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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

08 September 2024 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Open up

In today's Gospel (Mark 7, 31-37), Jesus heals a deaf-mute and empowers him with the tremendous gift of speech and hearing. Speaking and hearing are our God-given abilities that we should not take lightly or for granted.

Note that Jesus empowered the mute to speak and the deaf to hear. If you are one who prevents people from speaking the truth or from hearing the truth, you are on the wrong side of history.

As a deaf person cannot speak, in the same way someone who does not listen to the Word of God cannot and should not speak the Word of God.

Jesus told the deaf-mute today: "Ephphata." This means "Be opened." This is also Jesus' message to us today. Are there areas in our lives that need to be opened and exposed to God's grace and healing? Are there relationships that have to be unlocked? Are there bad habits, biases or hang-ups that need to be disposed of? Finally, are there hurts, guilt, worries or regrets that need to be surrendered to God's unconditional power and love?

Lord, open my ears to really listen to you, and open my mouth to praise and glorify you. Amen.

LIGHT OF FAITH

Q. 155. What are the chief marks of the Church?

A. The chief marks of the Church are four: It is one, holy, catholic or universal, and apostolic.

Sacred Scripture teaches that the one true Church of Christ must have these marks. The marks of the Church are themselves an indication that God guides the Church.

Q. 156. Why is the Catholic Church one?

A. The Catholic Church is one because all its members, according to the will of Christ, profess the same faith, have the same sacrifice and sacraments, and are united under one and the same visible head, the Pope.

Q. 157. Why is the Catholic Church holy?

A. The Catholic Church is holy because it was founded by Jesus Christ, who is all-holy, and because it teaches, according to the will of Christ, holy doctrines, and provides the means of leading a holy life, thereby giving holy members to every age.

Q. 158. Why is the Catholic Church catholic or universal?

A. The Catholic Church is catholic or universal because, destined to last for all time, it never fails to fulfil the divine commandment to teach all nations all the truths revealed by God.

Q. 159. Why is the Catholic Church apostolic?

A. The Catholic Church is apostolic because it was founded by Christ on the apostles and, according to His divine will, has always been governed by their lawful successors.

Q. 160. How do we know that no other church but the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ?

A. We know that no other church but the Catholic Church is the true Church of Christ because no other church has these four marks.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7

The blind shall see, the deaf hear,
the dumb sing for joy

SECOND READING: James 2:1-5

God chose the poor according to the world
to be rich in faith

Psalm Response:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'

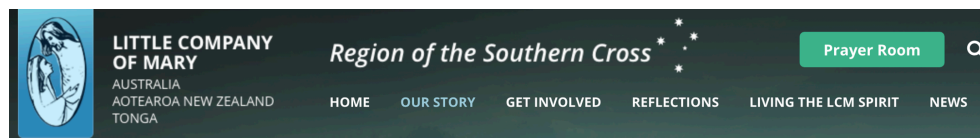
695 Glory and Praise

909 Be still and know

865 Here I am Lord

353 Daily daily sing to Mary

The Kalevale Raffle in Amberley after Holy Mass, every first Sunday of the Month, is to support the mission of the Little Company of Mary in Tonga. Kalevale is "Calvary" in Tongan.



Our Mission What we do

"Our mission finds expression through the original, common and constant ministries of prayer and care for those who are sick and dying. It is expressed in the ministries of the individual sisters and through the apostolic works of the Congregation such as health care facilities and pastoral centres. It is the call that motivates all service within the local churches and cultures in which the Little Company of Mary is present". LCM Constitution 1.03

Though the works of the Little Company of Mary may vary over time and place, there is a constant call to make real the mercy of God, the healing presence of Jesus and the maternal love of Mary for the people they serve.

The Little Company of Mary Sisters, in union with the Maternal Heart of Mary at the foot of the cross, share in the healing ministry of Jesus on Calvary.

Our call is to:

- Care for the suffering and dying through prayer and presence
- To bring hope, courage and new life to those in need

The Little Company of Mary Sisters are women called from all walks of life who have freely chosen to live within community. Prayer and a personal commitment to Jesus is an integral part of our life. We are bounded by common prayer, a simple lifestyle and a vowed commitment to the vision of our Foundress (Venerable Mary Potter) and the mission of the church.

Today, the Little Company of Mary (LCM) and the Greater Company of Mary (GCM) are working to make a difference, responding to the needs of those they serve by:

- Offering daily prayer for the sick and the dying "that all might have life to the full."
- Working with refugees, and those alienated from their human rights
- Parish ministry / Eucharistic ministers
- Personal Care Support
- Providing hospital chaplaincy, prison visiting, and help to women and children in crisis
- Erin Earth
- Parkinson's Australia
- A community presence to each other
- Teaching Conversational English
- Being for Others, wherever that maybe
- St. John Ambulance
- Palliative Care
- Pastoral Care
- Partnerships in health projects e.g. Timor Leste
- Visiting those in need in hospital, nursing homes or in their homes
- Support for the Aged
- Visiting families in Tongan parishes to make known Mary Potter's story and the charism and spirit of LCM
- Providing subsidised accommodation, activities and facilities, to relieve poverty and break down loneliness and isolation, particularly for older people of limited means. Founded by the Sisters in Aotearoa New Zealand, and now guided by Little Company of Mary Foundation
- Supporting in prayer and presence (where available) the Australia-based health care ministries, founded by the Sisters and now under the Stewardship of Calvary Ministries
- Memberships on Boards (in both Australia and in New Zealand)
- Spirituality Resources

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