



## DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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

10 November 2024 - 32nd 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 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

#### Generous and Anonymous

THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A POLITICIAN who sent a check of \$1 million to a charitable institution to the delight of the nuns running it. Their joy was short-lived when they saw that the check was not signed by the donor. Why? The donor wanted to remain anonymous!

In today's Gospel (Mk. 12, 38-44) Jesus warns us about doing good works for the sake of public image or personal gain. Like the widow in the Gospel, may we learn to give from the heart, and with no strings attached. May we learn to give generously and anonymously.

It is better to give than to receive." Is it really? It all depends on what you give, and how you give. There are givers, but there are selfish givers. They give out of their need to be recognised, or to remove guilt and embarrassment, or with a hidden agenda to get more.

Some of the happiest people I have met are those who are generous. Indeed, give your best to the world and it gives you much, much more. On the other hand, some of the most miserable people I have met are those who are selfish and calculating. Indeed, there is joy in giving, and selfish people, sad to say, never get to experience it. One of life's most important lesson is that of letting go, and letting be. Not an easy lesson, I should say, for we'd rather hold on and stay in control. What helps? Letting God! We can let go, we can let be, because of the belief that there is a God in better hold and in better control than we are.

If we look at history, all the people whom we respect and honour now are those who gave up something or someone for the sake of a greater value than themselves. On the same count, the most despicable persons are those who could not let go of themselves and their selfish agenda. Thus we will be judged too by the world.

Take time today to think of people who, like the widow in the Gospel, don't have much in this life, are unknown and are just on the sides. This world is full of generous and anonymous people who help make this world go round. Let's focus more on persons, not personalities, as we go through life. Take time today to stop and drop-by, and realise that there is so much goodness and "godness" all around us. Think about it: Share not only the best of what you have, but the best of who you are.

**Lord, help me to love generously, and anonymously. Amen.**

#### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

##### FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:10-16

'Jar of meal shall not be spent,  
jug of oil shall not be emptied'

##### Psalm 145(146):7-10

*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

##### SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ, our high priest,  
has done away with sin by sacrificing himself

##### GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

This poor widow has put in more than all

#### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

**107** The King of Glory comes  
the Nation Rejoices

**306** Spirit of the Living God

**662** O bread of heaven

**644** Alleluia Sing to Jesus

## 75. Why are these called capital sins?

*They are called capital sins not because they, in themselves, are the greatest sins, but because they are the chief reasons why men commit sin.*

- **Pride** is the source of presumption, ambition, vainglory, and boasting,
- **Covetousness** is the source of hard-heartedness toward the poor, and of theft, fraud, and deceit.
- **Lust** is the source of blindness of mind, thoughtlessness, over-hastiness, instability, love of oneself, hatred of God, worldliness, and despair.
- **Anger** is the source of contumely, blasphemy, quarrels, and murders.
- **Gluttony** is the source of dullness of mind, excessive talkativeness, and gross and vulgar speech.
- **Envy** is the source of hatred, calumny, detraction, joy in our neighbour's misfortunes, and distress at his prosperity.
- **Sloth** is the source of the neglect to perform good works that are of grave obligation.

## 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.*

### **PRIESTS NORTH REGIONAL MEETING Wednesday 13th November.**

The meeting will take place at the Amberley church all this coming Wednesday.

All the priests (15 or plus) will have lunch from 12pm in the church presbytery.

**Please help Fr Rex in getting the lunch ready for them. Any food, plate or cake you could cook or bake and bring to the presbytery for the priests' lunch will be deeply appreciated.** Please let Fr Rex now if you can help by emailing him at [catholicurunui@gmail.com](mailto:catholicurunui@gmail.com)

### **PARISH ADVENT RETREAT 2024 Talkgiver: Fr. Rex Ramos**

*Let our souls Be refreshed! Be Renewed! Be Energised as we prepare for the birth of Christ.*

Tuesday 3rd December - Mass at 6:30pm & Talk 7-8pm - Culverden

***Topic: How to become spiritually contagious?***

Wednesday 4th December - Mass at 6:30pm & Talk 7-8pm - Amberley (no 8:30am morning Mass).

***Topic: How to become Jesus to somebody?***

Thursday 5th December - Mass at 6:30pm & Talk 7-8pm - Amberley (no 8:30am morning Mass).

***Topic: How to be blessed by God?***

Tuesday 10th December - Mass at 6:30pm & Talk 7-8pm - Culverden

***Topic: How to be humble?***

Thursday 12th December - Mass at 6:30pm & Talk 7-8pm - Amberley (no 8:30am morning Mass).

***Topic: How to be kind?***

Friday 13th December - Mass at 6:30pm & Talk 7-8pm - Amberley (no 8:30am morning Mass).

***Topic: Four Last Things: Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell***

ALL WELCOME! (Free admission)

### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

**Christmas Novena (9 Masses)**

**14th-22nd December**

7pm Culverden

**Christmas Eve (Vigil Mass)**

5pm Hanmer Springs

7pm Culverden

10pm Amberley

**Christmas Day**

8:30am Amberley

10:30am Hawarden

11am Cheviot