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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

28 July 2024 - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

GENEROSITY

The story is told about a preacher who asked a farmer if he should preach since he was the only one who showed up for the service. The farmer said: "If only one of my cows showed up, I would feed him." So the preacher preached, but it was a very long sermon, after which the farmer said: "Reverend, if only one of my cows showed up, I wouldn't feed him all the hay."

In today's gospel (John 6, 15), Jesus fed the 5,000 people who came to see and hear Him. The miracle of the loaves and the fish happened to the crowd because of a boy who shared his five barley loaves and two fish. Generosity is the key to make everyone happy.

If Jesus were to ask you today to part with whatever you treasure, would you do it for Him, and for His people? Amazing that boy! What a good lesson and reminder for us adults who are good in hoarding, all in the name of safety and security.

The generous boy was anonymous. We don't even know his name, or what happened to him after this gospel episode. Did he get a reward? Did he become a baker or a fish dealer? We don't know. What we do know is that he played a very important role in that moment. In the end, it's not what the crowd says. It's what the Lord says that really matter.

The crowd had their fill, but did they learn their lessons well? It seems not, and it seems the "crowd" never will. Jesus wanted to teach them about generosity, sharing, and caring, and all that the crowd wanted was to make him their king so that they will never be hungry again. Shallow and narrow-minded are they who seek only what is good for their body, and not what is good for everybody.

Sharing with you this prayer: "Lord, I put everything in Your hands today — my family, my health, my home, my security, my fears. You are the only one I trust with all I have and with all I am. Amen."

Think about this: "It wasn't your alarm clock that woke you up this morning; It was God's grace and mercy."

Lord, teach us true giving and generosity. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4:42-44
They will eat, and have some left over

Psalms Response:
The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-6
Christ Jesus is the peace between us

GOSPEL: John 6:1-15
The feeding of the five thousand

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES
(May vary on the day)

282 sing to the mountain
603 blest are you Lord
965 as the deer pant
353 daily daily sing to Mary

LIGHT OF FAITH

(See Baltimore Catechism)

Q. 367. What is necessary to receive Holy Communion worthily?

A. To receive Holy Communion worthily it is necessary to be free from mortal sin, to have a right intention and to obey the Church's laws on the fast required before Holy Communion out of reverence for the body and blood of Our Divine Lord. However, these are some cases in which Holy Communion may be received without fasting.

Q. 368. Does he who knowingly receives Holy Communion in mortal sin receive the body and blood of Christ and His graces?

A. He who knowingly receives Holy Communion in mortal sin receives the body and blood of Christ, but he does not receive His graces and commits a grave sin of sacrilege.

To receive Holy Communion unworthily is a serious abuse of the sacred body and blood of the Lord, and therefore a sacrilege.³¹

See Scripture, question 367, 1 Corinthians 11:23-34.

Q. 369. What should we do to receive more abundantly the graces of Holy Communion?

A. To receive more abundantly the graces of Holy Communion we should strive to be most fervent and to free ourselves from deliberate venial sin.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

KALAVALE: Next week it is Kalevale Sunday when we invite our parishioners to participate in our raffle for our mission in Tonga for The Little Company of Mary. It is also a great opportunity for our congregation to relax, have a cup of tea and meet any visitors and catch up with the regulars.

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.

PARENT RETREAT DAY: "How long O Lord...?" "Psalm 13
Are you a parent 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: Saturday, September 14th at the Beatitudes Community, 67 Leithfield Rd. Leithfield** (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. Please email: jenngoulding@outlook.co.nz to register or request more information.

To book a room, email Sr. Clare at: retreats@beatitudes.nz

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Traditional Latin Mass is being celebrated each Sunday at 11am at St Patrick's church in Kaiapoi. This new mass follows Bishop Michael's decrees removing the faculties of the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer, as recommended by the Vatican. Bishop Michael would like to remind the faithful that any public masses celebrated by the priests of the Sons of the Most Holy Redeemer are illicit – that is, outside the rules of the church. The decrees remain in effect regardless of any challenge. Any enquiries or concerns, including around the provision of the Latin Mass and the Sacraments, can be made by emailing tlmc@cdoc.nz or calling 03 244 0331.

LAMB OF GOD CENTRE, Christchurch Wednesday 28 August | 7pm – 9pm

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to hear Fr. Shenan Boquet (USA) give an informative and engaging presentation about *Proclaiming the Gospel of Life in a Post-Christian Culture*. He will discuss the dignity of the human person and address the life and family issues of concern today. For more info contact Simon Archer: 021 400 729 | simon@fli.org.nz or visit fli.org.nz/speaking-tour-2024

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