



16 February 2025 - 6th 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

### BEATITUDES

Today, we reflect on the Beatitudes, which Jesus proclaimed in the Sermon on the Mount. These profound teachings invite us to embrace a different way of life, one that is often countercultural. They reveal the heart of God's Kingdom and the attitudes that lead us to true blessedness.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." This first beatitude reminds us of our dependence on God. When we acknowledge our spiritual poverty, we open ourselves to the grace and richness of His mercy.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Mourning here is not just about sadness; it reflects empathy and compassion for the suffering of others. In sharing in the sorrows of the world, we find God's presence and promise of consolation.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." Meekness is strength under control. It invites us to approach our relationships with humility and patience, recognising the dignity in every person.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." This speaks to our desire for justice, for our hearts to align with God's will. In our quest for righteousness, we find fulfilment in pursuing His truth.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Mercy is a hallmark of our faith. As we extend compassion to others, we ourselves experience the depth of God's mercy and love.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Purity of heart invites us to cultivate honesty, integrity, and a genuine relationship with God. It is in this authenticity that we are granted insight into His divine presence.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." In a world filled with division, peacemakers are a light. They work to heal wounds and bridge gaps, reflecting the peace of Christ in their lives.

Finally, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." Standing firm in our faith may bring challenges, but we can take heart in knowing that we are part of a greater story—a story where God's love triumphs.

As we live out the Beatitudes, let us remember that they call us to a radical love and commitment. May we strive to embody these values in our daily lives, drawing ever closer to the heart of Jesus, who personified these blessings. In doing so, we not only find our own blessedness but also become instruments of His grace in the world.

**Lord help us to believe in and live the Beatitudes so that we will be truly blessed in this life and in the next life. Amen.**

**From the workshop-** words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 57-58

Jesus said "Blessed are the Poor in Spirit", he could have been talking about his foster father St Joseph. When a person is detached from the things of the world, poverty is understood to be a virtue".

**St Joseph lover of poverty pray for us.**

Reminder Consecration starts today.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS:

### FIRST READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord

### Psalm 1:1-4,6

*Happy are they who hope in the Lord.*

### SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins

### GOSPEL: Luke 6:17,20-26

Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep

## HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

820 Seek ye first

607 Let all mortal flesh

964 Be not Afraid

Hail Mary full of grace

## ST. JOSEPH: Model of Holiness

### Consecration to St. Joseph starts on February 15

Today, we reflect on the profound and beautiful vocation of St. Joseph, a figure who often remains in the background yet plays an indispensable role in salvation history. As we consider consecrating ourselves to St. Joseph, we are inviting his intercession and example into our lives, seeking to grow in faith and virtue through his guidance.

St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, exemplifies humility, obedience, and quiet strength. When faced with the incredible responsibility of raising the Son of God, he did not seek recognition or fame but embraced his role with steadfast faith. He listened intently to God's word, responding with trust even in the face of uncertainty. How often do we find ourselves in moments of doubt or fear? St. Joseph teaches us to surrender our worries to God and act with courage, knowing that He is guiding us.

In a world filled with distractions and noise, St. Joseph calls us to cultivate a spirit of silence and contemplation. He is a model for all fathers and spiritual leaders, showing how to nurture and protect those entrusted to our care. By consecrating ourselves to him, we ask for his help in becoming more loving, responsible, and faithful in our own vocations, whether as parents, children, or members of the community.

Moreover, St. Joseph is the patron of workers and all those striving for a dignified life. His simple labour as a carpenter reminds us that every act, no matter how humble, carries the potential for holiness. When we work, we can offer our efforts as a prayer to God, and we can find in St. Joseph a companion who understands the challenges we face.

As we consider this consecration, let us commit ourselves to learning from St. Joseph's example of trust in God's plan, nurturing love in our families, and serving others with generosity. May this act of consecration deepen our relationship with St. Joseph, leading us closer to Jesus and Mary.

In closing, let us pray together, asking St. Joseph to intercede for us, to guide us, and to help us live out our faith with the same dedication and love that he showed. Through his intercession, may we become instruments of God's peace and love in our world. Amen.

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### Lent Men's Programme – Exodus 40

Brothers, do you have a hole in your heart you cannot satisfy? Is there a habit you want to be rid of? Are you isolated? Are you frequently distracted? Do you want more time in your life for reflection? Do you feel not present enough for your loved ones? Are you approaching this Lent either with no plan or unsure of what to "give up"? Well, we have something that will transform your life and give your lent this year structure like nothing you've done before. Join us this lent on Exodus 40 for men! These structured challenges are a path to gaining true Christian freedom from the things shackling us based on three pillars; prayer, brotherhood and asceticism (which means a set of physical disciplines). These challenges are designed to make your Lent journey with our Lord Jesus more fruitful and deliberate. We know this will be a blessing to you like no other. What are you waiting for? Join us. Register your interest online on the [diocesan website](#) or contact Mike Stopforth [mstopforth@cdoc.nz](mailto:mstopforth@cdoc.nz) 3669869

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