



# DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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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

21 July 2024 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### SLOW DOWN

In today's Gospel (Mk. 6, 30-34), Jesus gathers His weary disciples to a deserted place "to rest a while." Aren't many of us so busy and weary with work, always rushing to beat deadlines, or to get to meetings, lectures, seminars and what have you? Don't we all need to "rest a while"?

When we feel tired and exhausted, we need to take a rest. We must accept our human limitations. We are not gods. Human as we are, we need to withdraw from our worldly concerns once in a while, to recharge, and then go back again. To do otherwise is folly. To do otherwise is playing god, which we are not. The sooner we learn this in life, the better.

Slow down, you are moving too fast. Slow down, you're going too far. Come to think of it, a lot of us get so caught up in the rat race and even begin to live like rats. The Lord reminds us again today that life is not so much about going fast or far, but going to the heart.

The bottom line is that we are just instruments, unworthy ones at that. In other words, it is God's work, not ours. More than being so focused on the work of God, let us focus on the God of our work. Instead of being so engrossed in our mission for God, let us focus on the God who called us for a mission. We are important, yes, but none of us is indispensable in God's eyes.

**Lord, remind me that life's journey is not about going fast, nor going far, but going to the heart. Amen.**

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**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.

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### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

I will gather together the remnant of my flock  
and raise up shepherds for them

#### Psalm Response:

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

#### SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ Jesus is the peace between us

#### GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34

They were like sheep without a shepherd

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

**806** The Lords my Shepherd

**607** Let all mortal flesh

**808** Only a shadow

**347** O purest of creatures

# LIGHT OF FAITH

## **Is there any difference between the sacrifice of the Cross and the sacrifice of the Mass?**

Yes; the manner in which the sacrifice is offered is different. On the Cross Christ really shed His blood and was really slain; in the Mass there is no real shedding of blood nor real death, because Christ can die no more; but the sacrifice of the Mass, through the separate consecration of the bread and the wine, represents His death on the Cross.

## **What are the chief parts of the Mass?**

A. The chief parts of the Mass are:

1. The Offertory, at which the priest offers to God the bread and wine to be changed at the Consecration;
2. The Consecration, at which the substance of the bread and wine are changed into the substance of Christ's body and blood;
3. The Communion, at which the priest receives into his own body the Holy Eucharist under the appearance of both bread and wine.

## **At what part of the Mass does the Offertory take place, and what parts of the Mass are said before it?**

The Offertory takes place immediately after the uncovering of the chalice. The parts of the Mass said before it are: The Introit, Kyrie, Gloria, Prayers, Epistle, Gospel and Creed. The Introit, Prayers, Epistle and Gospel change in each Mass to correspond with the feast celebrated.

## **What is the part of the Mass called in which the Words of Consecration are found?**

The part of the Mass in which the words of Consecration are found is called the Canon. This is the most solemn part of the Mass, and is rarely and but slightly changed in any Mass.

## **What follows the Communion of the Mass?**

Following the Communion of Mass, there are prayers of thanksgiving, the blessing of the people, and the saying of the last Gospel.

## **What things are necessary for Mass?**

The things necessary for Mass are:

1. An altar with linen covers, candles, crucifix, altar stone and Mass book;
2. A Chalice with all needed in its use, and bread of flour from wheat and wine from the grape;
3. Vestments for the priest, and
4. An acolyte or server.

## PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

**ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP (2nd & 4th Monday) Monday 22nd 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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Offering a Mass is a beautiful way to place our intentions, and those of our loved ones before Jesus. A Mass offering can be for oneself, a love one, a sick person, or a soul in purgatory. Masses can also be offered on special occasions - birthdays, wedding or baptism anniversaries or just as a gesture of love!

Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church foyers. Alternatively you can use a blank envelope and write 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.

### **ROYAL COMMISSION:**

The final report of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care will be published on 24 July. The Catholic Church supported the Royal Commission's efforts to examine abuse that took place in our society, including in our Catholic institutions. The report will contain difficult material, but the report will help the Church to strengthen its commitment to ensuring safe environments for all people. The New Zealand Bishops and Leaders of Religious Congregations have written a letter to the Catholic community that is being read at Masses this weekend. We invite you to pray for those affected by abuse, especially those harmed in Catholic settings, and for a culture of care and safety within the Church.

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