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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

9 June 2024 - 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

GO SLOW AND STAY LOW

In today's Gospel (Mk. 3, 20-35), Jesus experienced being criticized by the crowd for His words and work, judged to be "out of His mind" or "possessed by Beelzebul." As it was then, so too still now; there will always be people who will criticize, judge and misunderstand. "Damned if you do, damned if you don't" situations are part of a disciple's life. Whether you go fast or slow, high or low, there will always be self-appointed critics, judges, and bashers around.

Not only the crowd, but even relatives and so-called friends will and can become the source of persecutions. Jesus reminds us today to stay focused on the will of God. A true disciple must learn to keep going beyond the maddening and demanding crowd, keep on seeking God's presence and listen to His marching orders in prayer and in silence.

Make sure you are not living a life so caught up and imprisoned by this world's measures and standards. If you get involved in the rat race, you end up living like a rat, filled with so many insecurities and exhausted in a useless, vain and empty race. And stop "keeping up with the Joneses." Be yourself. Be your best self, according to God's standards, and you'll have a peaceful life. Remember, it is not what "they" say, but what God says, that matters now and in the end.

Go slow and stay low. This is a good reminder for us as we journey on. Our journey is not so much about going far and high and fast. Mother Mary, whose feast of her Immaculate Heart we celebrated yesterday, tells us that our true journey in this world is our journey to the heart—to God's heart, to other people's hearts, and to our very own hearts.

Lord, help us to learn to go slow and stay low as we journey on. Amen.

FR ANTON's FUNERAL

The Vigil Mass will be held at the Pro-Cathedral at 6pm, Monday 10th June.
Fr Anton will then be transported to Oamaru for his Requiem Mass to be held at St Kevin's Chapel, Taward St, at 2pm on Tuesday 11th June.

PRIEST SOLIDARITY 2024 at HANMER SPRINGS

June 11th-14th. 12.30pm Mass at Hanmer Church, all invited.
No weekday Mass at Amberley.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 3:9-15

"I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid"

Psalm Response:

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

We are being trained to carry the weight of eternal glory

GOSPEL: Mark 3:20-35

A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

287 Thine Be the Glory

865 Here I am Lord

629 I am the Bread of Life

00 Give thanks

LIGHT OF FAITH: by Fr. Rex

Why do we pray the rosary?

1. When we pray the rosary, we remember Christ with Mary. In reciting the rosary, we call to mind in gratitude what the Lord has done for us.
2. When we pray the rosary, we learn from Mary who Jesus is.
3. When we pray the rosary, we become more and more like Jesus and like Mary who faithfully followed Jesus.
4. When we pray the rosary, we assimilate the values and virtues of Mary and the teachings of Jesus.
5. When we pray the rosary, we proclaim Christ with Mary.
6. When we pray the rosary, we actually pray to God, to Christ with Mary. In the rosary, Mary prays with us and for us.

Like the rosary not by sharing it with your friends but praying for your friends and the members of your family through the recitation of the rosary.

Why repeat the Hail Mary?

Repetition of the Hail Mary is a dry and boring exercise for those who do not regard the rosary as a way of deepening our relationship with Jesus through Mary. But when the rosary is seen as an outpouring of love to Christ, repetition of Hail Mary becomes a tireless expression and profession of our faith in and love of Jesus through and with Mary.

Constant practice makes perfect. Constant meditation on the mysteries of the holy rosary will make one perfect in faith, hope and charity like Mary.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP (2nd & 4th Monday)
Monday 10th 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.

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The nominations for positions on the parish council have now closed.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 June 7:30pm in the Amberley Church Hall, at which there will be: a statement on the accounts by the Finance committee chair; on the parish by Fr Rex; and Parish Council elections, followed by a cup of tea and biscuits.

ALL WELCOME

NAMING OF OUR CATHEDRAL



Bishop Michael has initiated a process for choosing a patronal name for the new Cathedral. The last day for nomination is Sunday 9th June. Visit <https://cdoc.nz/cathedral> to submit your nomination or scan the QR code.

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.*

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE EVENTS

Annual Mass of Remembrance

The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Michael at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral. Tuesday 11th June - 7pm.

Have you perhaps experienced the pain of conceiving, then losing a child before or at birth? The Mass of Remembrance is a special mass offered for all children who have died before being Baptised, and for all families to remember and heal in the knowledge that your child is in the loving care of the Lord. At the Mass of Remembrance there will also be an opportunity for parents, extended family or friends to record the names of the little ones they have lost in the Book of Life as a way to remember and heal in the knowledge that this child is in the loving care of the Lord. All Welcome!

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>