



## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

AMBERLEY | CHEVIOT | HAWARDEN | CULVERDEN | HANMER SPRINGS  
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### PARISH NEWSLETTER

13 October 2024 - 28th 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

#### Simple and detached

In today's Gospel (Mk. 10, 17-30) Jesus cautions us about attachment to material possessions. Money, work, earthly pleasures and possessions can possess us and imprison us. How many of us have lost our health, peace of mind, relationships, values, good name and, yes, even our very souls because of our greed, and because of our insatiable pursuit for money, almighty money?

The recent floods around the world forced many people to reckon with trash that they have accumulated through the years and, hopefully, made them realise the futility of holding on to useless, excess luggage in our journey.

Money can make us happy, but it can also make us unhappy, stressed and sad. What we need to learn is a healthy attitude toward money, i.e., not to be enslaved by money, and not to make money the centre of our lives. In other words, not to make money our god.

We have become an attached generation – attached to work, attached to TV, attached to our cell phones, iPods, computers etc. If we become so attached to things, we may become so detached from people, and even from God.

"Use things, love people." Not the other way around please! May we have little or no regrets in the end that we loved too little or too late, just because we valued things more than people. Again, remember, money can be recovered, but the life of a person, especially of someone we love, is irreplaceable.

Giving up something or someone is a necessary component of a successful life. No pain, no gain. Without hard work and sacrifice there can be no significant life. There are no short cuts to living a meaningful life. We may fool people about the kind of life we are living, but we cannot fool God, and we know the real score deep inside us.

What have you given up during these difficult times? What have you sacrificed? Have you really reached out? Have you gone out of your way? Have you walked the "extra mile"?

Think about this: "God will never leave you empty. He will replace everything you lost. If He asks you to put something down, it's because He wants you to pick up something greater."

Lord, help me to be simple and detached so as not to be imprisoned by the pleasures of this life. Amen.

**Note:** Fr Rex Ramos is away for holidays from the 9th to the 25th October 2024.

**Saturday 12th October:** 5pm Vigil Mass in Hanmer & 7pm Vigil Mass in Culverden

**Sunday 13th October:** 8:30am Mass in Amberley & 10:30 am Mass in Hawarden

**Saturday 19th October:** 5pm Vigil Mass in Hanmer & 7pm Vigil Mass in Culverden

**Sunday 20th October:** 8:30am Mass in Amberley & 11:00 am Mass in Cheviot

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: Wisdom 7:7-11

I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones

##### Psalm Response:

*Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

##### SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword

##### GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30

Give everything you own to the poor, and follow me

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

**695** Glory and Praise

**090** Be still and know

**865** Here I am Lord

**360** As I kneel

## Baltimore Catechism

### Q. 70. What is venial sin?

A. Venial sin is a less serious offence against the law of God, which does not deprive the soul of sanctifying grace, and which can be pardoned even without sacramental Confession.

### Q. 71. How can a sin be venial?

A. A sin can be venial in two ways: first, when the evil done is not seriously wrong; second, when the evil done is seriously wrong, but the sinner sincerely believes it is only slightly wrong, or does not give full consent to it.

### Q. 72. How does venial sin harm us?

A. Venial sin harms us by making us less fervent in the service of God, by weakening our power to resist mortal sin, and by making us deserving of God's punishments in this life or in purgatory.

### Q. 73. How can we keep from committing sin?

A. We can keep from committing sin by praying and by receiving the sacraments; by remembering that God is always with us; by recalling that our bodies are temples of the Holy Ghost; by keeping occupied with work or play; by promptly resisting the sources of sin within us; by avoiding the near occasions of sin.

## NOTICES



**MISSION MONTH  
& WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:**  
October is the Mission month  
Sunday 20th October will be Mission Sunday!



*You are warmly invited to support the Church's missionary effort. Please give on Sunday using your envelope or by Direct Debit at MissioAotearoa BNZ 02-0506-0022477 or with credit card by scanning the QR code.*

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for World Mission Sunday is: *"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"* (Mt 22:9) The banquet is that of the wedding feast of the Son, of the One who comes to marry all humanity and therefore wants to invite everyone to the wedding feast!

In his message for World Mission Sunday 2024, Pope Francis tells us: "While the world sets before us the various "banquets" of consumerism, selfish comfort, the accumulation of wealth and individualism, the Gospel calls everyone to the divine banquet, marked by joy, sharing, justice and fraternity in communion with God and with others. This fullness of life, which is Christ's gift, is anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist, which the Church celebrates at the Lord's command in memory of him. The invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelisation is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood".

In this Sunday's Gospel, James and John initially fell for the ways of the world alluded to by the Pope. The two brothers seek their personal glory. Jesus tells them; "The cup that I drink, you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised." What is this baptism for Jesus if not to be immersed in our humanity from birth to His passion and death, when He will give His life for the many? Jesus the Bridegroom teaches them, and us, something paradoxical that St Francis of Assisi captured beautifully in his famous prayer: that it is in giving that we receive, in forgiving that we are forgiven, in dying to self for others that we are born into eternal life! It is the paradox of true love.

On this World Mission Sunday, let us respond to the call of all the baptised to serve and to give our lives. Let us invite everyone to discover the richness of our Christian spirituality and our Eucharistic banquet, where Jesus gives his life for us and gives us the grace to do the same for others. Let us pray for the great universal mission of the baptised and support it concretely through our financial offerings dedicated entirely to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the pontifical work that helps young Churches. Let us stand firm in the affirmation of our faith, which has as its model the Servant and High Priest Jesus, who gives his life anew today in the banquet of his Eucharist.

Let's go and invite everyone to the banquet of the Eucharist, to the wedding feast of the Lamb, to the banquet of true food, the bread of eternal life: this is our universal mission, *ad gentes*, to all peoples.

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