



13 April 2025 - PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C

Holy Masses

Saturday Vigil5pm Hanmer Springs
(Every Saturday)7pm Culverden
(Every Saturdays)Sunday Mass8.30am Amberley
(Every Sunday)11am Cheviot
(1st & 3rd Sundays Only)10.30am Hawarden
(2nd & 4th Sunday Only)12pm The Beatitudes,
Leithfield
(Every Sunday)Weekday MassesMonday - Friday
8:30am AmberleyTuesday - Saturday
12pm The Beatitudes,
Leithfield

Adoration & Reconciliation

1st Friday of the month
from 7:30amConfession 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**"P-A-L-M"**

SOMEBODY ONCE said that life is like a yoyo in God's hands: Whether we go up or go down, we always end up in the palm of His hand.

Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the Holy Week, in which we commemorate the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Hailed during Palm Sunday, derided during Good Friday, and exalted on Easter Sunday, Jesus through it all remained in the palm of God's hand.

To remain in the palm of God's hand especially this Holy Week, let us do **"P-A-L-M," i.e., Prayers, Almsgiving, Love, and Mortification.**

PRAYERS: This week, let us spend time to be with our Lord to reflect and to pray. Let us take time off from our work and worldly concerns, and really talk and listen to our Lord. Let's take time to join a retreat or a recollection, do the Stations of the Cross, or spend moments of adoration. Let us do them all not out of obligation, or because of tradition, but with heartfelt and personal devotion.

ALMSGIVING: Please find time this week to reach out and share to the last, the lost and the least among us. It's payback time, especially for those of you who have been so blessed by God. Share your time, talent and treasure.

LOVE: Please do whatever practices or devotions you do this week as an expression of love and gratitude to our loving God. During these days too, let us go out of our way, and go the "extra mile" to show our love and appreciation of the people around us. It is also the time to forgive and ask for forgiveness. It is the time to show that we love and we care.

MORTIFICATION: Let us make some sacrifice and go beyond our comfort zones. Fasting and abstinence not just from food but from those that we really like should lead us to deeper reflection and deeper relationship with God, who in turn will lead us to deeper conversion.

To our acronym **P-A-L-M**, we add **"S"** i.e., Prayers, Almsgiving, Love and Mortification, with a Smile! Whatever we do this Holy Week, let us do it all with joy and with gratitude. God loves a cheerful giver! Let us thank God for giving us the chance and the opportunity to somehow respond to His love.

Perhaps we can add another **"S"**—i.e., we do Prayers, Almsgiving, Love, Mortification with a **"Smile,"** and **"in Secret."** Yes, the Holy Week is a time more for personal than for public devotion. Our Heavenly Father always sees the heart, and so let us also do everything with sincerity and with the heart.

Please don't forget that the passion and death of Christ ends in the Resurrection. In other words, Christ is alive and He will meet us again soon in His Kingdom. But even now, let us all become "agents of the Resurrection," giving life, giving love and giving hope wherever we go, whatever we do.

Wishing you all a blessed, meaningful Holy Week.

Lord, whatever I go through, I will be all right, as long as I am in the palm of your hand. Amen

From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 164

St Joseph's sweet consolations prepared Mary for the sacrifices at Calvary... At Calvary, Mary must have experienced great consolation and strength as she remembered all that her husband had done for her and their Son across the years.

St Joseph Saviour of The Saviour pray for us.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed

Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

Christ humbled himself but God raised him high

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:56

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

107 The King of Glory comes the nation Rejoices

229 All Glory Laud and honour

225 Our God Reigns

360 As I kneel

ADULTS CATECHESIS BEGINS!

Beginning May 1st (first week of school term) Thursday Evenings, Dr. Robert Loretz (PhD in philosophy) will be teaching the Symbolon program, a series of video talks from the Augustine Institute. It will be held at Hawarden Parish Center, and will run for 10 weeks. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to grow in your understanding of the faith! Contact Paco Mones-Cazon (pacomonescazon@gmail.com) for more details.

LIGHT of FAITH - What is the meaning of Holy Week?

Holy Week, particularly Christ's Passion and Death, is a great reminder of God's Love for humanity. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church (paragraph 604)* says,

"By giving up his own Son for our sins, God manifests that his plan for us is one of benevolent love, prior to any merit on our part: "In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins." God "shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

Why is it called Passion Week?

This is the week when we reflect on the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ, beginning with the Gospel reading of Palm Sunday which recounts the events of Our Lord's Pasch (Passover).

What are the Five Days of Holy Week?

The days of Holy Week include Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday); Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday (sometimes called Spy Wednesday, in reference to Judas' betrayal), Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), Good Friday (Holy Friday), and Holy Saturday – the days immediately preceding Easter Sunday.

Beginning with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Church also refers to the period that includes Easter Sunday as the Sacred Triduum.

Why do we call it Good Friday?

It is called "Good" because through the horrific Passion and Death of Our Lord, He brought about mankind's greatest good—our redemption and the possibility of eternal life with the Holy Trinity.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2025

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

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