



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

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Weekend Masses



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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

20 August 2023

Woman, you have great faith

In the Old Testament, it was prophesied that when the Messiah comes, right worship, and right ordering of the meeting between God and humanity will once again be re-established. In ways unexpected, that prophecy was fulfilled in the very person of Christ. Jesus is the Temple, and the true meeting place of God and humanity. When He commanded us ('Do this in memory of me...') to celebrate the Eucharist He established that the Eucharistic celebration as the occasion for right worship, and right ordering of the meeting between God and humanity takes place. To appreciate this, one needs to delve into the constant teaching of the Church on the Eucharist, and writings and teachings of the Early Church Fathers.

In this Sunday's readings, the coming of foreigners to the Temple in the first reading is taken up in the Gospel account (Matthew 15:21-28) of the coming of a Canaanite woman to Jesus. The Canaanite woman, was regarded as a 'foreigner' because she was of the pagan race. Although a pagan, she recognized Christ's true identity – and she believed. Her faith in Jesus was expressed in the title 'Lord' with which she addressed Him. Our Lord tested her faith with a rather harsh parable: citing that the bread of salvation was only for God's children, God's chosen people, rather than for "pagan dogs"! The woman's quick response was a further expression of her great humility and faith, which Jesus publicly acknowledged: "Woman you have great faith".

Ironically the pagan woman gives us a model of faith; she knew she had no right to God's gifts and mercy (v.27), and yet she asked Our Lord for them, not presumptuously, but with humility. We have much to learn from her, just as sometimes we can learn from others who may appear to have 'no faith'.

God Bless Fr Michael



HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1,6-7
I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain

Psalms Response:
O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Romans 11:13-15,29-32
*With Israel, God never takes back his gifts
or revokes his choice*

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28
Jesus meets a woman with great faith

284 We walk by Faith
808 The love we have for You
347 Mo Maria

Mo Maria aiane
O tatou waiata;
kia kaha ra tatou,
kia nui te aroha.

Aroha ki te Atua
Aroha ki a Maria
I te Rangi, i te whenua
āke tonu, āke tonu.

For Mary now
Our songs
Let us be strong
Let there be great love

Love God
Love Mary
In heaven and on earth
Forever and ever

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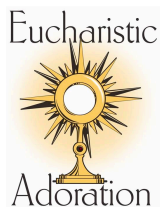
Search" for it on www.FORMED.org.

Fr Michael's recommendation for this week is an hour's video: **"No Price Too High"** – audio only - 1h 11m. Real-life story of the sacrificial yet triumphant journey of a man of deep integrity and love for Christ. Reverend Alex Jones promised his congregation a real New Testament worship service. To prepare, he studied the works of the early Church Fathers - it culminated not only in his conversion to the Catholic Faith but also that of forty-two members of his flock.

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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WEEKDAY MASSES - Advanced Notice of cancellations. There will not be Mass on Monday 28th August, and then when Fr M is on annual leave, from Friday 1 September to 28 September. Mass will then recommence on Friday 29.

AN EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY in Liberal Arts. Come and hear from Dr Paul Morrissey of Campion College Australia and Ben & Eliza McCabe of the Augustine Academy presenting with a panel of local Educators. Drinks and nibbles provided. The same lecture will be offered in three different locations on different nights.

- Tuesday 5th September - 7pm, St Peter's Hall, Beckenham
- Thursday 7th September - 7pm, Patrick's, Kaiapoi
- Friday 8th September - 7pm, Our Lady of Victories, Sockburn

All welcome. Gold coin donation appreciated - all proceeds go to parish. Also available are two intensive lecture series for students aged 14-18 yrs and 11-14 yrs, 9am to 3:30pm 11th - 15th September at Kaiapoi Catholic Church hall. For more information contact: Nick Alexander (Course Administrator): Phone 0278707627, email alexandernick@live.com

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

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - VINNIES calling for Volunteers-Drivers. Can you spare a couple of days a week or a month driving the Vinnie Van? The role involves the operation of a truck to deliver sold goods and pick up donated goods as well as dropping off goods to families Vinnies support in the Christchurch area. Other voluntary roles: Driver Assistants, Logistic Support & Retail Stores' Volunteers

It is an opportunity to give back to the community and to use your talents and treasures to make a difference in the lives of people who need assistance. Contact Robyn Casey for more details on the roles we URGENTLY need to fill. robyn@svdpchch.co.nz or phone: 03 3897484 - mobile: 027 4740048

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