



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 21 January 2024 Word of God Sunday

Repent and Believe in the Gospel

This Sunday's Gospel (Mark 1:14-15) gives us the scene of the Third Mystery of Light we meditate on when we pray the Rosary. Our Lord, in one of His first words as He begun His public ministry proclaimed: "...the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News".

Pope St John Paul, who added the 'Mystery of Light' to the Rosary said: "*Jesus proclaims the coming of the Kingdom of God, calls to conversion and forgives the sins of all who draw*

near to him in humble trust (cf. Mk 2:3-13; Lk 7:47-48): the inauguration of that ministry of mercy which he continues to exercise until the end of the world, particularly through the Sacrament of Reconciliation which he has entrusted to his Church (cf. Jn 20:22-23)". In increasing the sets of mysteries of the Rosary by adding the Mysteries of Light, the Pope said they altogether make praying the Rosary "a way of contemplating the face of Christ seeing Him – we may say – with the eyes of Mary."^[1] Like others who are devoted to praying the Rosary, Pope St. John Paul II saw the rosary as a compendium of the Gospel, because "it conveys the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety," through the contemplation of the key Christian mysteries.

The call to 'repent and believe' is relevant at every moment of our lives. May we contemplate these words, and heed them.



Blessings

Fr Michael

^[1] Rosarium Virginis Mariae

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE www.formed.org

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week is: "**Metanoia - Episode 7 - Jesus calls and empowers**" (Search these words). 29m of video

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5,10

*'The people of Nineveh renounce their evil
behaviour*

Psalm Response:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

The world as we know it is passing away

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

I will make you into fishers of men

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

871 Lord You have come to the
seashore

842 Come back to me

356 Hail Queen of Heaven (Vs 1 & 2)

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY - In 2019 Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter, "Aperuit illis", establishes that "the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God". Join Catholics throughout the world in re-committing and deepening our engagement with sacred scripture. The theme this year is from John 8:31 "Remain in My Word." Salvation, faith, unity and mercy all depend on knowing Christ and sacred scripture. The National Liturgy Office has resources for Word of God Sunday here: www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/word-of-god-sunday-5/

Perhaps parishioners can also explore doing something this Sunday - e.g. Lectio Divina, read a chapter, or simply pray with S. Scriptures on the day. Maybe watch Fr Michael's recommendation for the week for FORMED (front page).

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are 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!). The receipts should be out by mid April. Also for your information, Easter 2024 is early and falls within the present Financial Year, so the special envelopes for Easter and Holy Places are actually part of the old set!

LITURGY MATTERS! - Fr Michael has been trying to get the Liturgy right, but occasionally it is easy to fall back to old ways, or to experience people from other parishioners proclaiming the Word, and re-introducing the old habits!.

It is a good reminder to all who proclaim the Word of God, that the Response to the Psalm is meant to be given **without any prefacing** with words such as "*The Response is....*", or worse, "*The Responsorial Psalm, and the Response is....*"! Just like when the Psalm is sung, the cantor just intones the response (without prefacing), and the congregation responds by repeating the words that were given.

In addition, at the end of the 1st and 2nd readings, the one who proclaims them say: "**THE Word of the Lord**" (not "THIS IS the Word of the Lord"). This was updated when the Church updated the words of the Mass. It suggests what was just proclaimed is the Word, not just what's in the Lectionary!

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 Michael will not be celebrating weekday Mass in Hurunui after that. Fr Rex will commence as Administrator of the Hurunui Parish in February.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP meets on the fourth Sunday after Mass at Hawarden, and on this occasion it will also be part of farewelling Fr Michael.

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.

VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD - If you have any queries or would like to talk about vocations contact Fr Tien, Vocation Director for the Diocese, at vocations.chch@gmail.com

Check out also the website of Holy Cross Seminary www.holycross.org.nz

PLANNING A RETREAT?

2024 BEATITUDES RETREATS CALENDAR

at the Beatitudes, 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield.

For bookings, please contact Sr Giovanna Maria at retreats@beatitudes.nz

FEBRUARY

16th to 18th Women's Retreat

23rd to 25th Little Triduum Retreat

MARCH

15th to 17th St Joseph's Men's Retreat

28th to 31st Easter Triduum Retreat

APRIL

19th to 21st Families Retreat

MAY

17th to 19th Men's Pentecost Retreat

31st to 2nd Jun Little Triduum Retreat

JUNE

21st to 23rd St Irenaeus / Eschatological theme

JULY

12th to 14th Louis & Zelig Couple's Retreat

26th to 28th Little Triduum Retreat

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