



# 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

St Joseph Men's Group  
2nd & 4th Monday  
7pm-9pm Amberley Hall

Second Sunday of Advent Year B 10 December 2023



#### Prepare the way

'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight' – is the message of the Second Sunday of Advent. They are the words of St John the Baptist (Mark 1:1-8). He himself was a precursor to the coming of Christ, prepare a way for His coming.

John makes his appearance in the wilderness while proclaiming a baptism for the repentance of sins. His clothing is reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (2 Kings 1:8). In fact, he is regarded as the 'new Elijah'.

John's message is similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets, chiding the People of God for their unfaithfulness to awaken repentance in them. Among those unconcerned with the coming of God's Kingdom with the coming of Christ, it was John's task to awaken their interest, to unsettle them from the complacency, and to arouse in them goodwill. His message still rings true in our time. His task is also our task: we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ, pointing others to Christ in the way we live, work, and speak. Advent is the good time to open our hearts to John's message that our Christmas preparation, and celebration, be more than a 'commercial' event.

**God's peace be with you, Fr Michael**

**P/S:** Instead of a Homily for weekend Masses, Fr Michael will be reading a letter from the Bishop to update you on things pertaining to the Diocese. At the conclusion of the Masses there will be a publication handed out.

### FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week is the same as last week in the case you missed it. : **"Into the Breach: The mission of the Family"** (Search these words). If you have signed up, you would have received the recommendation directly from FORMED. Explore this 5 episodes with your family - each only just over 10mins.

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11**  
*The glory of the Lord shall be revealed  
and all mankind shall see it*

#### Psalm Response:

Lord, let us see your kindness,  
and grant us your salvation.

**SECOND READING: 2 Peter 3:8-14**  
*We are waiting for the new heavens  
and the new earth*

**GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8**  
*A voice cries in the wilderness:  
prepare a way for the Lord*



#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

117 O Come Divine Messiah  
No Gloria  
94 On Jordan's Bank  
334 Ave Maria

**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

For Christmas Mass Times around the Diocese, go to: <https://cdoc.nz/christmas>

**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2023 - Seminarians**

The envelopes are in the foyers of the churches. The appeal goes towards the formation of 6 seminarians of our Diocese. You can also donate online.



**ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP** meets this Monday 11th December. This is the last meeting for the year. Watch this space as to when we will recommence in the new year.



**PRAYER CARD** You will find prayer cards from "Aid to the Church in Need" for peace in the Holy Land in the church foyer.

**FREE PIETA' PRAYER BOOK** available. They are available in the foyers of our churches. They came from an anonymous donor.



**PARISH YOUTH GROUP** normally meets on the 4th Sunday of the month, but not for December 2023 as it is Christmas Eve. Instead the Youth Group will have an outing and picnic on **Saturday 16th December**.

Meet up at the Hurunui Hotel Car Park @11.30am. Once assembled, there will be a trek up the Balmoral Fire Lookout, followed by games and picnic at the Hurunui River Reserve Camping Ground. Come and join us for a fund day. Contact Lou: 021-864 3968.

**SIMBANG GABI CULTURAL CELEBRATION** is a nine-day series of devotional Masses celebrated in various parishes by the Filipino-Chaplaincy of the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch as part of preparing spiritually for Christmas. One of the Masses will be in Culverden at 7pm Mass as a Saturday Vigil Mass on the 23rd December. However, because of this Mass, Hawarden is cancelled.. Come and experience a Mass that has around or more than 500 people attending!

**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS' NUMBERS are**

**Christchurch Hospital:** Angela McCormick – 021 702 378

**Burwood Hospital:** Jane Dick - 021 572 480

**Hillmorton Hospital:** Joan Hough - 021 501 683

**Nurse Maude Hospice:** CHCH North Parish - 03 359 1438

**St George's Hospital:** CHCH North Parish - 03 359 1438

**Southern Cross:** Cathedral Parish - 379 1068

Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If you or someone from your family are admitted to hospital please advise the chaplain or your parish office that you would like to see the Catholic Chaplain/Priest on call.

**Advent Reconciliation – Rite 1**

~~**SATURDAY 2nd December**~~

~~2.30-3.30pm CULVERDEN (during 24h Adoration)~~

**FRIDAY 15th December**

7.00 - 8.00pm AMBERLEY (Confessional)

**SUNDAY 17th December**

11.00 - 11.25am CHEVIOT (Hall)

**SATURDAY 23rd December**

3.00-4.00pm HANMER SPRINGS (Front Flat)

**SAINTS AND FEAST OF THE WEEK**

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| Monday    | 11th December | Saint Damasus I, Pope                   |
| Tuesday   | 12th December | Our Lady of Guadalupe                   |
| Wednesday | 13th December | Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr              |
| Thursday  | 14th December | Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor |

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