandal we get the coverage! I think the secular world is afraid of the truth: that if the Church stands for what she is, and Jesus is who He is..... then, they will have to change their lives. It is better to try and find excuses or look for human brokenness in the Church to expose, so that one can find 'reasons' to justify for oneself, why one should not look into what the Church is truly about. It is almost like the disciples who saw Our Lord walking on the lake in this Sunday's Gospel instalment: (Matthew. 14:22-33): they were also afraid. Instead of delving into His true identity, they just assumed He was a ghost. Our reassured them with the words: "Courage!, It is I, Do not be afraid". These should be His words we help people to hear, that they open themselves to God who is calling them, that they may profess what the disciples professed of Jesus at the conclusion of the episode: "Truly, You are the Son of God".



God bless, Fr Michael

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15th August

This is the Patronal Feast Day of NZ, and a Holy Day of Obligation.  
Fr Michael will celebrate an additional Mass @6.30pm in Culverden



### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

*The Lord was not in the wind,  
or the earthquake, or the fire*

#### Psalm Response:

Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.

#### SECOND READING: Romans 9:1-5

*I would willingly be condemned  
if it could help my brothers*

#### GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33

*Jesus walks on the water*

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

964 Be not afraid

871 Lord You have come to the seashore

347 O purest of creatures (2 vs)

## FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

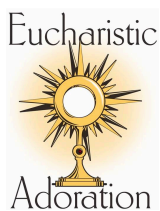
Search" for it on [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org).

Fr Michael's recommendation for this week is an hour's video: **"The Parent's Mission: Passing on the Faith"** – the main part starts after about 8m of intro! Parents have the important mission of teaching their children the Catholic Faith. In this first episode, Patty Schneier and Fr. Boniface Hicks, OSB, share practical advice on how to engage your children in the Catholic faith, love in difficult relationships, and share the faith through service in your community. After this teaching, your family can pray along with the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

### 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 have an evening of Eucharistic Adoration on **Thursday 24th August from 5.30-6.30pm @ Amberley.**

Everyone is welcome. Children under 10 will join in activities in the hall during the first part of Adoration and *then join in the last part of Adoration.* Following Adoration there will be a shared potluck dinner in the hall. **Bring** fingerfood/soup (*in crockpot*) to share.



**PARISH YOUTH GROUP** will gather in the **Hawarden Presbytery** after the **10.30am** Mass on the **27th August.**



All families with youth are welcome to join our second gathering and there will be activities for every member of the family.

The 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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**A REMINDER: MASS AT HAWARDEN THIS WEEKEND!** It is the 2nd Sunday of the month. A cup of tea follows after Mass on the 2nd Sunday, and (generally), our Youth Group gathers after the 4th.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 2023** is less than one month away. Caritas NZ has created a Reflection Booklet as a resource for parishes and small groups to explore the themes around personal peace encapsulated in this year's focus, *Peace Begins With You!* Anyone who wants to individually or collectively come together to pray and reflect can download the resource or ask Fr Michael for a hard copy.

**GOING TO THE HOSPITAL?** You will have to take the initiative if you want to see a Catholic chaplain or priest. Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholics patients to the Chaplaincy. Here are the number to ring:

Christchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick - 364 0640 (x89554)

Burwood Hospital: Jane Dick - 021 572 480

Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough - 021 501 683

Nurse Maude Hospice: ChCh North Parish - 03 359 1438

St George's Hospital: ChCh North Parish - 03 359 1438

Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish - 379 1068

### MOVIE FUNDRAISER - ADVANCED SCREENING OF "SOUND OF FREEDOM"

The film was released in July in USA and became a sudden success. It is based on the true story of Tim Ballard (portrayed by Jim Caviezel, of *Passion of the Christ* fame) a former DHS operative and CIA agent who quit his job to rescue young children from sex slavery.

7.30pm on Wed 23rd August at Hoyts Riccarton

Tickets (\$20 + processing fee) can be purchased online at [www.trybooking.co.nz/OVQ](http://www.trybooking.co.nz/OVQ)

*Perhaps we could attend as a parish?*

*Let Fr Michael know if you are interested.*

This fundraiser goes towards the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, enabling further formation of volunteer catechists in the diocese towards the ministry for children from ages 3-12 years old.

### JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE RACE NIGHT

Join us on Friday September 1st in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway to support the work of the JP II Centre for Life. Tickets are \$60 per person which includes entry and a two-course meal with cash bar available. Book your ticket at <https://jp2.org.nz/community-events/> or contact Theresa on [director@jp2.org.nz](mailto:director@jp2.org.nz) or 022 503 9249 for more info.

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