



26 January 2025 - 3rd 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

(Closed in January)

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

Set us free, Lord

Why do men snore at night? Someone once said in jest that nature has a way of restoring justice to a man who has to listen to his wife the whole day!

In today's Gospel (Luke 1, 1-4;14-21), Jesus proclaimed His message of justice and freedom when He read from Isaiah: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." The same message of justice and freedom needs to be proclaimed again and again, more so, in this, our present day and time.

Persecution and martyrdom have always been and will always be a part of discipleship. If we never go through persecution, maybe it is because we are not proclaiming the true Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. And remember, persecution purifies us, clears our vision and strengthens our mission.

Please don't forget our prophetic role to be like Jesus, who comforted those who are disturbed, and who disturbed those who are comfortable. If we are not doing this, maybe it is because we have focused more on our "profitic" role and concerns.

Why is it that there are so many prayerful persons who remain greedy and mean, unconcerned and uninvolved with those who are deprived and suffering? Whoever bends his/her knees in prayer, must also open his/her heart and stretch his/her hands to others, otherwise, religion and spirituality is all about I, me, and myself.

Are you living an unhappy life? Are you a captive and a prisoner inside and out? Are you in darkness? Are you going through oppressions of any kind? Are you living a life that is not acceptable to God? If your answer is YES to all of the questions above, read again the passage from Isaiah in today's Gospel, and know that it is the Spirit of the Lord that will change you and the life you are living. May the Spirit of the Lord be with you!

Lord, set us free, and help us to set others free by the power of Your Spirit. Amen.

" St Joseph Consecration- sign up Sunday:

This Sunday there will be people speaking at the end of Mass inviting you all to participate in the Consecration to St Joseph, which the parish council is supporting this year.

On the attached flyer you will see the tear-off section for you to attach your details and pass in at the end of Mass to the presenter.

Please ask any questions you have to the presenter or to Rob on 0225467631 or Steve 027 211 5958.

There are limited books available for this so be in quick."

From the workshop - words on St Joseph - Fr Calloway's book Page 1 & 249

Today as we invite all parishioners to join in the consecration to St Joseph let us recall the words of the saints and Popes of History as they recommend us to "go to Joseph". He is the patron of the Church, our sure guide throughout our life and at the time of our death. St Joseph Pray for Us.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

All the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law

Psalm 118(119):8-10,15

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

You together are Christ's body, but each a different part of it

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

695 Glory and Praise

605 Take our Bread

633 I am the Bread of Life

721 How great thou art

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - from the 24th of December 2024 to the 06th of January 2026

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

We have been called Pilgrims of Hope for this Holy Year 2025.

What does it mean to be a Pilgrim?

A Pilgrim is not a tourist. A Pilgrim has a destination. The starting point is the Lord, and our ending point is the Lord and our companion is the Lord. A pilgrimage is a holy journey, and it is a journey step by step done with God as our companion. God walks with us and His name is Emmanuel. When we reach our Pilgrim end, we know that it is the Lord holding out His hand to welcome us. Life is a pilgrimage. Don't forget you have a faithful companion and that is the Lord.

How to receive Plenary Indulgence

A plenary indulgence during the 2025 Jubilee Year is a grace from the Catholic Church that removes temporal punishment for sin.

The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptised

How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence

- Be detached from sin: Avoid sin, even venial sin
- Sacramental Confession. Confess your sins
- Receive Communion: Receive Holy Communion
- Pray for the Pope: Pray for the Pope's intentions
- Make a pilgrimage: Visit a major Papal Basilica or a church designated by the local Bishop.

The designated pilgrimage sites for our diocese are:

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Christchurch.

St Patrick's Church, Akaroa

The St Mary MacKillop Chapel, Catholic Parish of Opihi, Temuka.

Sanctuary of Fourviere & Shrine of Mary, Mother of Light, Leithfield.

- Perform an act of mercy: Help the sick, disabled, or poor, or volunteer in your community
- Fast: Abstain from "futile distractions" like social media or television
- Donate: Help the poor
- Support religious works: Support religious or social works, especially those that defend life

Benefits of a plenary indulgence

Cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptised

Can be applied to souls in purgatory

Allows people to discover God's mercy

Opens hearts and minds to the need to forgive others

NOTICES

Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Bishop Michael will open the Jubilee Year for our diocese with Mass on **Sunday 26th January, 4pm at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral**. For more information about the Jubilee visit <https://cdoc.nz/jubilee> or contact Mike Stopforth, Bishop's Pastoral Office, mstopforth@cdoc.nz

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