



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

**August 2023  
Mass Times are  
updated!**

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiau | Hanmer Springs  
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The Transfiguration of the Lord Year A

6 August 2023

## 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

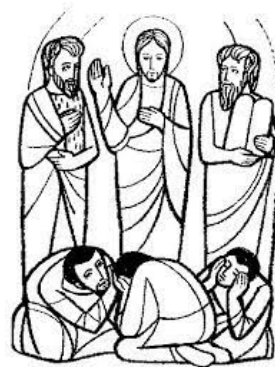
## His face shone like the Sun...

The event of the Transfiguration of Jesus is clearly recorded in the New Testament in many places, in the Synoptic Gospels (Matt 17:1-8, Mark 9:2-8, Luke 9:28-36), and in Second Epistle of St Peter (2 Pet 1:16-18). The Gospel of John is likely to be alluding to it in the famous line about the Incarnation of Christ: *"The Word became flesh, He lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that He has from the Father as only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth"*. Presumably, the idea of the glory of God is captured in the transfiguration as: *"...His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as the light"*.

The event was seen as a revelation of Christ's Divinity - after all, at that point in time, his followers have only seen his humanity. Some saw this as a reassurance that Peter, James and John needed after hearing the shocking news of Jesus' impending death. The appearance of Moses and Elijah, who represented the Law and the Prophets, tell us that the Old Order of the Law and Prophets must give way to the New Way: *"This is my Son, the Beloved; He enjoys my favour. Listen to Him!"*

I think the last line of the Nicene Creed captures the Transfiguration, not of Jesus, but the glory awaiting each one of us on the Last Day: **"I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come"**.

May Jesus' Transfiguration be our Transfiguration.



God bless

Fr Michael

## FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Fr Michael's recommendation for this week is a 4m 28s video discussing: **"The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)"**. There are many videos on the topic, search for it on [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org).

## SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10,13-14**  
*His robe was white as snow*

**Psalm Response:**  
 The Lord is king,  
 the Most High over all the earth.

**SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-19**  
*We heard this ourselves,  
 spoken from heaven*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**  
*His face shone like the sun*



## HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

208 O raise your eyes on high  
 215 Transfigure us O Lord  
 367 Salve Regina

## CHANGES TO MASS TIMES commences !!

| <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                               |

**PASTORAL LETTER** from the Bishop this Sunday regarding the Royal Commission of Inquiry concerning the Brothers of St John of God

**NEW MASS TIMES IN THE HURUNUI** begin. Please pay attention (see above) to:

- **Amberley:** This Sunday is the first Sunday of the month, and that means we have a **cuppa in the hall after Mass**. Raffles will be drawn for Kalavale mission. As threatened by Fr Michael last Sunday: those who come to Mass late, forgetting that its 8.30am from now onwards (instead of 9.00am), will have to pay a fine by buying him raffle tickets at the Kalavale!!!
- **Waiau:** Fr Michael would like to thank everyone for attending the "Last" Mass in Waiau last Sunday. A special thanks to Jen and Ant Brett for taking care of the property. At this stage no decision has been made about the property.
- **Culverden:** Please remember to base the Vigil (Saturday) on the Sunday of the month. This is particularly important when Sunday falls on the 1st of the month (which means the Vigil of such Sundays technically falls on the last Saturdays of the previous!)
- **Hawarden:** As a suggestion from Fr Michael: we will continue with a cuppa after Mass on the ("new") 2nd Sunday, and we will leave the 4th Sunday for the Youth Group to explore using the Presbytery.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Michael Jordan and Ashley Stocks who are getting married on the Church of the Holy Passion of Our Lord, Amberley, this Sunday. The marriage will be officiated by the priest of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer. We wish them well for the future and pray for they lifelong and happy marriage.

sther 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.

**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.



## 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 JPPII 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/](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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK** in September. CTC is running an online event entitled "Challenging the Status Quo!" on Thursday, 31 August 6-7:30PM via Zoom. This is a free event and you can register on

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7tZlquqoqz0rEtYohx7dt8Tq-7ZkxmUyuR1Z>

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