



# DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AMBERLEY | CHEVIOT | HAWARDEN | CULVERDEN | HANMER SPRINGS  
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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

14 July 2024 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### OUR JOURNEY

THE STORY is told about a child who comes crying to his mother and says: "Mama, my playmates tell me I'm ugly." The mother looks at the face of her child, embraces him and says: "My child, no matter what they say, just remember that beauty is in the inside, so, just stay inside, OK?"

In today's Gospel (Mk. 6, 7-13) Jesus summons His disciples and sends them to go out to spread the good news and proclaim the Kingdom of God. Jesus reminds us today that what is beautiful and good inside us must be shared outside us, in spite of deprivation, opposition and even persecution. Have you stopped sharing what is beautiful within you? Do you still spread the sweet fragrance of grace in your life, or do you spread the foul odour of sin and lies?

We who serve or claim to serve the Lord and his people would do well to listen to the Lord's instructions and marching orders for effective and efficacious ministry. How do we go about our journey for God? First, we must keep in mind that the journey is for the Lord who calls and empowers us. As long as we know and accept that we are just instruments (unworthy ones at that), then, we will stay humble and will not fall into the trap of playing God. Ours is a journey, a journey for and with God.

Second, we are called to serve as a team. Jesus sent out His disciples "two by two." There is no one person who has the monopoly to serve or to lead. No one is indispensable in God's eyes. Those who see themselves as indispensable should look hard, and look again. Hello! The world was turning before we came into this world, and the world will keep on turning long after we're gone. So forget about becoming a superstar in God's team. Only He is the superstar.

Third, we are to travel light. We must not be burdened inside-out, otherwise, we will get trapped, ineffective and experience burnout. In other words, we must learn to sacrifice. We must learn the single biggest lesson in life—to let go, and to let God. If we have not learned this lesson in life, then we have learned nothing at all. The journey may be difficult, but it is light if we do not allow worldly concerns and aspirations to burden us.

I hope it will not take moments or a lifetime for us to realise that our journey in life is not about the miles but is about the love and the care we left behind, and that the journey is not about going far but about going to the heart.

**Lord, remind us that life is a journey for you and with you. Amen.**

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: Amos 7:12-15

'Go, shepherd, and prophesy to my people Israel'

#### Psalm Response:

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.*

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

God chose us in Christ before the world was made

#### GOSPEL: Mark 6:7-13

'Take nothing with you'

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

**824** Awake from your slumber  
**820** Seek ye first  
**662** O Bread of Heaven  
**360** As I kneel

**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**

No weekday Masses in Amberley.

**Saturday 20th July:** - Vigil Masses by Fr Sean Mary: 5pm in Hanmer  
- Vigil Masses by Fr Rex: 7pm in Culverden.

**Sunday 21st July:** - Holy Masse by Fr Rex: 8.30am in Amberley  
- Holy Masse by Fr Sean Mary: 11am in Cheviot

From Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th July: Weekday Masses by Fr Sean Mary in Hanmer Springs at 9am.

## LIGHT OF FAITH: by Fr. Rex

### Are all Masses of equal value in themselves or do they differ in worth?

All Masses are equal in value in themselves and do not differ in worth, but only in the solemnity with which they are celebrated or in the end for which they are offered.

### How are Masses distinguished?

Masses are distinguished thus:

1. When the Mass is sung by a bishop, assisted by a deacon and sub-deacon, it is called a Pontifical Mass;
2. When it is sung by a priest, assisted by a deacon and sub-deacon, it is called a Solemn Mass;
3. When sung by a priest without deacon and sub-deacon, it is called a Missa Cantata or High Mass;
4. When the Mass is only read in a low tone it is called a low or private Mass.

### For what end or intention may Mass be offered?

Mass may be offered for any end or intention that tends to the honour and glory of God, to the good of the Church or the welfare of man; but never for any object that is bad in itself, or in its aims; neither can it be offered publicly for persons who are not members of the true Church.

### What is meant by Requiem, Nuptial and Votive Masses.

A Requiem Mass is one said in black vestments and with special prayers for the dead. A Nuptial Mass is one said at the marriage of two Catholics, and it has special prayers for their benefit. A Votive Mass is one said in honour of some particular mystery or saint, on a day not set apart by the Church for the honour of that mystery or saint.

## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

### WAIABU CHURCH PLANNING FOR DE-CONSECRATION MASS:

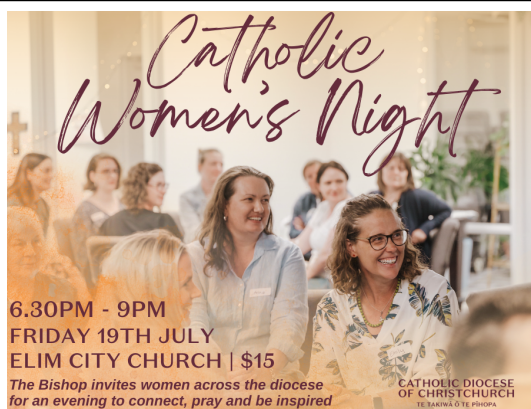
This **Sunday 14th July at 12 noon** the Waiau church parishioners and others interested are invited to meet at the church site and plan for the De-consecration Mass with Bishop Michael on 06th of October 2024.

As part of the Diocesan canonical process we are required to meet and discuss the future of the church. It is also an opportunity to make this De-consecration Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary a special occasion for the Hurunui Parish: **All welcome.**

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL URGENT NEEDS

- Bedding & Linen: Blankets, Sheets and Towels
- Children's winter clothing

Donations can be dropped to a Vinnies Shop at Stanmore Road, Hornby, or Papanui. Or drop into the Blue Vinnie Bin at one of the Parish Churches.



For more information and tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/nz/SKZ>.

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