



05 January 2025 - The Epiphany of the Lord - Year C

### 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  
(Every Sunday)

#### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday  
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



### 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

### FEAST OF EPIPHANY

Today is the Feast of the Epiphany, i.e. the Revelation of God's glory in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. In today's Gospel (Mt. 21, 1-12) the Magi from the East found the house where Jesus was born because they were guided by the star, and also because they made the difficult trip. In other words, in our journey to God, our engines must be working and we too must be praying.

The Magi, when they found Jesus, did Him homage and offered Him their gifts. Some of us know God, but leave it at that, and never go on to adoring Him and serving Him. It is as if His presence in our lives never made a difference at all! If you really believe in God, then live it, and show it.

Note that the Magi departed to their country by another way. They did not return to their old way. Their encounter with God made them changed persons. How many of us, with all of our religious experiences and spiritual blessings, still continue to live in the darkness rather than in the light? We who are recipients of revelation must in turn become agents of revelation.

Let us do homage to God not only on Christmas Day or on New Year's Day, or on Good Friday, but on every single day of the year. May the spirit of Christmas – that of sharing, living, generosity, peace, joy and hope – continue to abide with us and among us all throughout the new year. Yes, let us live and love, one day at a time.

They are a lot of things beyond our knowledge and control. Let us not become like Herod who resorted to deceit and manipulation. People who do so never find God because of their pride. And remember, people who continue to lie, cheat, manipulate, kill, and steal will also suffer the same fate as Herod's. Warning: Stop playing God, and stop hurting people!

Don't forget that the first day of the year is also dedicated to Mary, Mother of God. Mary, our Mother, will be with us every single day of the year. Let us entrust unto her Motherly care all our hopes and fears, works and prayers, confident that we have a Mother who is always near, and so we need not fear.

Happy New Year! Fresh start. New beginnings! Remember, as someone said, what the new year brings us will depend a great deal on what we bring to the new year. Praying that 2025 will be a better year for all of us, in all aspects, in Jesus' name. Amen!

**Lord, thank you for 2024. May every day this new year find us working and praying, loving and hoping. Amen.**

### From the workshop - words on St Joseph - Fr Calloway's book Page 171

'The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage.'  
"Although St Joseph never adored Our Lord under the Eucharistic species and never had the happiness of communicating [receiving Holy Communion], he did possess and adore Jesus in human form." St Peter Julian Eymard. St Joseph lived with Jesus for 30 years, his vocation was one of perpetual adoration.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS:

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears

### Psalm 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

### SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance

### GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The visit of the Magi

## HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

695 Glory and Praise

605 Take our Bread

633 I am the Bread of life

644 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

## LIGHT OF FAITH

### Solemnity Of Mary, Mother of God - 1st January

The 1st of January is one week after Christmas. January first is the day of Mary Mother of God. What is the lesson of the Blessed Virgin Mary for us? I will give you three *latin* words.

The first latin word is "FIAT." Fiat is the first word "*Fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum*" meaning to say "be it done to me according to your word". Why the Blessed Virgin Mary is beautiful? Because she is obedient. Obedience makes you beautiful. Why? Because love is obedient, and love makes us beautiful. You want to be beautiful? Learn to say yes to the Lord. Obedience makes you beautiful.

Second word of Virgin Mary "*Magnificat*" Magnificat means "magnify" "glorify" "give thanks" "I praise. A lot of reasons to complain, to get angry, to protest but we have a lot of reasons to thank you, to give praise to the Lord, we have a lot of blessings compare to the things that we don't receive.

First, be obedient, second, be grateful.

The third word of the Virgin Mary is "*Conservavam*" meaning, to treasure everything in your heart. That's what we lack. We can be obedient, that's good, we can be thankful, that's also good. But, give yourself time to be in silent, just keep quiet and treasure the love of God in your heart when you start like this even the new year is noisy we can have a peace in our hearts. Because you know in your heart Jesus is there. *Fiat, Magnificat, Conservavam*. Yes, Praise the Lord, glorify the Lord and treasure in silence the blessings of the Lord.

**Mary Mother of God, pray for us!**

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

### What is a Jubilee Year?

In the Catholic Church, a Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation, in which people are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation.

### How often is a Jubilee Year?

A Jubilee Year is celebrated by the Church every 25 years. This has been the case since 1470, when Pope Paul II changed it from every 50 years. A Pope can also proclaim an Extraordinary Jubilee, like the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy which Pope Francis inaugurated in 2015.

### What is the theme of the Jubilee Year in 2025?

The theme is Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone." We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

### When does the Jubilee Year start and finish?

The 2025 Jubilee Year begins on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on 6 January 2026.

**KALAVALE**, or our parish's cup of tea and raffles, is on THIS Sunday, being the First Sunday of the Month. Join us after Mass in Amberley for a time to socialise and win a few prizes.