



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

24 September 2023

Why be envious because I am generous?

The readings for this Sunday's Gospel has Jesus telling a parable about an owner of a vineyard paying workers who came late the same wage as those who have been working the whole day. The point is that the owner chooses to be generous towards the late-comers, rather than being unjust to the early-workers who had agreed to the wage they were paid.

The parable is meant for any devout Christians who may frown on those who perhaps have lived a debauched or a life less holy, and only later change their ways. That way of thinking is the way of the world in which things are more about rewards or punishments, or in other words a 'transactional' relationship. This type of relationship has little love. It also leads one to have an envious eye, that constantly measure merit and entitlement based on expected rewards. Eventually it leads to judging who is more deserving or holier, and who is less so.

The First Reading from Isaiah sums up quite well, the content of this Sunday's Gospel passage: 'My thoughts are not your thoughts.' God's ways are not our ways! God's way is about love, and love is about wanting the best for the one who is loved. We are called to put our faith into action, but that commitment cannot be measured only in greater or lesser rewards in relation to the effort that one puts in. After all, living a good and moral life is itself already a reward for a more integrated life, and hopefully a more fulfilled and happy life. If anything, we should always be happy and joyous that people turn to God and try to live a holy life – irrespective of their past – or at what stage of their life they repented. And we should always focus and constantly work on our own shortcomings to be holier.

God bless, Fr Michael

P/s: 1) Please read the top of back page: *Danger of Confusion of Mass Times*

2) Also don't forget Daylight Savings: **Put the clock forward !!!**
or risk being late for Mass



SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts

Psalm Response:

The Lord is near to all who call him

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:20-24,27

*Life to me is Christ;
but death would bring me more*

GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

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HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

924 Brother, sister, let me serve

920 A new Commandment

365 Immaculate Mary (Vs 1 & 8)

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:

1st Sun Oct Saturday Vigil in Culverden (30th September)	2nd Sun Oct No Mass in Culverden (7 October)	3rd Sun Oct Saturday Vigil in Culverden (14 October)	4th Sun Oct No Mass in Culverden (21 October)	5th Sun Oct Saturday Vigil in Culverden (28 October)
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Fr M’s Recommendation for the Week:

“**Into His Likeness**”. There are several episode. Try Episode 1: “In the Dust of the Rabbi”, and if you like it, then watch the rest.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP gather in the Hawarden Presbytery after the 10.30am Mass this Sunday 24th September.

KALAVALE, NEXT SUNDAY being the first Sunday of the month. That means we have a cuppa in the hall after Mass in Amberley. Raffles will be drawn for the Kalavale mission. It will be a chance to catch up with Fr Michael to test out if the statement is true that ‘absence makes the heart grows fonder’!!

WEEKDAY MASSES will recommence on Friday 29 September. Until then, in case of emergency please contact the Waimakariri parish 03-313 6285.

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. Sunday 1 October 2023,

parishes and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand will celebrate 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

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 or 0225062538.

BISHOPS' 2023 ELECTION STATEMENT PUBLISHED

The NZ Catholic Bishops have published their 2023 Election Statement, which urges the politicians elected on 14 October to focus on issues that matter to the people of the nation rather than the trivia and scandals that dominate public debate.

The Election Statement is available online:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/election-statement-2023/>

FEAST AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	26th - Saints Cosmas and Damian
Wednesday	27th - St Vincent de Paul
Thursday	28th - St Wenceslaus
Friday	29th - Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

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