



Parish of the Good Shepherd, Hurunui

PARISH NEWSLETTER

Amberley | Cheviot | Hawarden | Culverden | Waiau | Hanmer Springs
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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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

5th November 2023

They do not practise what they preach

In this Sunday's Gospel (Matthew 23:1-12) Our Lord gives an unflattering picture of the Pharisees, accusing them of not practising what they preached.

*They preach but they
do not practice*



As Christians our lives are meant to preach a message: the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Sometimes we fail, for we are sinners. However, failing occasionally to live what we preach is a little different from not having the intention of practising what we preach. That was the failure of the Pharisees. The Pharisees focus more on human approval and status than pleasing God. However, the warning of Our Lord is very important for us too. It is easy for us to fall into the trap the Pharisees found themselves. Often we get overly conscious of our outward appearance or want to cut a good figure in the sight of others despite our shortcomings. When the winning of human approval becomes the driving force in our lives, we lose our way, just like the Pharisees did. Only if we remind ourselves that God sees and knows everything about us, and put God in His rightful place in our lives that we tend to move away from the hypocrisy of not 'walking the talk'. When we find ourselves failing because of human weakness, it takes a humble heart to seek reconciliation, make amends, and strive to do better next time. Let's pray for the strength to practise what we preach.

God bless

Fr Michael

FORMED www.formed.org

Fr M's recommendation for this week is a short clip of less than 5 minutes explaining our belief in the Communion of Saints. Search "What is the 'Communion of Saints'?" Its good to have a refresher to reminder of the two feasts of All Souls and All Saints which kick off the month of November.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

*You have strayed from the way; you have caused
many to stumble by your teaching*

Psalm Response:

In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

*We were eager to hand over to you not only the
Good News but our whole lives*

GOSPEL: Matthew 23:1-12

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HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the Day)

749 From Heaven You came,

970 Be thou my vision,

Ka waiata

Ka waiata

Ki a Maria

Hine i whakaae

Whakameatia mai

Te whare tangata

Hine purotu

Hine ngakau

Hine rangimarie

Ko te Whaea

Ko te Whaea

O Te Ao (o Te Ao)

I sing to Mary

Our mother

The one who heard God's call

The call to be

The mother of our Lord

(of us all)

Gentle woman

Loving mother

Our Lady Queen of Peace

I sing to Mary

The mother of Our Lord

(of us all)

ST JOSEPH'S MEN'S GROUP is starting soon in our Parish. Bishop Michael Gielen recently encouraged men to gather actively in their parish under the patronage of St Joseph. If you are searching for fulfilment, or wondering whether you could live a richer, more satisfying faith life, then come and join our group. We offer 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. Our first meeting will be on **Monday 13 November 2023** in Amberley Parish Hall (building behind the Church) **from 7 pm - 9 pm**. We will then meet on the second and fourth Monday each month. Parking on the street is limited but there are some spaces at the end of the driveway of the Church. Contact Rob Bickle 0225467631 or Mark Milnes 0277027889.

MASS FOR ALL SOULS In the month of November.

A Box is place in three of our churches, Hanmer Springs, Culverden & Amberley for you to inscribe and place the names of your dearly departed. 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.*

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.

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. After Mass we will be presenting them with a bit of history of our parish and Amberley Church, while they, their work. They are bringing some light lunch to share with us – and all parishioners are invited to join.

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.

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 Email: benedictus@windowslive.com

CALLING ALL THOSE IN HEALTH CARE

The NZ Catholic Medical Association invite all those who are Catholic and working in health care across the board, to join others in the church living their vocation in health care. There are monthly zoom meetings with our national chaplain Fr Chris Denham. For more information on the national organisation <https://newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz>.

Email newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com to become a member and get invites to monthly zoom and other information. There will be a group starting in Christchurch. Our first meeting will be a meet and greet **Friday 10th November 6pm** at Sprig and Fern, 7 Saint Albans Street, Merivale. Please RSVP to Debra and Katie by 7th November, email christchurchcma@gmail.com

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> "

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Thursday 9th Nov Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Friday 10th Nov Saint Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor
Saturday 11th Nov Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

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