



25 May 2025 - 6th Sunday of Easter - Year

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

PEACE!

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. A peace the world cannot give this is my gift to you." This peace is a promise, a blessing that transcends our circumstances. It is a peace that can calm our storms, heal our wounds, and bring joy even in the midst of suffering.

In today's Gospel Jesus defines Christian Peace. It is different from the Peace which the world gives. "Shalom" is more than the absence of noise and adversity. It is ideally having a good relationship with God. It is a condition of salvation if not salvation itself. No wonder only Jesus can give it and the world, in all its riches, can only dream of it.

Peace was Jesus' greeting when He appeared after His resurrection. He meant it as a forgiveness to everyone who had sinned and doubted Him. It was also geared towards inviting everyone to salvation. Finally, it was an invitation to believe and doubt no more. Christian Peace is constitutive of faith.

Christian Peace finally brings us to rest with God. When we finally accept His invitation to come to Him and let Him share our toils and burdens, we let Him take control of our lives. We allow it not because we were forced or helpless but because we knew well that it will be for our perfect welfare.

Contentment and fullness in life are signs of the presence of Christian Peace. It is what our person desires. We feel wanting and empty without it. We ache for it. It makes us restless.

Thanks be to God it is always offered. We will benefit from it if we accept it and live it. May we always seek the peace of Jesus, allowing it to transform us and to flow through us to others.

Lord, give us peace! Make each one of us an instrument of peace. Amen.

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

It has been decided by the Spirit and by ourselves
not to burden you with any burden
beyond these essentials

Psalms Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8
O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of
heaven the bride of the Lamb

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

A peace the world cannot give is my gift to you

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

883 Christ be our light

603 Blessed are you Lord

832 One bread one body

Good Shepherd Parish Hymn

From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 21-22

The Holy Spirit wants you to know and love St Joseph. With the exception of Our Lady's life, the Holy Spirit was more active in the life of St Joseph than in any other saint. St Joseph will teach you how to do the will of God.

CENSUS SUNDAY follow up:

For those of you that weren't able to fill in a census card after Mass last week- we have another chance this week. There is one card to be completed for each household, not matter if you have been here all your life or if you have just arrived. It has name, address and basic details about you and children; this helps us plan for sacramental programs in the future. It also has the various activities you may wish to be part of- so please tick any boxes that interest you. Phase two of the Planned Giving exercise will happen in July once we have collated all of the census responses.

LIGHT of FAITH - The Pope

If the pope is the Vicar of Christ, can the pope ever be wrong?

Yes, the pope can be wrong. However, when he speaks *ex cathedra*, we believe he speaks without error.

What does *ex cathedra* mean?

Ex cathedra is a Latin phrase that means "from the chair." When the pope speaks *ex cathedra*, he is speaking on matters regarding faith and morals. In these cases, we believe he is without error.

Does he speak *ex cathedra* a lot?

No. Popes have spoken *ex cathedra* only twice. Pope Pius IX declared the Immaculate Conception of Mary to be without error in 1854, and in 1950, Pope Pius XII declared that Mary's body and soul were assumed into heaven.

What does the pope do?

In the nineteenth Century, the First Vatican Council said the pope's mission and purpose is three-fold:

- 1) to ensure the unity of faith among Christians.
- 2) to see to the lasting good of the Church.
- 3) to make sure all the world's bishops are in harmony. He is the Church's visible sign of unity.

Who does the pope lead?

Catholics see the pope as the leader and supreme pastor of all Christians. However, not all Christians recognise his leadership.

Who recognises his leadership?

All Catholic Churches are united as one with the pope. The largest Church is the Roman Catholic Church. But there are others. Armenian Catholics, Byzantine Catholics, and Melkite Catholics are but a few of the independent Churches that recognise the bishop of Rome as their supreme pastor and the symbol of unity among all believers.

NOTICES

WAI AU CHURCH has been sold:

We are pleased to inform you that the Waiau church has been sold- the Bishop and new owners have signed up a sale and purchase agreement this week. The church will remain in Waiau and become a private Catholic chapel for a Catholic couple from the coast who will move to the Hurunui and build at Waiau in the future. The chapel can also be used by the Hurunui parish. This is the best outcome we could have hoped for.

SYMBOLON Catholic Education Course going well:

There were 15 people who showed up for the first course run by Dr Robert Loretz in Hawarden parish centre on Thursday 1st May and the sessions continue to go well.

It is a 10 week course run in the evenings, and covers the basics of our rich heritage we have in our Catholic faith. It could be made available in Amberley in the future if the interest is there. Let Fr Rex or the office know if this is something you would be interested in.

FREE HAIRCUTS

Free women's and men's haircuts - Every Second Tuesday 9:30am - 1:30pm
Catholic Social Services - 336 Cashel Street, Central City