



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

29 October 2023

Love the Lord your God,..... and your neighbour as yourself.

In this Sunday Gospel (**Matthew 22:34-40**), Our Lord made it clear, that all of Sacred Scriptures 'hang on' the two commandments of;

- Loving the Lord, our God, with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our might'; and
- Loving your neighbour as yourself.'

He insisted that true love of God must be enfleshed in the love

of our neighbour. I could even argue that the current war in the middle-east has elements of the disconnection from either one or both of the commandments. When there is no love of neighbour, people end up using violence in the name of God. When there is no love of God, eventually love is confined only to those we like or 'our own', and others are dispensable, or are turned to mere objects. Only in Christianity are these two spelt out strongly: after all, the God who came to us, came as a neighbour and a brother to us. In chapter 25 of Matthew's Gospel, Our Lord Jesus gives us a practical application of these two commandments; i.e., that we should even see God in our neighbour: "...inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me".

The two great commandments may be strongly emphasized by Our Lord, but we Christians are still humans who are broken by sin – thus we need to really examine ourselves constantly against the two Commandments.

God bless

Fr Michael



THE SOLEMNITIES OF ALL SOULS AND ALL SAINTS fall on the 1st and 2nd of November. They express beautifully the three states of the Church: Those of us still living (the **Church Militant**) uniting our hearts with, and in a special way remember, the faithful departed, whether they be in heaven (**Church Triumphant**) or in purgatory (**Church Suffering**). It is also a very Catholic idea, that *it is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins*".

This year, on the 2nd of November for All Souls Fr Michael will bless the graves and say a prayer at Balcairn cemetery at 9am and on the way home at the parish's Brackenfield cemetery. Next year Fr Michael may explore doing it in other cemeteries in the parish.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Exodus 22:20-26

*If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my
anger will flare against you.*

Psalm Response:

I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

*You broke with idolatry and became servants of
God; you are now waiting for his Son*

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40

The commandments of love

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

803 Love is His Word

794 God is Love

Ka Waiata (see bottom of back page)

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)**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – on **Thursday 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.

MASS FOR ALL SOULS In the month of November.

A Box will be placed for you to inscribe and place the names of your dearly departed will be placed in three churches, Hanmer Springs, Culverden & Amberley. Masses will be offered for them for the happy repose of their souls. *If you want specific Mass intentions to be offered, please give it to Fr Michael directly and not placed in the box.* **Plea from Fr M:** Please, do not encourage the celebration of Halloween amongst our youth. It may lead to warp ideas of the dead and loss of our tradition to pray for them.

WAR IN GAZA - A humanitarian crisis is looming in the Middle East. Between 8 to 23 October, 5,791 people have lost their lives in Gaza. 7,000 patients and wounded in hospitals are at risk of dying due to lack of supplies. Caritas Aotearoa-New Zealand has called for sufficient humanitarian supplies to help vulnerable people caught up in the conflict. Prayers are published on the Caritas Facebook page and website, and if you wish to help with donations, you can do so through Caritas' Caritaswebsite: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land> "

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - Ooops, last Sunday we forgot to highlight to you that it was World Mission Sunday. It is normally held on the second to last Sunday every October with Mass celebrated especially for Catholic missionary activity worldwide. It was created by Pope Pius XI in 1926 as the day of prayer for missions. Special Donations are collected for Mission Sunday to support Catholic missionary work throughout the world. For those of you who are on Planned Giving, there is a Special Envelope for this purpose. You can also make a donation on line at [Missio.nz/ donate/](https://Missio.nz/donate/) ANZ 06 0411 0021447 30

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN to OUR LADY

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| Ka waiata | I sing to Mary |
| Ki a Maria | Our mother |
| Hine i whakaae | The one who heard God's call |
| Whakameatia mai | The call to be |
| Te whare tangata | The mother of our Lord |
| | (of us all) |

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| Hine purotu | Gentle woman |
| Hine ngakau | Loving mother |
| Hine rangimarie | Our Lady Queen of Peace |
| Ko te Whaea | I sing to Mary |
| Ko te Whaea | The mother of Our Lord |
| O Te Ao (o Te Ao) | (of us all) |

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