



23 February 2025 - 7th 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

What? Love your Enemies?

The story is told about a dying husband who said to his wife: "When I die, I want you to marry Stephen." Surprised, the wife said: "I thought Stephen was your enemy." Whereupon, the husband said: "Yes, he is my enemy, and I want him to suffer, too."

In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us to go beyond the tooth-for-a-tooth, eye-for-an-eye mindset, and let go of revenge and hatred. He also teaches us not only to conform, but to go beyond what is required by law. In the eyes of the world, this is a sure formula for losers. In the eyes of God, this is the formula for true peace and joy.

"Love your enemies, and pray for those who also persecute you that you may be children of your Heavenly Father." When Christ said, "Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you," He was not asking us to have nice feelings towards our enemies. He is saying that we should not wish evil to befall on him or take revenge. To love is not necessarily to like. Loving involves willing, liking involves feeling. We have a choice to be a child of this world, as to be a child of God.

It is not easy to follow the way the Lord is showing us as we journey through life. It is a difficult and even "stupid" way for some, but for us, the way of the cross is the way to true peace and joy that leads to eternal life. Again, we have a choice to be a citizen of this world or to be a citizen of Heaven.

Come to think of it: We are all called to martyrdom. If we are to follow our Master faithfully, we will have to give up our comfort zones, sacrifice our time, talents, and treasures, and even experience persecution, insults, and injustices. Insofar as we go the "extra mile," and give the "extra smile," we are little martyrs, witnesses for our Lord and Master.

"Big" martyrs are those who suffer and die for the faith. It is interesting to note that all the disciples, except John, died a martyr's death. It is a privilege given only to some. Most of us follow our Master with our simple, unknown, unrecognised "small" martyrdom every day, a "selfless service and getting out of comfort zones for others, every day!"

Is there someone whom you find hard to forgive? Or with whom you're not in talking terms with for months and years? To reach out a hand of forgiveness is not easy. But we have to put into practice Christ's teaching of forgiveness in our daily life if we are to be called true followers of Christ.

Think about this: "At the end of life, what really matters is not what we bought, but what we built; not what we got, but what we shared; not our competence, but our character; and not our success, but our significance; live a life that matters; live a life of love."

Lord, help us to love, and just keep on loving. Amen

From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 56

"Treat others as you would like them to treat you- Gospel today.
St Joseph will increase your patience: Whether you like it or not your patience is going to be tried... God allows such trials because he wants us to grow in patience...In the workplace offer forgiveness for offences...The loving patient and merciful person is always victorious, in this life or the next."

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Do not lift your hand against the Lord's anointed

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first Adam became a living soul; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

629 I am the bread of life

605 Take our bread

865 I the Lord of sea and sky

360 As I kneel

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

**THE PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI
and THE PHILIPPINE CHAPLAINCY of CHRISTCHURCH DIOCESE**

Invites you to join

**VISITA IGLESIA AND PILGRIMAGE TO AKAROA
SUNDAY 30th MARCH**

8:30 AM: MASS at Amberley (starting point)

Churches to be Visited

1st Station: The Church of the Holy Passion of the Lord
138A Carters Road, Amberley

2nd Station: The Sanctuary of Fourviere
Leithfield Road, Leithfield

3rd Station: St. Bede's College Chapel
Main North Road, Papanui, Christchurch

4th Station: St. Mary's Pro-Catedral
Manchester St., Christchurch

5th Station: Our Lady of Victories Church
106 Main South Road, Sockburn

6th Station: Carmelite Monastery Chapel
52 Halswell Road, Hoon Hay, Christchurch

7th Station: St. Patrick's Catholic Church
29 Rue Lavaud, Akaroa

Visita Iglesia (Church Visit) - A Roman Catholic Lenten tradition of visiting churches to pray and reflect on Jesus's suffering and sacrifice. This tradition provides believers with an opportunity to deepen their spiritual journey and meditate on the significance of Jesus' sacrifice.

We can obtain Plenary indulgence by visiting these pilgrimage churches: 2nd, 4th and 7th stations.

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin.

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

To obtain an indulgence, the usual conditions of detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope must be met.

Pls. register here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfDzd5306NVfwCnUzt1UsjQCjEcc-zoOW2mcF5PAScljFBSA/viewform?usp=sharing>

For more questions pls. contact Fr. Rex Ramos - padrepio1428@gmail.com or 0220775318.

St Joseph embrace me now by Robert Loretz. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbdT-oUaRSQ>



JOSEPH EMBRACE ME NOW (REMASTERED SOLO)

This song in honour of St. Joseph juxtaposes the magnificence of Christ with the unfathomable vocation of St. Joseph, to care for Him, father Him, teach Him and protect Him on this earth. It invokes St. Joseph to take us into his heart and home, and make us more intimately acquainted with Mary and Jesus. for our deeper conversion. The composer ...

www.youtube.com