



8 June 2025 - PENTECOST - 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

Come, Holy Spirit

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, and also the birthday of the Church! Let us not forget the tremendous gift the Risen Lord has given unto us—His Holy Spirit. Let us not forget also that the Lord has called us to belong to a community, to do our mission.

Today the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples, and gave them powers untold we are reminded of the Lord's wish and command that we love one another as brothers and sisters. Today, we pray to the Lord: "Defeat our Babel with your Pentecost!" Yes, may we set aside our divisions, disunity, and discord.

We need a new Pentecost in our present day and time. We need the Holy Spirit in our lives to guide, to heal, to comfort, and to counsel us. May we be liberated from our fears, ignorance, pride, and hunger for worldly riches and power. We all need transformation and renewal. "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth thy spirit and they shall be created, and you will renew the face of the earth."

"Receive the Holy Spirit." We are not alone in our mission, and we rely above all on God's grace and provisions, not so much on worldly wisdom, power, resources and connections. "Come, Holy Spirit!" This is our constant prayer and petition, deeply aware that without Him, we are nothing. Without Him, we can become proud or vain. Without Him, we can become easily discouraged or so focused on the outcome and results, and forget that we are disciples with a Master. Remember, mission is all about God, and it's all done through Him, with Him and in Him.

Whenever you are stressed, distressed, laden with burdens, or covered by darkness, pray sincerely and continuously the powerful prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit!" Another powerful, liberating prayer that drives away worries, fears, and sadness is: "Jesus, I trust in You. Mama Mary, I love you!" Try it. Try it right now, and experience Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit, we need you! Come, Holy Spirit, we pray. Come, Holy Spirit, and stay with us. Amen!

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and began to speak

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34

*Lord, send out your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.*

SECOND READING: Romans 8:8-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God

GOSPEL: John 14:15-16,23-26

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

695 Glory and Praise

605 Take our Bread

306 Spirit of the Living God
Good Shepherd Parish Hymn

Hurunui Parish AGM: Hawarden Parish Centre 6 to 6:30pm June 10th 2025.
All welcome.

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.

(1 – MINUTE CATECHESIS) The First Commandment – Part II (CCC 2083-2141)

We follow the First Commandment by adoring God, which means accepting Him as creator, saviour, and master of all that exists; worship Him both as individuals and as a Church community; pray to Him; submit to His will; offer Him sacrifices, most especially the spiritual sacrifice of our lives, which we unite with Christ's perfect sacrifice; and keep our promises and vows to Him. Adoration is part of the virtue of religion, which helps us to give to God what we owe to God.

The First Commandment forbids worshipping anything other than God. Forbidden practices include:

- 1) polytheism/paganism (belief in many gods);
- 2) idolatry (worshipping a creature, demon, Satan, power, pleasure, money, fame, race, or the state);
- 3) atheism;
- 4) agnosticism (indifference to God);
- 5) superstition (any departure from true worship of God), including divinisation (trying to tell the future), magic, and sorcery; and
- 6) irreligion (including tempting God by word or action, sacrilege (profaning sacred things or places), and simony (buying or selling spiritual things)). So it is clear, Catholics may not consult with palm readers or fortune tellers; participate in séances; use tarot cards or Ouija boards; or participate in any kind of occult, new age, or wiccan/witchcraft practice because each of these violates the First Commandment. Catholics may do yoga exercises but must reject its religious aspects.

There are also social components of the First Commandment. Everyone has the right and moral duty to seek the truth, especially concerning God and His Church. Once we know the truth, we must worship God, embracing and faithfully guarding the truth. Within the limits of just laws, no one should be forced to act against his or her well-formed conscience nor be restrained in religious matters. It is for these reasons, among others, that the Church is active in society, constantly opposing abortion, its funding, and rules that compel Catholics to participate in abortions.

Finally, Catholics may, consistent with the First Commandment, have images of Christ, Mary, the angels, and the saints. We may use these as aids for prayer and to venerate the person portrayed

Reflect: Am I putting other things in my life (career, chores, sports, etc.) before God? To start the process of changing this, try starting each day by saying this prayer by Pope Benedict XVI, "I adore you, my God, and I love you with all my heart. I thank you for having created me and made me a Christian." When you feel stressed or distressed during the day, say "Jesus please be with me and guide me." At the end of each day, perform an Examen: Thank God for the gifts of the day, reflect on the good things you did for others, and express sorrow for any sins you committed and resolve to do better tomorrow.



First Priest From our Diocese to Meet Pope Leo XIV

One of the perks of being the National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies (PMS), is that I get a chance each year to meet the Pope. Thanks to a quick conclave, and to Pope Leo XIV virtually commencing work immediately, our papal audience was secured. While in Rome, we joined in a concelebrated Mass at St Peter's, followed by a Papal audience. Pope Leo XIV entered, greeted by huge applause. He gave a short address in English and encouraged us in our work. When my time came to greet him, I said to Pope Leo, holding up four fingers; "Your Holiness, it's been nearly forty years since a Pope came to our shores. Please come and visit New Zealand.....".

If he comes to New Zealand, I am going to claim the credit! In the blessing of meeting Christ's Vicar on earth, I had the feeling that somehow, time stood still. *Fr Michael Pui - Hurunui Parish priest from January 2020 to January 2024.*