



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

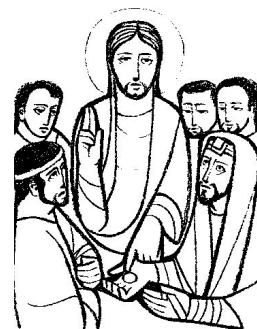
Wednesday
1:30pm Amberley
Church Hall

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

22 October 2023

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew: 22:15-21) Our Lord is asked a question that appeared to put Him in a "no win" situation. The Pharisees, in trying to trap Him, asked; "Is it permissible to pay taxed to Caesar or not?" A simple "yes" would put Him in bad light with the Jews, and a simple "No" would have opened Him to be reported as defying the Roman Emperor. His response was classic. Using a coin minted by the Romans, He said: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God, what belongs to God. His answer distinguishes two spheres; each is legitimate. If the Jews have accepted the rule of Caesar (as they have accepted his coinage), they must be prepared to pay taxes to him - but ultimately all dues must be paid to God, for even Caesar has his authority from God.



Our Lord affirms the propriety of fulfilling civil duties while emphasizing our primary duty of serving God. It is good to be reminded of this, and to have both in the right perspective.

God bless

Fr Michael

P/S: 4 copies of the *Te Kahu o the Ora A Consistent Ethic of Life* from the Catholic Bishops of NZ-Aotearoa are available from Fr Michael if you wish to peruse them.

FORMED www.formed.org

Apologies, last week's recommendation did not include the title!!

Fr M's recommendation for this week is a book by William Shakespeare!! You can read in on Form.org. "King Lear". It is one of the most thought provoking play which turns on the practical ramifications of this Sunday's Gospel: "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar, and to Gos that which is God's".

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

*I have taken Cyrus by his right hand
to subdue nations before him*

Psalm Response:

Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

*We constantly remember your faith,
your love and your hope*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

820 The Church's one foundation
795 I heard the Voice of Jesus says
367 Salve Regina

ATTENTION!! CULVERDEN MASSES - OCTOBER 2023

Please note that the Mass in Culverden is the "Vigil of the **1st, 3rd and 5th SUNDAYS** of the month'. It may be confusing if one counts 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!**). 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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PARISH YOUTH GROUP will gather in the **Hawarden Presbytery after the 10.30am Mass on the 22nd October.** All families with youth are welcome to join our second gathering and there will be activities for every member of the family.

The goal is to have our young people know the value of a deep friendship with Christ and to enjoy the support and fun of friendship with each other. Parents will also deepen their knowledge of the faith, and experience the fellowship of other Catholic families, as they cover their own faith formation course next door. Other future activities for the youths include tramping, sports days, pilgrimages, music and our regular gatherings at Hawarden Parish Centre. Any queries please contact,

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – on Tuesday 2 November @5.30pm, Amberley. It is also the evening of All Souls, so it is a good opportunity to pray for our dearly Departed too. Everyone is welcome. During the first part of Adoration, there will be activities in the Hall for children under 10. They will join adults in the Church for the last part of Adoration. The evening will end with a shared potluck dinner in the hall. **Bring** fingerfood/soup (in crockpot) to share. The hall will be open earlier for you to place the food.



MORNING TEA to farewell Elaine. Elaine has been the Parish Treasurer since Fr Matthew's time. Her last day is on Tuesday 14th November. If you are able to join us, come to presbytery on that day at 10.00am to thank her for her services over a cuppa.

24-HOUR ADORATION IN THE PARISH will again be held over the weekend of the First Sunday of Advent. This time the 24h effort will commence in **Culverden**, and end in **Amberley**.

- Saturday, 3rd December

CULVERDEN 8.30am Weekday Mass followed by Adoration. 6.20pm Benediction, 6.30pm Vigil Mass

AMBERLEY 6.30pm Adoration commences, 10.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church



- Sunday, 4th December

AMBERLEY (...adoration continues from 6.30pm Saturday) 8.20am Benediction, 8.30am Sunday Mass

During adoration, some material for spiritual reflection/reading will be provided (do not take home!) in the Church. Although anyone can come anytime, please also sign up on the hourly roster so that we can make sure there's at least two person in the church all the time.

More information later.

SHARING OUR FAITH JOURNEY – It is said that Catholics have stories to tell. Fr Michael has been exploring trying to get parishioners to share their 'faith story or journey', so that we can inspire and support each other. It could be an evening combined with a short inspiring movie/documentary. Please think about sharing yours, and if he asks you, please consider saying yes.

THROUGH THE EYES OF BISHOP GRIMES - Wednesday 25th October at 2pm at the Assisi Lounge at St Mary's Pro- Cathedral, 373 Manchester St. For the first time in over 100 years you will be able to view a selection of Bishop Grimes' glass lantern slides - on a magic lantern slide projector! Join the Diocesan Archives Team to view a selection of Bishop Grimes' slide collection used to promote his Cathedral fundraising efforts abroad, and also slides of the European cities he visited.

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