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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

07 July 2024 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

NO PAIN NO GAIN

In today's Gospel (Mk. 6, 1-6) we hear of Jesus, who went around preaching the truth and doing good deeds, being ridiculed and criticised by many who heard Him. Such is the fate of prophets who disturb comfort zones and who point to broader horizons.

There will always be prophets, and there will always be bullies who persecute prophets. Let us examine ourselves today: Do I bully our modern-day prophets, just because I am not one of them? Do I prevent or retard truth, growth and real moving on?

How far easier to keep quiet, and not go against the crowd! Why indeed rock the boat when one can just enjoy the ride? Why? Because, as someone aptly put it, our prophetic role as Christians is to comfort those who are disturbed, and to disturb those who are comfortable.

As it has been in the past, today too, fear and/or favour is used to silence prophets and by prophets, we don't mean just religious prophets. How many in government, in the military, in civil society have been silenced by fear, intimidation, torture and even death? And how many have been muted because they were given money or juicy positions, contracts and commissions? We salute those who hold on to idealism and truth, prophets who continue to tell, and who are not for sale.

A note for those who bully prophets: Truth cannot be silenced. It can be manipulated or hidden for a while, but God will raise up again and again truth-tellers and prophets until the truth becomes as clear as day. Sooner or later, the truth will prevail. Fighting for the truth may be a painful, difficult, and often an unprofitable fight by worldly standards, but fighting against the truth is a useless, futile, demeaning, and finally, a losing fight.

We may come out with all sorts of reasons to bully other people, but the bottom line is that bullies are those who are insecure with, and are threatened by, the truth. Bullies are those who, in their excessive thirst for power, have become so drunk with power, and have forgotten that there is such a thing as people power, prayer power and divine power. People who forget these powers are bound to fail.

For those who have been misunderstood, maligned, or even persecuted because of the Lord and because of Gospel values, be comforted today by the Lord himself who said in the Beatitudes: "Blessed are you when men hate you, and insult you, all because of me."

So be it! Amen. As for those who carried out the persecution, be warned.

Lord, remind me again today that there can be no real gain without pain. Amen.

Saturday 6th July - Vigil Masses by Fr Philip: 5pm in Hanmer and 7pm in Culverden.

Sunday 7th July - Holy Masses by Fr Philip: 8.30am in Amberley and 11am in Cheviot
No weekday Masses in Amberley.

From Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th July: Weekday Masses in Hanmer Springs at 9am.

Saturday 13th July - Vigil Masses by Fr Philip: 5pm in Hanmer and 7pm in Culverden.

Sunday 14th July - Holy Masses by Fr Rex: 8.30am Amberley and 10:30am Hawarden

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 2:2-5

These rebels shall know that
there is a prophet among them

Psalm Response:

Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

The Lord's power is at its best in weakness

GOSPEL: Mark 6:1-6

'A prophet is only despised in his own country'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

460 All the Earth proclaim the Lord

864 God's spirit is in my heart

842 Come back to me

347 O purest of Creatures

LIGHT OF FAITH: by Fr. Rex

Full Conscious and Active Participation of the Faithful in Liturgical Celebrations particularly in the Holy Mass (Internal and External Participation)

We should not be in the Mass or any other liturgical celebration as "strangers or silent spectators" but as active participants or actors "through a good understanding of the rites and prayers."

As active participants people should know and understand the rites and prayers. They must take part in the sacred action fully conscious of what they are doing, with devotion and full collaboration.

Concretely, how can the lay faithful participate in liturgical celebrations particularly in the Mass?

The lay faithful can participate fully, consciously and actively "by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, songs, as well as by actions, gestures and bodily attitudes. And at the proper times all should observe a reverent silence." (Sacrosanctum Concilium (SC) no. 30)

In particular, our active participation in the celebration of the Holy Mass will not be full or complete without the reception of Holy Communion. (See SC, no. 55)

When we participate in this manner, our faith is nourished, our minds raised to God and more abundantly we receive His grace. (See SC, no 33)

What about those who cannot take part or who cannot be present in the Eucharist because of sickness, disability or some other serious cause? How will they take part in the celebration of the Mass?

Those who are excused or prevented from actual participation in the Eucharist due to sickness, disability or some other serious cause can hear mass on TV or radio. They can receive Holy Communion from the service of extraordinary ministers who bring the Eucharist to them.

Even if they cannot be actually present in the celebration of the Sunday Mass, they can unite themselves with the celebration by means of the readings and prayers from that day from the Missal, as well through their desire for the Eucharist.

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.

ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP (2nd & 4th Monday)
Monday 08th July 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**

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