



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 Cheviot
(1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays Only)*

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

30 July 2023

**When he finds one of great value
he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.**

The first two parables in this Sunday's Gospel (Matt; 13:44-52) speak to us about 'investing' for our future. However, it is not so much about money in the bank, property for future security and retirement, money into education of the children.....rather, our eternal future.

As faithful followers of Christ, we should be convinced of the life hereafter – and a share in the glorious life Christ has promised us. The question is; are we investing enough for our eternal future – our real future? Or are we only concern about worldly things? Sometimes, it is our death that sharply focuses our lives' meaning: what are we living for? The passage speaks of the discovery of true security and lasting wealth which leads to an all-or-nothing investment.

Several years ago I was blown away by a woman, presumably relatively wealthy, who left a legacy of a small sum of money to be divided between each and every priest serving in New Zealand; asking that Masses be offered for the happy repose of her soul!. She was concerned for her eternal future. Hers was a statement of faith, and also an expression of the belief in the "communion of saints", and the redemptive power of Christ's sacrifice. While I may not have the ability to do what she did, I take consolation that when I have passed on, someone will still remember me in prayer, and have masses said for my happy repose. However, in time, even if I am 'forgotten', I know that the Church at every Mass, will continue to remember me. At every Mass, the Eucharistic prayers include praying for those "who have fallen asleep in Christ". Being a member of the Church, the Body of Christ, is itself an investment.

God bless

Fr Michael



HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5,7-12
Solomon chooses the gift of wisdom

Psalm Response:
Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:28-30
Those he called, he justified

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:44-52
*He sells everything he owns
and buys the field*

695 Glory and Praise to our God

720 Be still for the Presence

Ka Waiata

Ka waiata, ki a Maria

Hine i whakaae

Whakameatia mai

Te whare tangata

Hine purotu

Hine ngakau

Hine rangimarie

Ko te Whaea

Ko te Whaea O Te Ao

I sing to Mary
Our mother
The one who heard God's call
The call to be
the mother of our Lord
(of us all)
Gentle woman
Loving mother
Our Lady Queen of Peace
I sing to Mary
the mother of Our Lord

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

LAST MASS IN WAIUAU (?) - For those who read this before Sunday, perhaps consider attending Mass in Waiau this weekend to be at the last Mass in Waiau. We can have a cup to tea afterwards, so perhaps bring your a cut-lunch or it from the local takeaway-Dairy. Pray for good weather! Fr Michael can offer a lift for at least 3.

WE WELCOME Esther Joseph into the Church. She will be baptised in Hanmer this weekend during the usual 5.00pm Mass. We rejoice with her parents, Rebecca and Justin, and pray for the family.

WEEKDAY MASSES are cancelled this coming Monday to Thursday (31 July - 3August), and recommence on Friday. Fr Michael will do a short spiritual retreat as required of him. Heads up: In September, he will take his yearly annual leave, and there will be no weekday Mass while he is away.

FR MICHAEL WILL BE IN THE CONFESSIONAL in *Amberley* for about an hour on Friday 11th August. There will be the options for anonymity (i.e. curtain) or for face-to-face confession. It is a matter of indicating your preference by pulling away the curtain.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

- **Monday 31 August - St Ignatius Loyola 1491-1556AD** - Founded the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits)
- **Tuesday 1 July - St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church - 1696-1787AD.** Founded the Order of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists)
- **Thursday 3 August - St Dominic - 1170-1221 AD** - Founder of the Order of Preacher (Dominicans)
- **Friday 5 August - St John Mary Vianney, Cure' of Ars - 1786-1859AD.** Patron saint of Parish Priests

Search the internet to read about their interesting lives!

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's recommendation for this week is a 19m video discussing: "Seeking Wisdom in a time of chaos and confusion".

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.

SUGGESTIONS OF OUR PARISH NEWS ITEM for our Diocesan newsletter (Inform)? Perhaps every parishioner could think of items/events with photos to be sent for publication



The clergy, religious and lay faithful of the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North welcome you with great joy to

the Episcopal Ordination and Installation of

Reverend John Lewis Adams

as Bishop of the Diocese of Palmerston North

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

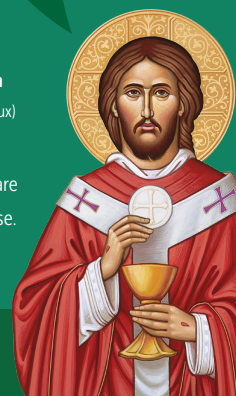
197 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North

Saturday 30 September 2023 at 11.00am

(The feast of Saint Jerome and the vigil of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux)

All members of our Catholic community and guests are welcome to attend this joyful occasion for our diocese.

For those unable to be with us in person a live stream of this ordination can be found at www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz



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