



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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12th November 2023

You do not know either the day or the hour



This Sunday's parable of the Ten Bridesmaids emphasises the need for preparedness and watchfulness (Matthew 25:1-13). Its centres on a Jewish marital custom: after the period of betrothal, the groom would lead a procession to bring his new wife to their home, and they would celebrate a week-long banquet with family and friends. In the parable, the bridegroom arrives to begin the joyous procession and take his wife to the marriage feast. The foolish maidens who were unprepared and without oil are excluded from the celebration while the wise maidens participated fully – thanks to their preparedness. The early Church Fathers (e.g. Origen and St Hilary) say that the bridegroom signifies one's uncertain life-span – no one knows the hour of his death and judgement. The lamp is Christian faith, while the oil represents good works; thus faith without good works is useless (c.f. James 2:17). The Church Fathers remind us that we do not know the day or the hour – it is good to be prepared – now, and always! **God bless** **Fr Michael**

LITURGY MATTERS! For our Sunday Masses, we have been singing the Masses using two settings: Plainchant or the one composed by Douglas Mews. It is good that we can sing the various parts even without musicians, but Fr M reckons its time to introduce a third setting, that by Marty Haugen, known as the "Mass of Creation". Not having musicians to lead us is not helpful, but he will endeavour to teach the settings using the usual *virtual cantor*..... Starting this weekend, he hopes to use it every weekend until Advent, after which we will return to the Plainchant (as part of the solemnity of Advent), and then, if we have mastered the new setting, we can sing it with gusto for Christmas. The "Mass of Creation" setting is actually not new, because it was used in many parishes for many years until the words of the Mass got updated. The composer has since adapted his 'old' tune to the updated words. Minimally Fr M hopes that parishioners get to know the "Gloria" (has the line "Glory to God in the highest repeated throughout the Gloria), the Sanctus and the Agnus Dei.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for her

Psalms Response:

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

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

The wise and foolish virgins

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

451 Sing with all the saints
982 O Jesus Christ Remember
(tune: "The Church's one Foundation")
334 Ave Maria

FORMED www.formed.org

Fr Michael's recommendation: "Walk through the Mass". Search for it in the [formed.org](http://www.formed.org). This is an 18m video explaining the Mass. A thorough expose' of the Mass should take hours, but this compact explanation is a good appetiser for those who want to explore deeper later.

MASS FOR ALL SOULS In the month of **November**. You may wish to inscribe the name of your dearly departed and place them in the boxes provided in the churches of Hanmer Springs, Culverden, Amberley and Cheviot so that Masses can be offered for them. *If you want specific Mass intentions to be offered, please give it to Fr Michael directly and not placed in the box.*

MORNING TEA to farewell Elaine who has been the Parish Treasurer since Fr Matthew's time. Join us on **Tuesday 14th November at 10.00am** at the presbytery to thank her for her services over a cuppa.

ST JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP is starting with its first meeting on **Monday 13 November 2023** in Amberley Parish Hall (building behind the Church) **from 7 pm - 9 pm**. Come and join the group if you are searching for fulfilment, or wondering whether you could live a richer, more satisfying faith life. It is an opportunity to grow in fellowship, sharing each other's Catholic faith with other like-minded men: husbands, fathers, brothers and sons under the protection of Saint Joseph. Regular meetings will be on the second and fourth Monday each month. Parking is available at the end of the driveway of the Church. Contact Rob Bickle 0225467631 or Mark Milnes 0277027889.

OUR PARISH IS HOSTING the Catholic Womens' League on their outing to Amberley on **Tuesday 21st November**. The 7.00am Mass in Amberley will be postponed to 11.00am so that our guests can attend. They are bringing some light lunch to share with us – and all parishioners are invited to join.

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.

24-HOUR ADORATION IN THE PARISH will be held over the weekend of the first Sunday of Advent. It will commence in **Culverden**, and end in **Amberley**. Please volunteer for an hour slot on the roster when it is out in the church foyer to make sure there's at least two person in the church all the time even though anyone can attend anytime.

OCDS CARMELITE SILENT RETREAT "ADVENT WITH CARMEL" **24th-26th November** Father Michael-Therese, CSJ, will be leading our upcoming Retreat at Rochester Hall, Ilam Cost: Live-in \$240, day only \$120. If you would like to join us, please contact Megan Emery ph 383 0706 or benedictus@windowslive.com

CARITAS WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023 Sunday, 19 November. Caritas New Zealand is asking parishes to consider what could be done to recognise the day in order to make a difference. Find out more about the day and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand! Caritas Website: caritas.org.nz

MARCH FOR LIFE WELLINGTON on Saturday 2 December from 1pm. You may wish to pray for those who are marching. For more information: <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/event-march-for-life>

PARISH TO PARISH BED AND BREAKFAST
This is a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics, the cost per night is \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, this includes continental breakfast to purchase a book with details of hosts in New Zealand and Australia, contact, Marie Anderson 03 3595541 or marie.ian@xtra.co.nz. The cost for a book is \$15 (includes postage)

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday 15th Nov	Saint Albert the Great, Bishop, Doctor
Thursday 16th Nov	Saint Margaret of Scotland and Saint Gertrude, Virgin
Friday 17th Nov	Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious
Saturday 18th Nov	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

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