



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

The Epiphany of the Lord Year B

7 January 2024



Wise Men came to Jerusalem....

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. The dictionary gives us two explanations of the word "Epiphany";

- 1) the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12)
- 2) a moment of sudden and great revelation or realization

The feast of Christmas that we just celebrated, in a way, is a celebration of the manifestation of Jesus as the Messiah or Saviour of the people of Israel. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates a much more important manifestation, that Christ is revealed as the Son of God and Saviour of the whole world, and for all people. The adoration of Jesus by the magi, (a.k.a. the 'wise men'), who, according to Saint Matthew, came from countries in the east, is symbolic of the revelation to the rest of the world. Until Christmas was 'commercialised', the Epiphany was, in some countries, a bigger celebration. After all, the epiphany reminds us that all of humanity is meant to know Jesus, that He came to gather all nations, all peoples. He came for everyone.

May Jesus, the light of the world, illumine all humanity and lead everyone, as was the Magi, to Himself. Wise men still seek Him.

Blessings for the New Year, and a Happy Epiphany,

Fr Michael

FORMED CATHOLIC RESOURCE ONLINE www.formed.org Fr Michael's Recommendation for this week is: **"The Three Wise Men: Share your Gifts | Drawing Closer to God | Episode 6"** (Search these words). 25m of video with Ms Kim teaching children through drawings, and challenging them to do acts of kindness for someone, offering it as a gift to Jesus.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears

Psalm Response:

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

*It has now been revealed that
pagans share the same inheritance*

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

'The visit of the Magi'



HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

170 We Three Kings

166 As With Gladness

Mo Maria (Lyrics = next page)

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH Dalton Rist and Alina McBride Tristan who will be baptised this Saturday during Mass at Hanmer. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

KALAVALE, or our parish's cup of tea and raffles, is on THIS Sunday, being the First Sunday of the Month. Join us after Mass in Amberley for a time to socialise and win a few prizes.

FEEDBACK ON LOCATION OF CATHEDRAL can be done via an online survey, and is encouraged. If you wish to submit a paper copy, please contact your Parish office. The feedback process concludes at the end of March 2024. To access the survey and information on our website, please visit: <https://cdoc.nz/cathedral>

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. He has his own 'farewell' function to attend in the Waimakariri parish on the same Sunday.

ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP will recommence its meeting on Monday 12th February 2024. The Group meets from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall at Amberley. All men are welcome and encouraged to become better equipped to be more like St Joseph, the protector of Jesus and Mary. Men, invite a friend to come along and enjoy the fellowship. Contact Rob 02254676341 or Mark 0277027889.

DRIVING-LICENCE THEORY COURSE is available for free in the Hurunui! There are two courses running. The first course starts on 29th January and the second on 24th June, both in the evening from 6.30-8.30pm. To find out more and to register, email:

emma.feathery@hurunui.govt.nz.

HYMN - MO MARIA

Mo Maria aianeī	<i>(Translation)</i>
O tatou waiata;	<i>For Mary now Our songs</i>
kia kaha ra tatou,	<i>Let us be strong</i>
kia nui te aroha.	<i>Let there be great love</i>

Aroha ki te Atua	<i>Love God, Love Mary In</i>
Aroha ki a Maria	<i>heaven and on earth</i>
I te Rangī, i te whenua	<i>Forever and ever</i>
āke tonu, āke tonu.	

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.

EPIPHANY QUIZ 2024!

- 1) What are the three traditional names assigned to the Wise Men (Magi)?
- 2) Did you know that in some countries, the first alphabets of the names of the Magi are often chalked on the doors as part of centuries old tradition: e.g. if their names began with 'x', 'y', 'z' then on the door you will find: 20+x+y+z+24. The three alphabets also abbreviate three Latin Words to say: "May God bless the house". What is that in Latin?
- 3) What is Myrrh - and what does it symbolise?
 - a) Jesus' death
 - b) Joy
 - c) Wealth
 - d) Wisdom
- 4) How many wise men are mentioned in the Bible?
 - a) One
 - b) Two
 - c) Three
 - d) not mentioned
- 5) In Italian folklore, what old woman rides a broomstick to deliver gifts to children on eve of Epiphany?
 - a) Mrs Claus
 - b) Mary Christmas
 - c) Befana
 - d) Quiddich
- 6) In England, on Epiphany, youths walk from house to house singing. What do they traditionally carry with them?
 - a) Treats
 - b) A Star on a rod
 - c) Frankenscence
 - d) Home bake
- 7) In the Eastern Churches, what event does the Epiphany primarily commemorate?
 - a) The Birth of Jesus
 - b) The Circumcision of Jesus
 - c) The Temptation of Jesus
 - d) The Baptism of Jesus

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