



DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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PARISH NEWSLETTER

06 October 2024 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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

RISKS

You just heard the strongest biblical phrase for the indissolubility of marriage. You can marry only once until your wife passes away from the world or until your husband passes away from the world.

Marriage is indissoluble and our Christian faith forbids us to enter into divorce or to marry after divorce. My concern is the reaction of the disciples after the Lord told them that it is not right to divorce or remarry. What was their reaction? They said, "if that is the case, we will not get married anymore."

They were saying that it was too risky to get married. What if you marry the person and you realise after a few years that he is not meant for you? What will happen to you? You will be doomed to unhappiness for the rest of your life. For this people it is highly risky to get married. It is dangerous to get married. It can cause your eternal unhappiness. It can even cost you your life.

But you see, brothers and sisters, it is not only those who face marriage that face risks. We priests and religious also face risks. When we tell lay people about celibate life, many young people say, "If that is the case, then I will not be a priest." It is also risky to be a celibate. You face loneliness. You face the insecurity of old age. You face so many fears, so many anxieties. Some of our young people say, "It is better to remain single. Look at what happened to us."

What I am driving at is, whether we get married or remain single, we face risks. We cannot avoid risks in life because there is no perfect decision or perfect option in life. What matters, brothers and sisters, is not the risk. What matters is God who accompanies us in the risk. God never promised us a risk-free life. He never promised us a problem-free life. God never promised us a life of ease and comfort and selfish joy. God only promised us that He would be with us 'til the end of time.

Many of us are afraid to take risks and because of this, we are afraid to make commitments. That is the problem of our age. It is not the risk but the commitment that we do not like to make.

Lord, as I go through life, help me to be faithful, loving and committed. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:18-24

A man and his wife become one body

Psalm Response:

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:9-11

The one who sanctifies is the brother of those who are sanctified

GOSPEL: Mark 10:2-16

What God has united, man must not divide

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

695 Glory and Praise

090 Be still and know

865 Here I am Lord

353 Daily daily sing to Mary

Baltimore Catechism

Q. 64. What is actual sin?

A. Actual sin is any wilful thought, desire, word, action, or omission forbidden by the law of God.

Q. 65. How many kinds of actual sin are there?

A. There are two kinds of actual sin: mortal sin and venial sin.

Q. 66. What is mortal sin?

A. Mortal sin is a grievous offence against the law of God.

Q. 67. Why is this sin called mortal?

A. This sin is called mortal, or deadly, because it deprives the sinner of sanctifying grace, the supernatural life of the soul.

Q. 68. Besides depriving the sinner of sanctifying grace, what else does mortal sin do to the soul?

A. Besides depriving the sinner of sanctifying grace, mortal sin makes the soul an enemy of God, takes away the merit of all its good actions, deprives it of the right to everlasting happiness in heaven, and makes it deserving of everlasting punishment in hell.

Q. 69. What three things are necessary to make a sin mortal?

A. To make a sin mortal these three things are necessary: first, the thought, desire, word, action, or omission must be seriously wrong or considered seriously wrong; second, the sinner must be mindful of the serious wrong; third, the sinner must fully consent to it.

PARISH NOTICES

Note: Fr Rex Ramos will be away for holidays from Wednesday 9th October to Friday 25th October 2024.

Saturday 12th October: 5pm Vigil Mass in Hanmer & 7pm Vigil Mass in Culverden with Fr Isaie CB

Sunday 13th October: 8:30am Mass in Amberley & 10:30 am Mass in Hawarden with Fr Ray Schamack

Saturday 19th October: 5pm Vigil Mass in Hanmer & 7pm Vigil Mass in Culverden with Fr Monty Bamford

Sunday 20th October: 8:30am Mass in Amberley & 11:00 am Mass in Cheviot with Fr Ray Schamack

WAI AU CHURCH DECONSECRATION MASS OCTOBER 06TH : Bring a chair and your own hot water!

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, Waiau at 10:30am October 06th.

Please bring a plate for the shared meal after Mass. This will be, 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 Waiau, and one Vigil Mass at Hanmer 5pm.

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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