



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

22 September 2024 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

DEFLATE

The story is told about two men who were arguing on what to do about their truck that got stuck under a low overhead bridge. They had all sorts of theories and solutions so as not to damage further the bridge and the truck. Hearing all this, a little child who was at the scene gave them a simple suggestion: "Sirs, just deflate the tires."

Jesus asks His disciples: "What were you arguing about on the way?" The question silences and embarrasses them, for they had been discussing who among themselves was the greatest. Jesus then provides a simple solution: "If anyone wishes to be the first, he shall be the last of all, and the servant of all." In other words, deflate your tires of pride, and become like a child.

The evil one knows that humility is the key to holiness and true greatness. That is why he specialises in using pride, his greatest instrument for the destruction and perdition of persons. The temptations connected to pride are strong, and often they are effective because they are subtle and hidden. We all must be very honest and open. Yes, honesty is the first cousin of humility.

Let the children teach us and lead us. There is so much to learn from the little ones. Next time you are caught up in a problem or a burdensome situation, look at a child, listen to a child. When you look or listen to a child, it won't be long before you are looking and listening to God.

Our inability or unwillingness to deflate our tires of pride is the one single cause why we live miserable lives. Is there any relationship that burdens you right now? The key is humility. Yes, just deflate your tires of pride.

One lesson I learned from my Dubai Desert Safari experience is the need to deflate the tires when one journeys through the desert. Deflated tires make good traction and stability. I suppose, it's the same in life too, especially as we go through deserts and byways, let us deflate our tires.

For those who have overinflated their tires of pride, take note that inflated tires give you a bouncy ride, and they may blow out anytime.

Lord, help me to deflate the tires of pride in my life. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The wicked prepare to ambush the just man

Psalm Response:

The Lord upholds my life.

SECOND READING: James 3:16-4:3

The wisdom that comes from above
makes for peace

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children
in my name welcomes me

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

282 Sing to the Mountains

605 Take our Bread

662 O bread of heaven

721 How great thou art

Baltimore Catechism

Q. 170. What is meant by "the communion of saints" in the Apostles' Creed?

A. By "the communion of saints" is meant the union of the faithful on earth, the blessed in heaven, and the souls in purgatory, with Christ as their Head.

Q. 171. Through the communion of saints, what can the blessed in heaven do for the souls in purgatory and the faithful on earth?

A. Through the communion of saints, the blessed in heaven can help the souls in purgatory and the faithful on earth by praying for them.

Q. 172. Should the faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, honour the blessed in heaven and pray to them?

A. The faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, should honour the blessed in heaven and pray to them, because they are worthy of honour and as friends of God will help the faithful on earth.

Q. 173. Can the faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, relieve the sufferings of the souls in purgatory?

A. The faithful on earth, through the communion of saints, can relieve the sufferings of the souls in purgatory by prayer, fasting, and other good works, by indulgences, and by having Masses offered for them.

PARISH AND DIOCESAN NOTICES

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

WAIAM CHURCH DECONSECRATION MASS OCTOBER 06TH :

You are invited to a Hurunui Parish big group gathering to celebrate with Bishop Michael the deconsecration Mass of the Church of Our Lady of the Rosary: 27 Leslie Street, Waiam 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.

For more information, please contact Thomas at catholichurunui@gmail.com

Please note there will be one Sunday Mass that day at Waiam, 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.*

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