



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 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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

3rd September 2023

Take up Your Cross and Follow Me....

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 16:21-27), Our Lord tells us; "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me....".

Life is a world that is broken, tarnished by sin, is full of crosses that will cross our path. There are sufferings, persecutions, martyrdoms, indifference, moral struggles, hatred.... and the list goes on. Everyone, Christian or otherwise, is bound to encounter them in the journey of life. As Christians, we are challenged to bear or carry our crosses differently. We are to emulate Christ on the cross, 'dying to self' for the love of others. In doing so in this manner, we can take comfort that we are following someone who led by example; and has proven victorious – that love conquers all.

Perhaps in every cross that comes our way, we should take heart that God has been there..... and He still walks with us. We are not alone.



God Bless Fr Michael
P/s Happy Fathers' Day

FORMED

CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE

Search" for it on www.FORMED.org.

Fr Michael's recommendation for Father's Day is a three hour movie (you can always pause to have a cup of tea!): "**Father of Mercy**" - This is a movie of a true story of Blesses Don Carlo Gnocchi, an Italian priest who laboured to minister to the wounded and dying during WWII, and later to children who are victims of war on the home front.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me

Psalms Response:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: Romans 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-27

'Get behind me, Satan!'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

706 Praise to the Lord

756 When I survey

365 Immaculate Mary (Vs 1 & 8)

IMAGINE PEACE FOR ALL

POHEWATIA TE RANGIMĀRIE MŌ TE KATOA



WEEKDAY MASSES - There will not be weekday Mass in Amberley from Friday 1 September to 28 September while Fr Michael is on leave. There are weekday Masses at 12pm at the Beatitudes. Weekday Masses in Amberley will recommence on Friday 29.

Fr Kerry Prendeville SM will supply weekend Masses. Please ensure things are set-up for him and make him welcome. In case of **emergency** please contact the Waimakariri parish 03-313 6285.

KALAVALE - Being the First Sunday of the month, means there is a cuppa in the hall after Mass in Amberley. Raffles will be drawn for the Kalavale mission. Its a good chance to have a chat with Fr Kerry too (but make sure he leaves for Cheviot before 10am!).

TAX FAIRNESS - Ecu Action, an ecumenical Christian group, is sponsoring a Tax Fairness: Election 2023 Tax Forum. All political parties have been invited to send representatives. Come and participate on Thursday, 14th September, 7.00 pm Aldersgate, 309 Durham St.

CHAMPAGNAT MARIST FAMILY, Christchurch will be celebrating The Holy Name of Mary Mass at 2pm on Sunday **17th September**, at the Xavier Hall, 122 Barbadoes Street. Drinks and nibbles to follow. The Champagnat Marist Family are looking to set up a Marist Family Network. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Brs Alan or Osmund on 358 5351 or Dan Dungey 021 285 5400 or at partnership@fmispacific.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 3-9 September. The above is the theme suggested by Caritas NZ for this year. There are booklets available for reflections. If you want them and have not secured one from Fr M before his vanishing act, then try the website: www.caritas.org.nz

You may also wish to explore how the Church's social teaching helps us to challenge the status quo in society both here and overseas. There will be a free online event with speaker Lyn Smith, a lecturer with Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College. Thursday, 31 August 2023, 6:00pm to 7:30pm, via Zoom. Details and register here: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/uncategorized/challenging-the-status-quo/

WELCOMING HOME OUR WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS:

- ✦ Join the Golden Catholics for Mass at 11am on 8th September at Christ the King, 90 Greers Road before Bishop Michael. There will also be an update on the Marian College Campaign. A light lunch will follow. Please rsvp by 4th September. Ph: 03 366 9869 or email receptionists@cdoc.nz
- ✦ The pilgrims are also hosting an evening on Tuesday the **12th September**, 7.30pm at the St Teresa's Parish Hall Riccarton. This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to hear about the pilgrimage and the impact it has had. A light supper and cup of tea will follow. For more information, please contact Grace at gchallies@cdoc.nz or Stephani at youngadults@christchurchwest.org.nz.

Feasts of the Week

Friday 8th - The Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 9th - St Peter Claver

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