



# Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

1 October 2023

#### Go and work in the vineyard today?

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday (Matthew. 21:28-32), Our Lord asked the opinion of the chief priests and elders of the people about the two sons of a man. One son, when asked to work in the vineyard, said 'No' but later thought the better of it and went. The second said 'Yes', but did not go. The opinion Our Lord sought was: "Which of the two did the father's will?" The answer they gave Him was unanimous: "The First". We too would give the same answer for we too understand the parable.

Our Lord used the parable to draw out two important points: Firstly, there is always room for that a change of heart. There is room for repentance, even when one initially makes the wrong choice. Secondly, when we say "yes" to God's will, our "Yes" has no value unless it is backed up by action. Faith has to be acted upon.....

God bless,

Fr Michael



P/s: If you have not paid attention about the *Danger of Confusion of Mass Times* for the month of October, please see top of back page

Pp/s: This Sunday at the end of Mass, priests may use a special blessing issued by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments to connect us with the upcoming Synod.

**FORMED** [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

Fr M's recommendation for the week: "Discerning God's will" - by Fr Larry Richards, 1h 7m podcast. How do we know what God's will is for us? In line with this Sunday's Gospel, listen to this interesting podcast to answer for ourselves: 'Certainly Sir' (I will do Your will).

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 18:25-28

*When the sinner renounces sin,  
he shall certainly live*

##### Psalm Response:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

##### SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-11

*Be united in your love*

##### GOSPEL: Matthew 21:28-32

*Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the  
kingdom of God before you*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the Day)*

466 All people that on earth

779 O God, you search me

356 Hail, Queen of Heaven

## ATTENTION!!

### CULVERDEN MASSES - OCTOBER 2023

Please remember that the Mass in Culverden is the "Vigil of the **1st, 3rd and 5th SUNDAYS** of the month'. It may be confusing to work out the Masses in Culverden if you accidentally count the 'Saturdays of the month' rather than the 'Sundays of the month'. This is problematic only when the First Sunday of the month falls on the first day of the month (e.g. 1 October = Sunday), thus making the *Saturdays of the month* not being in synch with the *Sundays of the month* (e.g., Vigil of 1st Sunday in **October** is the Saturday in **September!**).

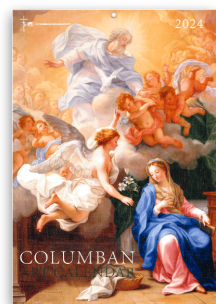
So to avoid confusion for October; here are the Mass times:

<b>1st Sun Oct</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>in Culverden</b> <b>(30th September)</b>	<b>2nd Sun Oct</b> <b>No Mass</b> <b>in Culverden</b> <b>(7 October)</b>	<b>3rd Sun Oct</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>in Culverden</b> <b>(14 October)</b>	<b>4th Sun Oct</b> <b>No Mass</b> <b>in Culverden</b> <b>(21 October)</b>	<b>5th Sun Oct</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b> <b>in Culverden</b> <b>(28 October)</b>
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**KALAVALE, THIS SUNDAY** being the first Sunday of the month. Join us in Amberley for a cuppa in the hall after Mass. It is a good opportunity to welcome visitors and to catch up with each other. Raffles will be drawn for the Kalavale mission.

### INFORM DIOCESAN

**NEWSLETTER** Please pick up a copy of the inform magazine that has now arrived in Amberley. Apologies in the delay of getting them delivered.



### COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2024

Copies of the 2024 calendar from the St Columban Mission Society are available for sale. In Amberley, please contact Mary Bimler and Fr Michael will carry copies with him in his travels. \$12 each. Please get your copy ASAP that we may get it out of the way quickly

### COMBINED PARISH AND FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 4th October 6pm Hawarden

**PARISH PICNIC** – Advanced notice. On the **second Sunday of October (8th)**, we will have our Parish Picnic after the Mass in Hawarden. Please bring a plate to share and/or to cook on the BBQ. The parish will provide free sausages. We also hope to explore "Hurunui's Got Talent" as an event during the picnic! More details later, but you can register your entry now by emailing the parish's email.

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY FOR VENERABLE SUZANNE AUBERT.** This Sunday 1 October 2023, parishes and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand are celebrating a day to remember the life, spirituality and good works of Venerable Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert. It is While we wait and pray for Meri Hohepa Suzanne Aubert to be beatified, we continue to promote her message of compassion and love throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and the world. [www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday](http://www.compassion.org.nz/celebration-sunday)

### ST THÉRÈSE ROSE PETAL EVENING:

**Saturday 7th October, from 5:30pm**

Please join the Beatitudes Community for a special "evening of prayer with St Thérèse of Lisieux". This evening includes St Thérèse's own words put to music and an opportunity to write this Saint a 'letter' followed by a potluck dinner. All welcome! 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield, North Canterbury. For more information contact:

Thomas at [thomas@beatitudes.nz](mailto:thomas@beatitudes.nz) or 0225062538.

**CHRISTCHURCH WEST PLANT SALE** Labour weekend. Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd October 9:30am - 12:30pm. Next to Our Lady of Victories Church, Sockburn. (Fr Michael Pui's parish and some of the plants for sale are from his efforts!)

### FEAST AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday	2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels
Wednesday	4th - Saint Francis of Assisi
Saturday	7th - Our Lady of the Rosary

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