



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

15 September 2024 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

In today's Gospel (Mk. 8, 27-35) Jesus asks His disciples about His identity: "Who do people say that I am?" If identity were a matter of what others say, then there can be a lot of mistaken identity. That is why Jesus goes on to ask: "But who do you say that I am?" True identity is found not on what "they say," for that is hearsay, but on what "I say."

Beyond "they say," and even beyond "I say," Jesus points out today that true identity is what or who God says we are. Jesus praises Peter for his personal knowledge of Him but rebukes him for objecting to His true identity to the Father as the Messiah who will have to be rejected and killed and rise again. The bottom line of identity is who or what God says.

How far simpler and convenient to rest our identity on public knowledge or even on personal knowledge. Like Jesus, we must learn to leave the crowd, and even those closest to us and ask Him, "Lord, what do you say? What do you ask of me?"

It is clear what God wants: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Often we'd rather please the crowd, or please our friends and loved ones, for they ask of us only so much, while God asks us our very life and heart! The crowd and people around us, we can control and manipulate, while God, we can't.

It is a clear case of mistaken identity if we leave out the cross in our lives. If you think that Christianity is all about prosperity, bounty and blessings, you are wrong. There will always be sufferings and persecutions if we follow Christ. There is no complete happiness in this life. Those who never experience, or who shun the cross have a wrong notion about the Christian identity.

We are at peace with our identity when we accept with finality that we are not that good, but also that we are not that bad either. Yes, we are at peace when we stop pretending we are that good, but accept we are not that bad either.

Lord, remind me that what matters most is not what others say or what I say, but what You say. Amen.

Note: Monday 16th September: No weekday Mass in Amberley

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:5-9

I offered my back to those who struck me

Psalm Response:

*I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

SECOND READING: James 2:14-18

If good works do not go with it,
faith is quite dead

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-35

The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

695 Glory and Praise

909 Be still and know

865 Here I am Lord

353 Daily daily sing to Mary

LIGHT OF FAITH

Baltimore Catechism

Q. 161. What are the chief attributes of the Catholic Church?

A. The chief attributes of the Catholic Church are authority, infallibility, and indefectibility. They are called attributes because they are qualities perfecting the nature of the Church.

Q. 162. What is meant by the authority of the Catholic Church?

A. By the authority of the Catholic Church is meant that the Pope and the bishops, as the lawful successors of the apostles, have power from Christ Himself to teach, to sanctify, and to govern the faithful in spiritual matters.

Q. 163. What is meant by the infallibility of the Catholic Church?

A. By the infallibility of the Catholic Church is meant that the Church, by the special assistance of the Holy Ghost, cannot err when it teaches or believes a doctrine of faith or morals.

Q. 164. When does the Church teach infallibly?

A. The Church teaches infallibly when it defines, through the Pope alone, as the teacher of all Christians, or through the Pope and the bishops, a doctrine of faith or morals to be held by all the faithful.

Q. 165. What is meant by the indefectibility of the Catholic Church?

A. By the indefectibility of the Catholic Church is meant that the Church, as Christ founded it, will last until the end of time.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

WAI AU CHURCH WORKING BEE: Friday morning 27th September there will be a volunteer clean up day at the Waiau church. Cars leaving Amberley from the church at 09:30 or meet at the Waiau church 10:30am. Details see Steve Joyce 027 211 5958.

WAI AU CHURCH DECONSECRATION MASS OCTOBER 06TH :

You are invited to a Hurunui Parish big group gathering to celebrate with Bishop Michael the deconsecration Mass at Waiau at 10:30am October 06th. After the Mass there will be a shared meal, a chance to catch up with old friends and share some stories from the past- many of the former parishioners will be there for this. ALL WELCOME.

Please note there will be one Sunday Mass that day at Waiau, and one Vigil Mass at Hanmer 5pm.

FINANCIAL SITUATION

It is expected that our income will be down \$39K. This is due to a big downturn in the farms life style block income. Our expenses will go up \$12K. This is due to a big increase in insurance and rates.

We are fortunate to have reserves that have been earned by the farms life style block and this will be used to get us by this financial year. Let us pray that the recovery from the drought will be good. Other avenues of income are being explored. Bruce Mills, Chairman, Finance Committee ; Fr Rex R Ramos, parish administrator.

Reminder: Money given through the planned Giving envelope system or automatic bank payment can get you a Tax rebate of 33% on amount given.

Please fill out this form and drop it in the Sunday Basket or send it to catholichurunui@gmail.com

You will be added onto the Parish Roll and will receive the Parish Newsletter.

Full Names: Husband _____ Wife _____

Physical Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Phones: _____ Emails: _____

Planned Giving to support your parish

- ☐ I would like to receive a set of envelopes to give on Sundays. *You will be attributed a two digit donor number.*
- ☐ I will give by Automatic Payments via Online Banking to Catholic Parish of the Hurunui Trust 03-1592-0522332-020. *You will be attributed a three digit donor number, please enter PG and donor number as reference on payment.*

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Parish Treasurer - Secretary : Thomas Peacock - catholichurunuitreasurer@gmail.com - Office Hours Wednesday and Friday 8:00am - 10:30am