



# DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AMBERLEY | CHEVIOT | HAWARDEN | CULVERDEN | HANMER SPRINGS  
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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

04 August 2024 - 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### Pointers

In today's Gospel (Jn. 6, 24-35) we hear about a crowd that came looking for Jesus. To see more signs? No. To get more bread, after they experienced the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. Let us ask ourselves today: What am I really looking for in life? Am I focused on the perishable and have forgotten the eternal?

Jesus' whole life was a constant pointing to eternal life. He told us to look beyond this world and to set our sight not only on familiar shores but also on the distant shores that await us. Let us ask ourselves today: Have I set my sight too near, looking only for that which is comfortable and quantifiable?

What is a pointer? A pointer is one who makes a point. A pointer is one who makes a point precisely because he/she points to something or Someone greater than himself/herself. Jesus, by His life and death, pointed to the Father and the hereafter. The people who point at themselves usually end up living pointless lives. Sooner or later, they end up imprisoned by their own greed and unbridled desires.

Jesus reminds us today to look beyond the temporary and the perishable. As we go about our daily lives, may we not lose sight of the "big picture" of who we are, and what we are meant to be. Let us not forget that many important things cannot be measured, quantified, by worldly measures and standards.

At the end of our lives, may we have no or little regrets that we loved too little too late. May we not have hands filled with perishables, and consumables, and not have hearts empty of those that are worthy and honourable.

**Lord, help me not to live a pointless life. Amen.**

**Note:** From 5th to 8th August: Priests' gathering in Hanmer Springs  
From 6th to 8th August: No weekday Masses in Amberley

#### **Every first Friday of the month:**

**Amberley Church - 7:30am Adoration & Confession followed by 8:30am Mass.**

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15**  
The Lord sends manna from heaven

#### **Psalm Response:**

*The Lord gave them bread from heaven.*

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17,20-24**  
Christ Jesus is the peace between us

#### **GOSPEL: John 6:24-35**

It is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven;  
I am the bread of life

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

**824** Awake from you slumber  
**909** Be still and know  
**662** O bread of heaven  
**282** Sing to the mountain

# LIGHT OF FAITH

(See Baltimore Catechism)

## Q. 374. What should we do after Holy Communion?

A. After Holy Communion we should spend some time adoring Our Lord, thanking Him, renewing our promises of love and of obedience to Him, and asking Him for blessings for ourselves and others.

## Q. 375. What are the chief effects of a worthy Holy Communion?

A. The chief effects of a worthy Holy Communion are:

1. first, a closer union with Our Lord and a more fervent love of God and of our neighbour;
2. second, an increase of sanctifying grace;
3. third, preservation from mortal sin and the remission of venial sin;
4. Fourth, the lessening of our inclinations to sin and the help to practice good works.

## Q. 378. How should we show our gratitude to Our Lord for remaining always on our altars in the Holy Eucharist?

A. We should show our gratitude to Our Lord for remaining always on our altars in the Holy Eucharist, by visiting Him often, by reverence in church, by assisting every day at Mass when this is possible, by attending parish devotions, and by being present at Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

**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.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church foyers. Alternatively you can use a blank envelope and right the name of the person and the intention on it. All envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. The expected donation for a Mass offering is \$10 or \$100 for a novena of Masses.



**BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP**

Join with other men from around the diocese as we gather together to hear from **Bishop Michael**

**Saturday 10 August**  
St. Teresa's Parish Hall Puriri St, Riccarton

6:30am | Adoration (in Church)  
7:30am | Breakfast (in hall)

Register @ [www.CathMen.nz](http://www.CathMen.nz)



**"CONSECRATION TO MARY"**

**family retreat**

a weekend away for catholic families

**AUGUST 9-11**

**WEEKEND RETREAT - \$250/FAMILY\***  
\*Family: 2 adults and up to 4 children aged 5-16 years - additional children at \$30/child

**SATURDAY PASSES AVAILABLE - \$60/FAMILY\*\***  
\*\*Family: 2 adults and up to 4 children aged 5-16 years - additional children at \$1/child

For more information and registration please email [retreats@beatitudes.nz](mailto:retreats@beatitudes.nz)