



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)

7pm Culverden
(Every Saturdays)

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
8:30am 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 of Lent Year B 3 March 2024

ZEAL

In today's Gospel (Jn. 2: 13-25), we witness the zeal of Jesus for His Father's house when he angrily drove away the vendors of oxen, sheep and doves, as well as the money changers from the temple, and said: "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." What would Jesus drive out from our churches today? What marketplace practices do we need to remove to purify our faith? It can happen that some people become "overzealous" for the Father's house. Yes, some churches are overdecorated and ostentatious. For the glory of God? Or for the glory of the builder, or the donors? The whole message of Jesus in today's Gospel is that the essence of worship and prayer is the heart. More than the place, the rubrics, and the traditions, worship and prayer must come from a sincere, contrite and humble heart. Let us not turn our own houses into a marketplace, where all we talk about is money and material things, even at our dining table. For that matter, let us not allow money matters to destroy our relationships. A lot of families and friendships, even societies and congregations, have been destroyed because of money, and money matters. The evil one knows how to deceive us. He is the expert in destroying our peace, even our very souls. And one of his best instruments of destruction has been, and still is, money, money, money. It's all about cleaning up our attitude.



Lord, help us to be zealous for You and for Your house. Amen

God bless, Fr Rex

PARISH LENTEN RECOLLECTION

Speaker: Fr. Rex R. Ramos; Venue: Amberley Church and Culverden

Tuesday 5 March in Amberley at 7pm and Tuesday 12 March in Culverden at 7pm.

Topic: *The Beatitudes, how to become happy, healthy and Holy?*

Tuesday 19th March, Feast of St Joseph. 6pm Mass & 7pm Talk.

Topic: *St Joseph the dreamer - How to mend the broken dreams?*

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-17

The Law given at Sinai

Psalm Response:

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The crucified Christ,
the power and wisdom of God

GOSPEL: John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary
and in three days I will raise it up

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

824 Awake from your slumber

865 Here I am Lord

832 One bread one body

200 Praise to you Oh Christ

Our Saviour

Q. 343. What is the Holy Eucharist?

A. *The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received.*

The whole Christ is really, truly, and substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. We use the words “really, truly, and substantially” to describe Christ’s presence in the Holy Eucharist in order to distinguish Our Lord’s teaching from that of mere men who falsely teach that the Holy Eucharist is only a sign or figure of Christ, or that He is present only by His power. All Christians, with but few minor exceptions, held the true doctrine of the Real Presence from the time of Christ until the Protestant Revolution in the sixteenth century. The word “Eucharist” means “Thanksgiving.”

Q. 344. When did Christ institute the Holy Eucharist?

A. *Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the night before He died.*

About a year before the Last Supper Our Lord promised to give us the Holy Eucharist. This promise is related in the sixth chapter of the Gospel according to Saint John. The fulfillment of this promise took place at the Last Supper.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT - It is a good spiritual exercise to do the Stations of the Cross in Lent, and especially on Fridays. **Every Friday during Lent, there will be 7:30am Adoration & Confession followed by 8:30am Mass (Amberley)**

Friday, 8th March

Amberley at 7pm

Culverden at 7pm

Friday, 15th March

Amberley at 7pm

Culverden at 7pm

Friday, 22nd March

Amberley at 7pm

Culverden at 7pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 - Enrolment closing 21st April 2024



*This year, children will be making their First Holy Communion on the Vigil of the Feast of CORPUS CHRISTI (Body and Blood of Christ) on **SATURDAY 1st June 2024 in Culverden.***

Enrolment: Parents are to enrol their child using the form overleaf. The completed form, payment of \$50 (\$80 for two from the same family) and a copy of the baptismal certificate must be lodged at the parish office no later than Sunday 3rd March 2024. The minimum age to prepare for First Holy Communion is 8 years. The child will have to be baptised a Catholic and parents are members of the parish*.

LOVING FOR LIFE GROWING AND CHANGING PROGRAMME:

5th March 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Loving for Life is a Christian-based relationships and sexuality programme. We are offering Fathers/Sons and Mothers/Daughters evenings for 9-11yo to help start the conversation around adolescence in a gentle and positive way. The programmes will be run at the Lamb of God Centre, 21 Thames St Mairehau,. The suggested donation is \$25.

Please contact David Jackman to register or for more info david@lovingforlife.org.nz

MARRIAGE UNPLUGGED:

23rd March 9am to 4:30pm

Marriage Unplugged is a workshop for all married couples of any age or stage. Led by Tim and Jennifer Goulding the workshop will help you reconnect with your spouse and grow deeper in your relationship together. Taking the time to strengthen and maintain a relationship can be difficult as the business of life creeps in, but it is at these points that it becomes most important to make the effort. Venue: St Joseph's Parish Centre, Papanui. \$50 per couple (morning tea and lunch provided). Register online at www.jp2.org.nz/marriage-enrichment/