



02 February 2025 - Presentation of the Lord - Year C

Holy Masses

Saturday Vigil5pm Hanmer Springs
(Every Saturday)7pm Culverden
(Every Saturdays)Sunday Mass8.30am Amberley
(Every Sunday)11am Cheviot
(1st & 3rd Sundays Only)10.30am Hawarden
(2nd & 4th Sunday Only)12pm The Beatitudes,
Leithfield
(Every Sunday)Weekday MassesMonday - Friday
8:30am AmberleyTuesday - Saturday
12pm The Beatitudes,
Leithfield

Adoration & Reconciliation

1st Friday of the month
from 7:30amConfession 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

Presentation of the Jesus

The story is told about a mother who was wondering how come her children have no proper values and no love for God. Many parents are perhaps in the same boat, they are puzzled how their children grew up in such manner.

But parents should not look far to discover the cause of their children's negative behaviour. They simply have to face the mirror and they surely would discover the person behind their children's negative behaviour.

Parents are the basic formators of their children as such they are the foremost teachers of their children. If they reared their children with love for God they would mature as lovers of God. If they reared them with discipline and right manners they would grow up as such as well.

Aside from fulfilling the Jewish law that says that the firstborn must be brought to the temple. And the child's mother must go to the temple to offer sacrifice to purify herself after childbirth. The Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph ensured that the child Jesus would also grow up to become someone who would love God dearly.

This is the reason why they took time to present Jesus to God in the temple. Joseph and Mary knew the important role of love for God in a child's life. Both of them knew how to properly mould their only child Jesus so that He would grow as a man who loves God.

Even if we are very busy, let us not forget to find time to bring our children to the Lord to attend Holy Mass. Let us not forget to introduce Jesus to them and to teach them about our faith for it will surely bear fruit someday.

Do you always bring your children to Holy Mass or teach them about the Catholic Faith?

From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 61

In spite of Jesus living and working in Nazareth for the best part of 20 years, between his presentation in the Temple until he began his public ministry and spoke in the synagogue, Jesus humbly worked all those years in the company of Mary and Joseph. "Saint Joseph wants to be in your home and present in your family life". St Joseph Glory of Domestic life- pray for us.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord you are seeking
will suddenly enter his Temple

Psalm 23(24):7-10

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

He took to himself descent from Abraham

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

My eyes have seen your salvation

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

883 Christ be our light

909 Be still and know

662 O bread of heaven

353 Daily daily sing to Mary

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

The 2025 Jubilee Year, centred on hope, invites us to reflect on our relationship with God, with others, and with creation. This examination of conscience, illuminated by the Synod's call to walk together as a synodal Church, seeks to help us deepen our faith, our communion with others, and our mission in the world.

I. Reflection on my relationship with God**1. Hope in God**

Do I fully trust in God's promise of salvation, even in times of difficulty?

Do I seek to strengthen my faith and hope through prayer and the sacraments?

Have I neglected my participation in the Sunday Eucharist and in times of personal prayer?

2. Listening to the Word

Do I make an effort to listen to the Word of God and put it into practice in my daily life?

Do I allow the Word of God to enlighten my decisions and guide my path?

3. Gratitude and praise

Do I thank God for daily blessings, recognising his presence in my life?

Have I been indifferent or ungrateful to the gifts I receive?

II. Reflection on my relationship with others**1. Walking together as a community**

Do I value and actively participate in my parish or ecclesial community?

Have I been welcoming and understanding to those who have opinions or experiences different from mine?

2. Synodality: Listening and dialoguing

Have I listened attentively and without prejudice to the people around me?

Have I promoted dialogue and reconciliation in my family, community or work?

3. Love and Service

Have I shown compassion and solidarity with the poor, the marginalised and the needy?

Have I acted with justice, avoiding all forms of discrimination or exclusion?

III. Reflection on my relationship with creation**1. Custodians of creation**

Am I aware of my responsibility to care for the environment as an expression of my faith?

Have I adopted habits that promote sustainability and reduce my ecological impact?

2. Hope for future generations

Have I worked to leave a better world for future generations?

Have I promoted a culture of care, respect and hope in my environment?

IV. Reflection on my mission in the world**1. Christian witness**

Have I witnessed Christian hope in my environment, especially in times of crisis?

Am I ashamed of my faith, or do I live it with courage and joy?

2. Commitment to justice and peace

Have I contributed to building a more just and peaceful world?

Have I been indifferent to injustice, or have I passively tolerated it?

3. Evangelisation

Do I share the hope of the Gospel with those around me?

Do I strive to be an instrument of unity in the Church and in the world?

Closing prayer

Lord, source of our hope, help me to walk with you and with my brothers and sisters in a spirit of communion, participation and mission. Forgive my sins and strengthen my faith, so that I may be a faithful witness of your love in the world. May this Jubilee Year renew my heart and inspire me to live with joy and hope, always trusting in your mercy. Amen.