



09 February 2025 - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 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

"I will make you fishers of men..."

Today, as we reflect on the calling of the first disciples, we encounter the profound invitation that Jesus extends: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This call is not just a directive for those early fishermen; it resonates with each of us in our daily lives as we are summoned to be witnesses of His love and grace.

To be "fishers of men" means to actively seek and draw others into the embrace of God's kingdom. It invites us to go beyond our comfort zones, just as Peter and Andrew did when they left their nets behind. In the midst of our busy lives, we are called to recognise the opportunities to share the Good News with those around us—our families, friends, and even strangers.

This call challenges us to reflect on the ways we fish: Are we using bait that reflects Christ's love, compassion, and understanding? Or are we casting our nets with judgment, indifference, or apathy? Remember, fishing requires patience, skill, and a willingness to learn from our mistakes. Similarly, our journey of faith requires us to cultivate relationships, listen, and empathise with others.

As we strive to be fishers of men, let us also be reminded that it's not just about our efforts. It's about surrendering to the Holy Spirit, who guides our hearts and opens doors. We don't convert minds; we witness to hearts. It's Christ who does the saving, but we can participate in that divine mission through our love and service.

So, let us enthusiastically accept this invitation. May we become instruments of peace and hope in a world that desperately needs it. Let's cast our nets widely, with trust in the One who promises to lead us. In doing so, we not only fulfilling our vocation as disciples but also deepen our own relationship with Him who says, "Follow me." Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8

'Here I am: send me'

Psalms 137(138):1-5,7-8

*In the sight of the angels
I will sing your praises, Lord.*

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I preached what the others preach,
and you all believed

GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11

They left everything and followed him

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

695 Glory and Praise

603 Blessed are you Lord

865 I the Lord of sea and sky

000 Give Thanks

When Simon Peter fell at the Lord's feet overcome at the miraculous catch of fish he started to sense Jesus was no ordinary man. Mary and Joseph even before Jesus' birth had a sense this was no ordinary baby- the annunciation, appearances of angels and the magi at his birth, and the words of prophecy at the presentation- Mary and Joseph pondered what this child would become.

Let us emulate the great faith of St Joseph: St Joseph most faithful pray for us

ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

(2nd & 4th Monday) Monday 13th January from 7pm - 9pm at the Parish Hall, Amberley. All men are welcome and encouraged to become better equipped to be more like St Joseph.

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Reflection on Pilgrims of Hope

As we journey through life, we find ourselves on a pilgrimage, much like the travellers of faith who came before us. The concept of being "Pilgrims of Hope" invites us to embrace our spiritual journey with a heart full of expectation and trust in God's promises.

In the Scriptures, we see countless examples of hope: Abraham leaving his homeland, the Israelites wandering in the desert, and the early Christians enduring persecution. Each of these figures faced uncertainty, yet they held onto hope – a belief that God was guiding them toward a brighter future. This hope wasn't rooted in their immediate circumstances but in a deep, abiding trust in God's presence and provision.

As modern pilgrims, we too encounter challenges that may cloud our vision. The burdens of daily life, societal chaos, and personal struggles can sometimes overshadow our sense of hope. Yet, it is during these moments that we are called to remember that our pilgrimage is not one we undertake alone. God walks alongside us, offering comfort through His Word and the sacraments, reminding us that we are part of a larger community of faith.

In our reflection, let us ask ourselves: How can we embody the spirit of hope in our daily lives? How can we be beacons of light for others on their journey? Perhaps by offering words of encouragement, sharing our own experiences of faith, or simply practicing kindness, we can cultivate an environment where hope flourishes.

As we move forward, let us carry with us the assurance that our struggles are not in vain. Each step we take as Pilgrims of Hope brings us closer to the fullness of life that God promises. Let us remain steadfast in our faith, trusting that through every trial and triumph, we are journeying toward eternal joy in His presence.

Hope is not fantasy. Fantasy is make believe. Fantasy can come from a fairy tale. Fantasy can end with those words and they live happily ever after. Hope is beyond that. Hope is not just about living happily ever after. Hope comes from the fact that the Lord is risen. The Lord has conquered death. The Lord has conquered sin, and the tomb of the Lord is empty. And when we remember that, we have hope. And it is not fantasy, it is not a fairy tale, it is real. God is recent from the dead, and because God is recent from the dead, we have hope, and those who believe in the Lord have life everlasting.