



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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

19th November 2023

Well done good and faithful servant...

This Sunday the Gospel reading confronts us with the parable of the talents from Matthew's Gospel (25:14-30 (or > 25:14-15.19-21)). Two men who have put their "talents" into good use, and increased their investment, were praised with the words: "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things,

I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness..." A third man who did nothing to enhance the "talent" given him but buried it instead, was castigated. Although "talent" in the parable is a reference to money, we can easily also think of talent in the literal sense of the word (i.e. gifts and abilities). Let's hope and pray that we meet God, His words to us will also be; "Well done good and faithful servant....." because we have used out talents well, and to serve Him.

God bless

Fr Michael



P/s: Those of you who are on the Parish's e-Mailout, would have received the below message about my appointment as "National Director of the Pontifical Mission Society". Thank you for the congratulatory messages. I have yet to find time to reply to everyone. As at the time of printing this (Friday afternoon), I am still in the middle of discussion with the bishop about the implication of appointment to this parish or where I will be based....etc. I will keep you informed.

Yesterday evening I received a letter from the Vatican appointing me as the "NZ National Director of the Pontifical Mission (PMS)". I think most priests would be over the moon to get such an appointment, but I am besieged with reservations and worries and fears..... Despite this, I have accepted the appointment after a meeting with the Bishop.

The Bishop is announcing the appointment tomorrow, but I want you my parishioners to know it first. At this point in time, the main implication to the Hurunui parish is that I will no longer be your Parish Priest, nor function as a Parish Priest – and that comes with some sadness.

I would appreciate your prayers in my state of in-equilibrium at the moment.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31
A perfect wife - who can find her?

Psalm Response:
Happy are those who fear the Lord

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6
*God will bring with him
those who have died in Jesus*

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30
You have been faithful in small things:
come and join in your master's happiness

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

721 How Great Thou Art
269 At the Lamb's High Feast
Hail Mary, Gentle Woman
(see back page)

LITURGY MATTERS - INTRODUCTION OF ANOTHER SUNG MASS SETTING!

It is good that we can sing the various parts even without musicians. For our Sunday Masses, we have been singing the Masses using two settings: Plainchant or the one composed by Douglas Mews. Last weekend Fr M introduced a third setting for parishioners in the Hurunui to be familiar with, composed by Marty Haugen, known as the "Mass of Creation". This will be used for two more weekends. Then, in Advent, as part of or Preparation for Christmas, we will return to the Plainchant Setting. The hope is that parishioners will pick up the new setting in time for Christmas and sing it with great enthusiasm from then onwards when it is used.

The "Mass of Creation" setting is actually not new. It has been used in parishes for many years. When the words of the Mass were updated the words no longer fit the tune. However, the composer has since adapted the new words to his 'old' tune. 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, one of the acclamation and the Agnus Dei.

FORMED www.formed.org = Catholic Resources online. Fr Michael's recommendation: "Finding Peace in Troubled Times". Search for it in the formed.org. This is an 30m discussion on how to find true peace.

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.*

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.

The ROSTER FOR 24-HOUR ADORATION is out! **The 24h adoration** will be held over the weekend of the first Sunday of Advent, 2nd and 3rd of December. Even though anyone can attend at anytime we want to make sure there's at least two person in the church all the time. It will commence in **Culverden**, and end in **Amberley**. Please 'sign up' on the roster, a copy of which is in Culverden and Amberley

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, do consider saying yes.

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

A MASS FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD will be celebrated on Friday 1st December 2023 at 5:30 pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Manchester Street.

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@windowsslive.com

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)

Recessional Hymn: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women

and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of death. Amen.

Gentle woman, quiet light, morning star, so strong & bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove, teach us wisdom; teach us love.

You were chosen by the Father; you were chosen for the Son.
You were chosen from all women, and for woman, shining one.

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