



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

11 August 2024 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

BREAD OF LIFE

In this 19th Sunday gospel, Jesus claims that He Himself is the bread of life come down from heaven. "If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give him is My flesh, which I give so that the world may live." (Jn 6:52).

Jesus reveals that life in this world isn't the end of things. There's another life to come. And that life will never end. But when Jesus said to the Jews that the bread He would give was His flesh, many of them shook their heads and even turned their backs on Him.

We hear how the Jews murmured about Jesus, and how they misunderstood and opposed His vision, His dream for the Kingdom of God. They understood and supported Jesus when it was all about bread for their stomachs, but not so when it was all about bread from heaven above for their souls.

I can imagine the frustration of Jesus pointing at the "big picture" and all the crowd of people could see was their noses in front of them. Here He was showing them a new vision, a new dream that would be good for them, and they didn't believe Him or simply didn't care. Such was the fate of prophets then, and even now in that lonely road toward the truth. As someone once said, it is easier for a businessman to get the people's money from their pockets than for a prophet to put new ideas in people's heads.

Take note that Jesus' popularity rating was at its peak after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish. But soon after, when He started talking about Himself as the bread of life to be eaten for eternal life, many of the people and even His followers abandoned Him. I can imagine the panic of His Cabinet members and His handlers, urging Him to stop that kind of talk! But Jesus remained steadfast in His words and in His dream. For Jesus, truth does not need to be handled. Truth needs only to be told.

Jesus challenges the Jews not to stick to earthly bread, but to go beyond to the living bread come down from heaven. Earthly bread is for now. Living bread is for always. We must see beyond and go beyond that which meets the eye. We must not lose sight of what lies ahead and beyond us.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

The angel gives Elijah food
to reach the mountain of God

Psalm Response:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Forgive each other as readily as God forgave you

GOSPEL: John 6:41-51

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

695 Glory and Praise

603 Blessed are you Lord

720 Be still for the presence of the Lord

353 Daily daily sing to Mary

LIGHT OF FAITH

What is the Eucharist?

The Eucharist is the very sacrifice of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus which he instituted to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until his return in glory. Thus he entrusted to his Church this memorial of his death and Resurrection. It is a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet, in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us. (CCC 1322-1323 CCC 1409)

When did Jesus Christ institute the Eucharist?

Jesus instituted the Eucharist on Holy Thursday "the night on which he was betrayed" (1 Corinthians 11:23), as he celebrated the Last Supper with his apostles. (CCC 1323 CCC 1337-1340)

How did he institute the Eucharist?

After he had gathered with his apostles in the Cenacle, Jesus took bread in his hands. He broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take this and eat it, all of you; this is my Body which will be given up for you". Then, he took the cup of wine in his hands and said, "Take this and drink of this, all of you. This is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me". (CCC 1337-1340 CCC 1365, 1406)

What does the Eucharist represent in the life of the Church?

It is the source and summit of all Christian life. In the Eucharist, the sanctifying action of God in our regard and our worship of him reach their high point. It contains the whole spiritual good of the Church, Christ himself. Communion with divine life and the unity of the People of God are both expressed and effected by the Eucharist. Through the eucharistic celebration we are united already with the liturgy of heaven and we have a foretaste of eternal life. (CCC 1324-1327 CCC 1407)

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

WAIAU CHURCH - PUBLIC MEETING:

"This Sunday August 11th at 12noon at the church site there will be a public meeting concerning the decommissioning of the church and disposal of the land. ALL WELCOME."

ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

(2nd & 4th Monday) Monday 12th August 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

"Could we all please make a concerted effort to bring some groceries for the Food Basket to help people less fortunate than ourselves.

Also check your linen cupboards for excess bed linen and towels etc. Thank you".

K.Walker



COMMUNITY OF
THE BEATITUDES

*"May your love be upon us O Lord
As we place all our hope in you." Ps. 33:22*

**Are You grieving the loss of faith
of your adult children?**

*Take time out from your busy and distracted lives
to be encouraged, nourished and equipped to carry
the cross Christ has entrusted to you.*

**Retreat Day
Beatitudes Community
14 SEPTEMBER**

(with option to stay Friday night and/or Saturday night).

Register now as places are limited.
The cost for the day is \$50 per couple.

*TALKS *ADORATION*LECTIO*HOLY MASS,
* REFLECTION *CONFESSION *PRAYER

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