



## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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### PARISH NEWSLETTER

## 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

16 June 2024 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### In God's own terms and time

In today's Gospel (Mk. 4, 26-34), Jesus teaches us in the Parable of the Seeds that God acts in His own terms, and in His own time. God's ways are not man's ways. God cannot be dictated to by anything or by anyone. Yes, God is in perfect control. Let God be God, and let man be man.

The Kingdom of God has a life of its own, but that is not to say that we just leave it as such. Yes, grace is operative, whether we know it or not, but our Christian calling is to cooperate with God's grace. We are called to become partners in the Kingdom of God.

Obedience, trust, and patience. These are the three basic attitudes we should have if we are to become co-operators of grace. Those who disobey, those who distrust, and those who are impatient do more harm than good in this partnership with the Divine. May we not become obstacles to the growth of God's Kingdom in our midst. As long as we listen to God in prayer and follow His instructions, we will not become proud with our progress, or be discouraged with our setbacks and failures.

To make sure that we are in tune with God's own terms and with God's time, let us keep in mind that the work of salvation is principally God's work. No one is indispensable. We are just instruments, unworthy ones at that. Let us also learn to work as a team. We don't need superstars. Let us also learn to be patient. There are no shortcuts. Let us not sacrifice quality in the name of efficiency.

Today's Gospel gives us the hope that a small, insignificant seed can grow and become a tree, bearing fruits in time. Let us not be dismayed with our simple and humble beginnings or give in to hopelessness when we encounter delays or setbacks of any kind. As the song says: "God will make a way when it seems there is no way." And yet another song says: "God will make all things beautiful in His time."

**Lord, remind me that everything happens in Your own terms, and in Your own time. Amen.**

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

I will plant a shoot on the high mountain of Israel

#### Psalm Response:

*Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

#### SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We want to be exiled from the body  
and make our home with the Lord

#### GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed  
growing into the biggest shrub of all

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

785 Though the mountains may fall  
909 Be still and know  
865 I the Lord of sea and sky  
795 I will never forget you

# LIGHT OF FAITH: by Fr. Rex

## PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

If the rosary is a relationship between us and God, we start meditating on the mysteries of the rosary by acknowledging the fact that we believe in that loving relationship of trust and dependence on God by professing: "I believe in God...".

In each of the mysteries of the rosary, Jesus always leads us to the Father. Jesus wants us to share in his intimate relation with the Father. So as brothers and sisters of Jesus, recognizing one Father in heaven, we say: "Our Father who art in heaven...".

The ten "Hail Marys" is our acknowledgment of Mary's privileged relationship with Christ. As we meditate on this prayer, we entrust our whole life to her maternal intercession as well as the hour of our death.

At the end of each decade, we give praise, worship and thanksgiving to the Trinity. So we exclaim: "Glory be to the Father...".

The concluding prayer is an invocation to Jesus to forgive us, to spare us from hell and to lead all souls to heaven according to His mercy.

## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

### MINUTES: PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

*Please find Attached with this newsletter the minutes for the Parish Annual General Meeting. For a full statement of the accounts that was available at the AGM, please see Thomas at the parish office on Tuesday and Friday mornings.*

#### Parish Council Members:

**Amberley representatives:** Bruce Mills and Steve Joyce

**Beatitudes Community (Leithfield):** Thomas Peacock

**Cheviot representative:** Emmet Daily

**Culverden:** Paco MonesCazon, Rico Lim, Philippa Stanton

**Hanmer Springs:** Ian and Adrienne Hunter

**Hawarden representatives:** Anna Clayton

**Parish secretary:** Sandy Velmonte

**Parish Finance Chairman:** Bruce Mills

**Parish Chairwoman:** Philippa Stanton

### NAMING OF OUR CATHEDRAL

Thank you to approximately 700 people who submitted suggestions for the patronal name for our new Cathedral. A short-list of names will be shared later this month, and people invited to indicate their preferences, from which three final options will emerge.

Bishop Michael, assisted by lay, religious and clergy advisers, will then playfully discern the name of the cathedral. The patronal name will be announced by the end of July.

We invite you to join Bishop Michael in praying: *Holy Spirit, inspire us as we discern a name for our new Cathedral. Lead our Diocese to a patronal name that can encourage, challenge and comfort the People of God, and someone on whom we can rely for intercession. Amen.*

### ST IRENAEUS and THE COMING OF CHRIST IN GLORY - CATERED WEEKEND RETREAT:

**From Saturday 22nd June (from 9am) to Sunday 23rd June (ends with Mass at 12pm).**

*Come to discover the great faith of St Irenaeus, Doctor of the Church and all he has to tell us about the Coming of Our Lord. We will study together aspects of our Creed and its foundations within St Irenaeus' teachings on Scripture.*

Talks by Fr Pierre Marie CB:

- Talk1: Raising from the Dead
- Talk2: He will come in Glory; 1000 years!
- Talk3: He will judge the living and the dead
- Talk4: The Establishment of the Kingdom: New Heavens, New Earth.

For more info about cost and accommodation and for booking, contact: Sr Clare, [retreats@beatitudes.nz](mailto:retreats@beatitudes.nz)  
Address: Beatitudes Community, 67 Leithfield rd, Leithfield.

### JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE EVENT

**Diocesan Date Night. 22nd of June 5:30pm.**

The Diocesan Date Night is a fantastic event for Catholic couples from across the Christchurch diocese. Held at the Commodore Hotel, there will be a delicious dinner, fantastic guest speakers and an optional discounted overnight stay.

Grab your tickets here: <https://events.humanitix.com/dio-date-night>

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