



# 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

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

28 January 2024

#### He taught them with Authority.....

St Mark introduces his gospel as 'the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.' Being the shortest of the four Gospels (only sixteen chapters), we read about Our Lord's public life and ministry very early in the piece. In last Sunday's passage, within the first fourteen sentences, Jesus called two sets of brothers to follow him....., and this Sunday's passage (Mark 1:21-28) Jesus caused a stir and a deep impression on the people as he breaks with tradition and expels a demon simply by word of mouth. Most exorcists would use all sorts of incantation and herbs. His was indeed a new teaching backed by His own extraordinary authority: he only commands, and the Spirit obeys! Mark does not explain the content of this authoritative teaching (we can turn to Sts Luke and Matthew for this), but highlights the cures and exorcisms by Our Lord as signs that God's power is at work. Jesus *is* the Son of God. God's kingdom is in our midst. He has authority over everything.



God bless.... And 'signing off' at the Hurunui,

Fr Michael

#### A brief Farewell note from Fr Michael:

*"Hi everyone, my last days in the parish seem to have come with a rush. Some have wanted me to join them for a meal before I leave but I have run out of time. When things settle down for me in my new job, you can still invite me.*

*I will remember this parish with fondness and I cherished my time here as Parish Priest. Please pray for me as I pray for you and will offer Masses for the Parish from time to time. Perhaps, if you can, support my new ministry by supporting the Pontifical Mission Societies. Make sure you give something on Mission Sunday in October, or I will be haunting you and the parish!!! Better still, make a regular pledge or donation, even outside of Mission Sunday! I have already asked that you consider (not demanding) channelling the proceeds from Kalavale in the month of October towards Mission Sunday. I intend to use Kalavale as an example for other parishes to follow in bringing community together and raising funds for the mission."*

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*I will raise up a prophet  
and put my words into his mouth*

##### Psalm Response:

*If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

##### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

*Give your undivided attention to the Lord*

##### GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

*Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority*

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

601 Praise to the Lord

795 I heard the voice of Jesus say

356 Hail Queen of Heaven (Vs 1 & 2)

**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. There is no change to the Weekend Masses for this weekend! (Hanmer 5:00pm Vigil, Amberley 8:30am and Hawarden 10:30am on Sunday)

**UPDATE ON WEEKDAY MASSES in Amberley**

Contrary to what was advertised in the last Newsletter, Fr Michael will now be celebrating weekday Mass on Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th January 2024. Tuesday will be his last Mass as Parish Priest and he will leave the Parish after tidying up administrative things with Thomas.

Fr Rex will commence as Parish Administrator on Thursday 1st February 2024. That means at this stage there is a gap between Fr Michael's leaving and Fr Rex's starting and there *may* not be a Mass on Wednesday 31st February 2024.

From Thursday 1st February 2024, Fr Rex will change the time of weekday Masses from 7:00am to 8:30am.

**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.

**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!

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

Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week is: **"By What Authority - by Mark Shea"** (Search these words). 6m 24s video

Please don't waste Parish's subscription to provide this resource free for you - sign up now for free as it has been paid. Just search for the Hurunui Parish during signing up process and provide a password.

**HOLY COMMUNION OUTSIDE MASS**, (for example when one is sick and cannot be at Mass for a long time) may be requested from the priest. However the request should be initiated by the person concerned and not by someone else taking the initiative, thinking he/she should be receiving Holy Communion. No one is obliged to receive Holy Communion simply because they cannot be at Mass.

Anyone admitted to hospital who wants to see a priest for various reasons including receiving the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion is meant to contact the hospital chaplains. Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains.

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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](mailto:vocations.chch@gmail.com)

Check out also the website of Holy Cross Seminary [www.holycross.org.nz](http://www.holycross.org.nz)

**FEASTS OF THE WEEK**

**Wednesday 31st Jan** Saint John Bosco, Priest

**Friday 2nd Feb** The Presentation of the Lord - *Feast*

**Saturday 3rd Feb** Memorial of the Virgin Mary