



15 December 2024 - Gaudete - 3rd Sunday of Advent - 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

Be happy today

In today's Gospel (Lk. 3, 10-18), John gave very clear and specific answers when asked by people on what they should do to prepare for the Kingdom of God. God's marching orders are simple and clear. We know what we should do. That is not the problem. The problem is in our openness and willingness to do what God wants us to do.

God's message and marching orders are clear, but often we go into diversionary tactics and muddle the orders with rationalisation, procrastination, and manipulation. May we really listen to what God is saying, and not just to what we are saying, or what the world is saying.

"I don't know, and I don't care!" Ignorance and arrogance are two most destructive and unproductive attitudes that a person can have. Blessed is the person who can humbly and honestly say to God and to others: "Please pardon my ignorance. How can I be of help?"

Rejoice in the Lord Always! Today is Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, which means "rejoice," "be joyful," is the message of this 3rd Sunday of Advent. That's why the liturgical colour is pink.

With the birth of Christ the Messiah, the Sunday tells us to be "joyful in hope" because the Messiah has already redeemed us and now we should do our part in saving ourselves.

Advent and Christmas are opportunities for us to renew our faith in Jesus. Despite our problems and seemingly hopeless condition, Jesus is our hope and our joy. So, don't take your problems TOO seriously. JESUS SAVED US. But remember, let's do our share, too. God helps those who help themselves.

This is a very uplifting message for our journey: "Today is holy to the Lord your God. Do not be sad. Do not weep for today is holy to our Lord, do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength."

BE JOYFUL, BE HOPEFUL, JUST FOR TODAY! Rejoice! Because we know Christ and He is truly near!

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 3:14-18

The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst

Isaiah 12

*Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.*

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is very near

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

'Someone is coming who will baptise you
with the Holy Spirit and fire'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

824 Awake from your slumber

159 O come O come Emmanuel

720 Be Still in the Presence of the Lord

188 Gaudete

From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 276-9.

On this Gaudete Sunday when we rejoice at Christ's appearing in the world, let us think of the Mission of Jesus, the Mission of Mary, the Mission of the apostles and the Mission of St Joseph. Jesus was revealed to the apostles that they may announce him throughout the world. He was revealed to St Joseph who was to remain silent and keep him hidden...He who makes the apostles glorious with the glory of preaching, glorifies St Joseph by the humility of silence.






LIGHT OF FAITH

What does Gaudete mean?

Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?

The Catholic Church uses the colour rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

PURPLE	RED	ROSE/PINK	GREEN	WHITE/GOLD
				
Penance Preparation	Sacrifice	Anticipation	Hope, Life & Growth	Joy & Purity
Used during Advent and Lent	Used during Passion Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, and the feast of the Apostles and martyrs	Used on the third Sunday in Advent and the fourth Sunday during Lent	Used throughout Ordinary Time	Used during Easter and Christmas seasons and feasts of the Blessed Mother, angels and saints who weren't martyred

NOTICES

CATHOLIC BISHOP'S OFFICE



DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

9 December 2024

Kia ora koutou

Please be advised the following appointments have been made effective from the weekend of 25th/26th January 2025.

Priest	Parish	Appointment
Fr Rex Ramos	Hurunui	Parish Priest
Fr Zani Pacanza	Waimakariri	Assistant Priest
Fr John Nixon Tholatt	Returns to India	
Fr Viet	Cathedral	Assistant Priest
Ignatius Tran	Timaru	Pastoral Placement
Fr Brian Fennessy	Selwyn and Akaroa	PP of both Selwyn and Akaroa

Yours in Christ

+ Michael Gielen

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Bishop of the Diocese of Christchurch

Christmas

MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL MASS)

5 PM

Hanmer Springs

7 PM

Culverden

6:30 PM

Amberley

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30 AM

Amberley

10:30 AM

Hawarden

11 AM

Cheviot

CHRISTMAS NOVENA (9 MASSES) 14TH-22ND DEC

7 PM

Culverden

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