



DIocese of Christchurch CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

Holy 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



Adoration & Reconciliation

1st Friday of the month
from 7:30am

Confession by Appointment
or before Mass
(but not the last 5 Minutes!)



Rosary

Wednesday 1:30pm
Amberley Church Hall

Kalavale

Parish's cup of tea & raffles
1st Sunday of the Month.

St Joseph Men's Group

2nd & 4th Monday 7pm-9pm
Amberley Hall

01 September 2024 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

From the Heart

THIS STORY is told about a bishop who made a pastoral visit and was impressed to see his picture hanging in the presbytery. Not only that, his picture was clean, while all the other pictures were full of cobwebs. He commended without end the parish priest for this, until the parish priest spoke up and said "Actually, Bishop, I heard you were coming and I hanged your picture one hour before you arrived."

In today's Gospel [MK.7 1-8, 14-15, 21-23] Jesus criticises the hypocrisy of the Jews, particularly the Scribes and the Pharisees who "disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." For Jesus what is important is the heart, not the externals. "Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person but the things that come out from within are what defile."

A love song says it so well: "Your lips may be sweet, but where is your heart?" Whenever we speak to people, we must speak with the heart. More so, whenever we speak to God, we must speak with the heart because prayer is a heart-to-heart moment with God.

Hypocrisy is learned, and by golly, some people are fast learners. In fact, they become so good at it that soon, it becomes almost second-nature to them without even their knowing it. But the hypocrite emeritus are those who no longer care about public opinion or about God's opinion because for them, all that matters is that "The Show" must go on.

A lot of things can be faked these days. These are days of piracy and imitations. It is getting difficult to distinguish what is fake and what is real. However, the true colour of a person, the real character of a person cannot be hidden. It will show after a while. And all of us have a sixth sense which makes us recognise who is fake and who is real.

God requires a piety which involves not only our prayers but also our conduct and behaviour. One without the other is hypocritical. And that is why the Lord reserved the harshest criticism for the Pharisees. May He not say of us: "This people honour Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me."

Lord, let everything I say or do come from the heart. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8

Observe these laws and customs,
that you may have life

Psalm Response:

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: James 1:17-18,21-22,27

Accept and submit to the word

GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

You put aside the commandment of God,
to cling to human traditions

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

107 The King of Glory comes
the Nation Rejoices

605 Take our Bread

720 Be still for the presence of the Lord

287 Thine Be the Glory

LIGHT OF FAITH

Baltimore Catechism

Q. 139. How is the Church enabled to lead men to salvation?

A. The Church is enabled to lead men to salvation by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, who gives it life.

Although the work of salvation is the result of the operation of all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, it is especially the result of the Redemption by Christ, and because this work is one of divine love it is attributed to the Holy Ghost, who is the soul of the Church, of which Christ is the Head.

Q. 152. Which is the one true Church established by Christ?

A. The one true Church established by Christ is the Catholic Church.

Many churches which claim to be Christian have broken away from the one true Church established by Jesus Christ. These churches were founded by men who had no authority from God to found a church. Christ intended that there should be only one true Christian Church, for He always spoke of His Church as one.

Q. 153. How do we know that the Catholic Church is the one true Church established by Christ?

A. We know that the Catholic Church is the one true Church established by Christ because it alone has the marks of the true Church.

Q. 155. What are the chief marks of the Church?

A. The chief marks of the Church are four: It is one, holy, catholic or universal, and apostolic.

Sacred Scripture teaches that the one true Church of Christ must have these marks. The marks of the Church are themselves an indication that God guides the Church.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH:

Friday 6th September: Amberley Church - 7:30am Adoration & Confession followed by 8:30am Mass.

KALAVALE: 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. The raffle will be for the mission of the Little Company of Mary in Tonga.

CATHEDRAL PRECINCT OUTDOOR MASS

Bishop Michael invites you to a Mass of thanksgiving for the precinct of our future Cathedral. Sunday, 24th November 2024 @ 11am on the Feast of Christ the King. Save the date!

All are welcome to come and share in this celebration. More details will follow.

PARENTS RETREAT: Saturday, 14th September.

(Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

Are you a parent grieving the loss of faith of your adult children? Take time out to be encouraged and nourished. Experience the Fathers merciful love and the powerful intercession of our heavenly Mother.

At the Beatitudes Community, 67 Leithfield Rd. Leithfield. The cost for the day is \$50 per couple (with option to stay Friday night and/or Saturday night). Email: jenn Goulding@outlook.co.nz



Couples Retreats



COMMUNITY OF THE BEATITUDES

Friday 6th to Sunday 8th September

Louis & Zelig: Marriage, a Call to Holiness



COMMUNITY OF THE BEATITUDES

67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield

Join the Beatitudes Community
for a catered weekend retreat with Louis and Zelig Martin!

Come and discover the beautiful faith and witness of these two great Saints and how the Lord can accomplish His work in us through the Sacrament of Marriage. Take time as a couple to be renewed in your walk together with Our Lord.

Talks, Adoration, Lectio, Veneration of Relics, Holy Mass, Offices of Prayer, Times of Reflection

Retreat Prices from \$250 all inclusive per couple (depending on accommodation). Please contact Sr Clare at retreats@beatitudes.nz for bookings.

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