



# 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

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

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

14 January 2024

#### Come and See...

After the Liturgical Season of Christmas, we now enter the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year.

The Gospel passage for this Sunday has Jesus called his first disciples. Saint John the Gospel writer tells us that John the Baptist was standing with two of his disciples when he saw Jesus passing by and he said of Jesus, "Look. there is the Lamb of God." And immediately, the two disciples followed Jesus. In response, Our Lord turned around and asked them: "What do you want?"!



If someone asks us that question, 'What do you want?', we might frivolously answer with a list of "things", or wish for good health, well-being and happiness. The deepest longing of our hearts are more than these, for as Augustine of Hippo famously said: "Lord, You have made us for Yourself, and our heart will not rest until it rest in You".

After a short exchange, Our Lord Jesus asked them to "come and see". Our participation in the life of the Church, and especially at the Eucharistic celebration, is part of our response to "come and see". To know God, to love God, to serve God, and to be with God for all eternity is our vocation – and that is something to be experienced, something to be lived, to be celebrated, taught and passed on. Come (to Mass) and see.

Blessings Fr Michael



CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) Fr Michael's  
Recommendation for this week is: "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- Year B" (Search these words). 6m of video on 'Come and see'.

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 3:3-10,19  
*'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'*

Psalm Response:  
Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20  
*Do not sin against your own body*

GOSPEL: John 1:35-42  
*We have found the Messiah*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

776 I will come to you in the silence

779 O God, you search me

355 I'll sing a hymn to Mary (Vs 1 & 2)

**MONDAY MASS** at Amberley on the 15th January will be at 9.00am instead of the normal 7.00am. This is to allow Fr Michael's ex-parishioners from his previous parish in the city to be at Mass in Amberley. They come to be with him on the anniversary of the death of Fr Graeme Blackburn.

**RE-FOCUSING KALAVALE IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER?** Thank you to all who support Kalavale by turning up for a cuppa, and especially for buying a raffle or two after Mass on the First Sunday in Amberley. Just to re-iterate what Fr Michael announced after Mass last Sunday; He asked parishioners to consider that for the month of **October** each year, to direct the proceeds of Kalavale's raffles towards World Mission Sunday (There is supposed to be a yearly collection for that in **October** in every parish). If he remembers, he might even throw in a prize or two!

As National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies (Fr Michael's new job!), he is meant to go round the country and make people more aware of the Universal Church's effort to take the Gospel to Mission territories around the world, supported by the Mission Sunday Collection. He is hoping to use Amberley's Kalavale as an example he could use to show other parishes in the country of how they could support World Mission Sunday, and enjoy a community get-together. Please *consider* it for October each year....

**WORD OF GOD SUNDAY** - Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis"*, published on 30 September 2019, establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". Perhaps parishioners can explore doing something - e.g. *Lectio Divina*, read a chapter, or simply pray with S. Scriptures on the day?

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** should be available to be picked up this Sunday. They are for April onwards (i.e new Financial year). Please note that, those who give by Direct Debit still have a set of SPECIAL ENVELOPES (e.g. Mission Sunday! Fr Michael will haunt you!). Thomas hopes to get the receipts out by mid April?

**FR MICHAEL'S LAST SUNDAY MASS** will be on Sunday 28th January at Hawarden. Please bring a plate to share in the Hawarden Presbytery to farewell him. Fr Rex will commence as Administrator of the Hurunui Parish in February.

**PRAY FOR PEACE** in the Holy Land. Caritas NZ is asking us to join together as a faith community to pray for all those affected by this conflict. More information on the prayer, the "Peace Lamp" and Caritas' work in the Holy Land can be found on <https://www.caritas.org.nz/where-we-work/holy-land>.



**Prayer for the Holy Land**  
Jesus, protect the innocent and vulnerable, comfort the suffering, and give courage and wisdom to leaders in the Holy Land. Amen.

### ANSWERS TO EPIPHANY QUIZ 2024!

- 1) The Wise Men (Magi) have been traditionally referred to as Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar
- 2) The practice of "chalking the doors" for Epiphany in some countries involves the priests blessing the house and using chalk to write above the main entrance: 20+C+M+B+24 (C, M & B being the initials of the names of the wise men). The three alphabets also abbreviate three Latin Words to say: CHRISTUS MANSIONEM BENEDICAT, or, "May God bless the house".
- 3) Myrrh is an aromatic resin used in preparing the dead for burial. It thus signifies Jesus' death.
- 4) There is NO mention of the number of wisemen in the Bible, but the three gifts that were mentioned led people to assume three.
- 5) In Italian folklore, La **Befana**, a witch-like woman refused to join the Wise Men on their journey to see Christ. After regretting her decision, she sets out to bring gifts to Him, but never finds Him, and so she leaves gifts for children instead. Being in Italy around Epiphany, and not knowing this folklore can be quite confusing - especially when seeing the figures of Befana, the witch-like woman riding a broomstick being put up here and there, and the Italian children putting out their shoes/stockings for gifts (instead of Santa Claus)!
- 6) In England, on Epiphany, youths walk from house to house singing, and they traditionally carry with them a star on a rod.
- 7) In the Eastern Churches, the Epiphany primarily commemorate the Baptism of Jesus: the essence of the feast is the same: the manifestation of to Christ to the rest of the world. Just like in "5", it just shows how the commercialisation of Christmas has shaped other traditions, and turned it into a celebration of "Santa Claus"!