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PARISH NEWSLETTER

27 October 2024 - 30th 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

Perfect sight and hearing

In today's gospel (MK 10, 46-52), we are told that Jesus gave back the sense of sight to the blind man Bartimaeus. He once lived in darkness and needed to see the light. May the Lord remove the veils and the blind spots that prevent us from seeing the light.

Like Bartimaeus, have you ever in desperation cried out to God in prayer, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" No? Don't worry. Someday, you will.

Think of the toughest, wealthiest and most powerful people who think as if there were no God, and who live as if there were no need for God. Sooner or later they will call to God and beg for His mercy.

This world, so busy, cannot see that there are people by the roadside—the poor, those who do not have much, the unknown, and those who don't count. Let us not just pass them by. As Jesus stopped for Bartimaeus, let us also learn—and practice what we learn—that every person is worth stopping for.

Are there people by the roadside of your life? Find time today to drop by—either by phone, by letter, by prayer, or by a visit. Never underestimate the power of affirmation. It works, and it works wonderfully!

It is interesting to note that Jesus did not directly call Bartimaeus. He instructed the disciples to bring Bartimaeus to his presence. Here, the Lord wanted us to learn our role in leading people closer to Him. We all have a mission to bring people closer to God, and God closer to people.

Neither did Jesus stop right away for Bartimaeus. In fact, the crowd rebuked him and tried to silence him, but all the more, he pleaded. There are times, too, when God seems to delay or seems not to listen at all. At such times, we have to learn to be patient, to be hopeful and to be trusting. Yes, we must believe that God is in control, and that God has a plan. God has perfect hearing, and perfect timing.

Think about it: "There's always a little truth behind every 'just kidding'; a little knowledge behind every 'I don't care'; a little pain behind every 'It's OK'. Yes, there's something more beyond what we see, and what we hear."

Lord, help me to really see, and really hear. Amen.

Note: From November onwards, there are two changes in the schedule of Masses.

- There won't be any Saturday 8:30am morning Mass in Amberley anymore.

- There won't be any 5th Sunday Mass in Cheviot any more: Therefore, No 5th Sunday Mass in Cheviot on the 29th December 2024.

(There will still be masses in Cheviot on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.)

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

I will guide them by a smooth path
where they will not stumble

Psalm Response:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-6

'You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever'

GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

Go; your faith has saved you

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

883 Christ be our light

605 Take our Bread

720 Be still for the

presence of the Lord

000 Give Thanks

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

The month of November, especially All Souls Day (November 2), is a traditional time for visiting graves of loved ones, as the anniversary of death. On the first eight days of November, that is, November 1-8, we may gain a plenary indulgence not for ourselves but for our departed brothers and sisters.

How do we gain plenary indulgence for our beloved dead?

We may gain plenary indulgence for our beloved dead by fulfilling the following conditions:

1. We visit a cemetery, where the dead members of our family is buried. If it is impossible for us to visit the cemetery where the remains of our beloved dead are laid to rest, we can visit any cemetery.
2. We pray for our beloved dead (e.g. responsory for the dead)
3. We attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. This can be done before or after we have visited a cemetery and prayed for our dead.
4. We pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (e.g. Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)
5. The plenary indulgence applied for our beloved dead can only be gained once a day.

On other days of the year, only partial indulgence for our dead is gained.

Why do we do all these for our dead?

We offer our prayers, Masses, indulgent acts on their behalf since they can no longer do all these for themselves. We make reparation for the sins and the consequences of the sins our loved ones had committed which they might not have done while they were still alive.

Why do we say R.I.P. (rest in peace) when we remember and pray for our beloved dead?

When we die we rest from worldly desires and preoccupations. In death, everything stops.

The soul of the dead is restless when it has earthly attachments including sins and its consequences.

So, when we pray "eternal rest grant unto him/her oh Lord...May he/she rest in peace" we entrust the soul of beloved dead to the justice and mercy of God so that He may graciously welcome the soul of His child to His kingdom. In God and with God, there is everlasting peace, life, joy and happiness. This is what we pray for our departed brothers and sisters. This too is what we desire for ourselves at the hour of our death.

May all the souls in purgatory finally find their rest in heaven with God. Amen

NOTICES

MASS FOR ALL SOULS In the month of November. A Box will be placed for you to inscribe and place the names of your dearly departed will be placed in three churches, Hanmer Springs, Culverden & Amberley. Masses will be offered for them for the happy repose of their souls. *If you want specific Mass intentions to be offered, please give it to Fr Rex directly and not placed in the box.* Please, do not encourage the celebration of Halloween amongst our youth. It may lead to warp ideas of the dead and loss of our tradition to pray for them.

All SAINTS DAY: The 1st Friday of the Month is All Saints Day. There will be a time of adoration and confession in Amberley from 7:30am followed by Holy Mass at 8:30am. Fr Rex will offer Mass for the repose of the souls of the departed members of the Hurunui parishioners families.

All SOULS DAY: There will be Holy Mass at 8:30am in Amberley and Fr Rex will offer the Mass for the repose of the souls of the departed members of the Hurunui parishioners families.

Please note that after that Saturday 2nd November onwards, there won't be any Saturday 8:30am morning Masses in Amberley anymore.

MASS INTENTIONS: *Offering a Mass is a beautiful way to place our intentions, and those of our loved ones before Jesus. A Mass offering can be for oneself, a love one, a sick person, or a soul in purgatory. Masses can also be offered on special occasions - birthdays, wedding or baptism anniversaries or just as a gesture of love!*

Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church foyers. Alternatively you can use a blank envelope and right the name of the person and the intention on it. All envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. The expected donation for a Mass offering is \$10 or \$100 for a novena of Masses.