



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

Solemnity - Christ the King Year A 26th November 2023

Christ the King



We have come to the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, and next Sunday we start a new one with the First Sunday of Advent. If you have the Lectionary, the set of Sunday readings for Sunday Mass that will be used in the new Liturgical Year is "Year B" (There are 3 sets, A, B and C)*. Since 1969, we have been celebrating the Last Sunday of the Liturgical year is celebrated with the Feast of Christ the King, the King of Kings. The Feast was originally established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as an antidote to secularism in which God is left out of society's thinking and living as if God did not exist. It sounds like more than ever, we are in need to inject this antidote into our society. The feast honours Our Lord as the Lord of all creation, and thus over individuals, families, society, governments, and nations. In His Divinity, He is the Creator of the Universe and wields supreme power over all things.

The nature of the Kingdom of the King of Kings is like is reflected in the words used for the liturgy which speak of it being:

- supreme,
- eternal – His kingdom is forever and
- spiritual, for in His own words: His Kingdom is "not of this world".
- extended not only to people, but also to all worldly princes and kings,

Do not settle for a worldly one!

God bless

Fr Michael

P/s: Weekday Readings for Mass, unlike Sundays, consist only of two sets, and are normally referred to as Year 1 or Year 2 - The new set of readings in Advent are therefore: Year B for Sundays, and Year 2 for weekdays)

FORMED

www.formed.org Catholic Resources online. Fr Michael's recommendation: "Jesus the Royal Priest". Search for it in the formed.org. Please don't waste Parish's subscription for you - sign up now for free as it has been paid. Just search for the Hurunui Parish during signing up process.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord will judge between sheep and sheep

Psalm Response:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

*Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father;
so that God may be all in all*

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

*I was naked and you clothed me;
sick, and you visited me*

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

320 Hail Redeemer, King Divine
(Vs 1-3)

321 Crown Him with many Crown
(Vs 1, 2, 5)

356 Hail Queen of Heaven (2 vs)

Normal Weekend Masses pre-Christmas:

Saturday 23rd

5pm Hanmer Springs

7pm Culverden (@ Amuri School's Gymnasium
(see below, "Simbang Gabi")

Sunday 24th

8:30am Amberley

Hawarden's Mass *Cancelled*

CHRIST-MASS 2023



Sunday, Christmas Eve 24th December

6:30pm Carols + 7pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Culverden

9:30pm Carols + 10pm Christmas Vigil Mass - Hanmer Springs

Monday, Christmas Day 25th December

8:30am Carols + 9am Christmas Day Mass - Amberley

(Pre Mass Carols?) 9am Christmas Day Mass - Cheviot

ST JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP will meet for the second time **next Monday 27 November 2023 from 7 pm - 9 pm at the Parish Hall**. All men are welcome and encouraged to become better equipped to be more like St Joseph, the protector of Jesus and Mary. Men, invite a friend to come along and enjoy the fellowship. Contact Rob 02254676341 or Mark 0277027889.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP will gather on Sunday 26th of November, Solemnity of Christ the King, in the Hawarden Presbytery after the 10.30am Mass. This will be followed by a shared lunch, and then Youth and Parents activities separately. In December, rather than meeting on the 4th Sunday of the month as usually, we will have a day out in the Hurunui (either beach or mountain) (date & activity to be confirmed soon).



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, an annual celebration of the Community of the Beatitudes, will be held at the Sanctuary of Fourvière on Saturday 9th December, following the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Michael Gielen will celebrate Holy Mass at the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Light. Mass will begin at 6pm under the large marquee.

Please bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards. A spit roast lamb with hangi vegetables will be on sale, along with coffee and drinks in the Pilgrim Shelter. At dusk there will be a candlelit procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine where there will be adoration under the stars until benediction at dawn. The Sanctuary of the Beatitudes Community is located at 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield. For more information, contact Thomas at thomas@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 506 2538.

SIMBANG GABI CULTURAL CELEBRATION is a nine-day series of devotional Masses celebrated in various parishes offered by the Philippine Chaplaincy of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. These masses are the Filipino way of preparing spiritually for Christmas, and to commemorate and honour the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and it is an opportunity for everyone to experience something wonderful.

One of the Masses will be in Culverden at 7pm Mass as a Saturday Vigil Mass on the 23rd December. The 23rd is the 4th Sunday of the month, which means there is normally no Mass in Culverden but a Sunday Mass in Hawarden. However, because of this Mass, Hawarden is cancelled. (*Bishop Michael is the celebrant and several priests will be concelebrating*)



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 6.00pm Adoration commences, 10.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church

Sunday, 4th December

AMBERLEY (...adoration continues from 6.00pm Saturday) 8.20am Benediction, 8.30am Sunday Mass

Although anyone can turn up at anytime, it is good to have two people signed up on the hourly roster so that we can make sure there's at least two person in the church all the time. The Rosters are in the foyer of the Churches in Amberley and Culverden. As Pope St John Paul II said: "Demand of yourself, even if no one demands of you"!

During adoration, some material for spiritual reflection/reading will be provided (do not take

Next Sunday:



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