



06 April 2025 - 5th SUNDAY OF LENT - 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

### Hands and Fingers

In today's Gospel (Jn. 8, 1-11), fingers do a lot of talking. On one hand are the accusing fingers of the Scribes and the Pharisees pointed toward the woman caught in adultery; and on the other is the exonerating finger of Jesus writing on the ground.

Take a look at your hands. Do you have accusing, condemning fingers?

Do you have dirty hands that grab, steal, hurt and often turn into a clenched fist in anger?

Or, do you have welcoming, pardoning and approving fingers?

Do you have clean hands that share, reach out, console and often are folded before God in prayer?

Your fingers and hands say a lot. Are you listening?

Some people spend their whole lifetime pointing at themselves, only to realise in the end how empty and vain the whole exercise was. As we go through life, may we point at something or someone greater than us. And some people spend their whole lifetime grabbing and hoarding earthly wealth and honours, only to realise in the end how futile and burdensome it all was. May we go through life with open hands that gratefully receive and generously share and give.

We don't know what Jesus wrote on the ground, but the picture of Jesus pointing to the ground was in itself very symbolic. It was Jesus' way of reminding the proud, the arrogant and the self-righteous of their mortality. Lent is that special time of the year we are reminded that we are dust, and to dust we will return. Think about it: The personal concerns and agenda you have right now won't matter five minutes after you're gone.

*Lord, give me hands and fingers that truly care and share. Amen.*

### From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 67-68

No Matter what life brings St Joseph will always be your consolation, comfort and solace. He knows well our hardships of life. He is a kind and loving father. He comforts everyone who comes to him in times of affliction.

St Joseph Comfort of the Afflicted pray for us.

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### FIRST READING: Isaiah 43:16-21

See, I am doing a new deed,  
and I will give my chosen people drink

#### Psalm 125(126)

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

#### SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

I look on everything as so much rubbish  
if only I can have Christ

#### GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

'Let the one among you who has not sinned  
be the first to throw a stone

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

**842** Come back to me

**607** Let all mortal Flesh

**846** Amazing grace

**229** All glory Lord and honour

## Why is Sacramental Confession necessary for Catholics?

Catholics believe that Confession is necessary for the forgiveness of post-baptismal sins because Christ instituted the Sacrament of Penance for this purpose (John 20:22-23). Church Canon Law states: "All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year." (CIC, 989). Catholics who confess their sins have the assurance of Christ Himself that their sins are forgiven (Matt 18:18; John 20:23).

## How often should one go to Sacramental Confession?

The second precept (or law) of the Catholic Church states: "You shall confess your sins at least once a year. This ensures preparation for the Eucharist by the reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which continues Baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness" (2042). As a matter of devotion, monthly Confession or Seasonal Confession (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost) is recommended. Children and RCIA Candidates are to go to Confession prior to their receiving First Holy Communion. (CIC, 914), (RCIA, 482). Pastoral Counsel: "If you commit a mortal sin, go to Confession as soon as you can and certainly before your next Holy Communion. For spiritual growth, go to Confession regularly or seasonally."

## NOTICES

### Request from St VINCENT de PAUL

We are desperately looking for staple pantry and bathroom items to help our less fortunate families. Please remember them when you are shopping.

### SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP at the Amberley Church Hall at 5:30 Tuesday 8th April.

All volunteers in the parish are warmly invited to attend this workshop, please mark it on your calendar, and take advantage of the opportunity.

### WORKING BEE at the Hawarden Church and grounds Thursday 10th April from 10am.

Calling all able bodied volunteers from Hawarden and beyond to pitch in for a clean up day. There is plenty of scraping/painting/cleaning/gardening to do. So bring a sun hat, tools, lunch and a smile to join in the day, starting at 10am.

**Right to Life** invites members and supporters to attend our AGM on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 pm, at Christ the King Parish Centre, 90 Greers Rd.

## HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2025



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, HURUNUI

No 8:30am Mass at Amberley

### CHRISM MASS - Monday, 14 April

5:30pm - St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Christchurch.

### Holy Tuesday - 15 April

8:30am Mass followed by Confession - Amberley

### Holy Wednesday - 16 April

8:30am Mass followed by Confession - Amberley

### THE LORD'S SUPPER - Holy Thursday - 17 April

7pm Mass - Amberley (washing of the feet)

Silent Prayer before the Altar of Repose (Hall) until 10.00pm

### THE LORD'S PASSION - Good Friday - 18 April

10:00am Stations of the Cross - Amberley

3:00pm The Lord's Passion - Amberley

(Veneration of the Cross)

7:00pm The Lord's Passion - Culverden

(Veneration of the Cross)

### EASTER VIGIL - Holy Saturday 19 April

5:00pm - Hanmer Springs

7:00pm - Culverden

### EASTER SUNDAY - 20 April

8:30am - Amberley

11:00am - Cheviot