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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

23 June 2024 - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

FROM FEAR TO FAITH

In today's gospel (Mk. 4, 35-41), Jesus rebuked His disciples who were terrified when a violent squall threatened to capsize their boat. "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?" This same question He asks each one of us today as we cross the ocean of our problems everyday.

STAY AFLOAT.

This is my simple and constant message especially these days. May we not drown with the negativities that come with worry, impatience, hopelessness, and depression. Let's hold on to the Lord's presence. He is with us in the boat. He can calm the wind and the sea.

HELP OTHERS STAY AFLOAT.

Let us all give words of hope and joy. Let us not become "nega stars." And may we be extra generous in our caring, and in our sharing to people around us who are suffering.

How do we cross over from fear to faith? "Leaving the crowd, they took Jesus with them in the boat just as he was." When we learn to leave the crowd, or make time to leave the crowd to be with, and really listen to Jesus in prayer, our fears are lessened and our faith becomes stronger.

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" You and I must have asked the same question to our Lord these days of secularism. In desperation, we often turn to the Lord in anger, fear, or even in hopelessness. The Lord understands our weak human nature, but, always, He wants us to learn to cross over from our doubts and fears toward trust and faith.

"Quiet! Be still!" Let us make this our constant prayer, our mantra whenever we encounter storms in life. Oftentimes, when we panic, and become restless and impatient, all the more we "rock the boat." "Be still and know that I am God." (Psalm 46, 10). Lord, deliver us from useless worries and anxieties!

Lord, give us the courage and grace to cross over from fear to faith. Amen.

Note: Fr Rex will be away for holidays from June 24 to July 12.

June 25-28: Weekday Masses in Amberley by Fr Justin.

Saturday 29th June - Vigil Mass by Fr Justin: 5pm in Hanmer and 7pm in Culverden.

Sunday 30th June - Holy Mass by Fr Justin: 8.30am in Amberley and 11am in Cheviot

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Job 38:1,8-11

From the heart of the tempest
the Lord gives Job his answer

Psalm Response:

Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

We do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

'Even the wind and the sea obey him'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

282 Sing to the mountain
909 Be still and know
629 I am the bread of Life
300 As I kneel

LIGHT OF FAITH: by Fr. Rex

Why does the Sacrament of the Eucharist have so many names?

The Eucharist, one of the seven sacraments, is called by many names because a single name cannot exhaust the richness and meaning of this Sacrament. Each name presents to us a certain aspect of this Sacrament. Knowing therefore all the names of this Sacrament instituted by Christ at the Last Supper will give us a deeper understanding and appreciation of it.

The most common term for the Eucharist is the Mass or Holy Mass. We call the Eucharist **Mass** because at the end of the celebration we are all sent forth to fulfill God's will in our daily lives. Missa (mass) comes from Latin word, missio).

The Holy Mass is termed Eucharist because it is an action of thanksgiving to God for all his blessings. Eucharist is derived from the Greek term eucharistein, which means thanksgiving.

The Holy Mass is referred to as the **Lord's Supper**, because of its connection with the supper, which the Lord took with his apostles on the eve of His passion.

The Breaking of the Bread is another name of the Eucharist because Jesus used this rite, when as master of the table he blessed and distributed bread and above all at the Last Supper. It is the by the Breaking of the Bread that His disciples will recognize the Lord after His resurrection.

Eucharistic assembly is another term for the Mass because the Eucharist is celebrated amid the assembly of the faithful, the visible expression of the Church.

The Mass is the **Memorial** of the passion, death, and resurrection. In the celebration of the Mass, we commemorate or remember Jesus, His words, and His actions.

The Mass is the **Holy Sacrifice** because it makes present sacramentally the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross.

The Mass is the **Holy and Divine Liturgy** because the Church's whole liturgy finds its centre in the celebration of these Sacred Mysteries. In this holy and divine liturgy, we celebrate the mysteries of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We speak of the Eucharist as the **Most Blessed Sacrament** because it is the Sacrament of sacraments. It is the Sacrament of the sacraments because in partaking of Holy Communion we receive not just grace which each sacrament gives but the giver of grace Himself, Jesus. The consecrated hosts reserved in the tabernacle are designated by the name of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

The Eucharist is also called **Holy Communion** because by this Sacrament we partake of the Body and Blood of Christ.

We also call the Eucharist the **Holy Things** for they are truly and substantially the Body and Blood of our saviour, the Son of God. Finally, the Eucharist is also referred to as the Bread of Angels, Bread from heaven, medicine of immortality and viaticum (food of the dying person on the way to heaven) (*See Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1328*)

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

FUNERAL: It is with great sadness that we advise the death of Mark, husband of Jane Schwass, who died on Wednesday 12th June. The funeral will take place in Culverden Hall at 1pm on Saturday 22nd June. We pray for the repose of his soul.

ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP (2nd & 4th Monday)
Monday 24th June from 7pm - 9pm at the Parish Hall, Amberley. All men are welcome and encouraged to become better equipped to be more like St Joseph.
Contact Rob 0225467631 or Mark 0277027889.

WAI AU CHURCH MEETING TO PLAN FINAL CELEBRATIONS: Waiau parishioners and others interested are invited to attend a meeting at the church site on Sunday 14th July at 12pm to plan for the final Mass with Bishop Michael and other festivities to bid farewell to the church: **All welcome**

PRAYER FOR PATRONAL NAME FOR THE NEW CATHEDRAL: *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 all people of God, and someone on whom we can rely for intercession.*