



06 July 2025 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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 &amp; 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

## On the road

In today's Gospel (Lk.: 10, 1-9), Jesus sends off His disciples on a mission, with special instructions on how they are to carry themselves on the road. But a close look at the "marching orders" of Jesus shows that, in fact, they were not to carry themselves but God on the road. Whom/what do you carry on the road?

Remember a saint of old by the name St. Christopher? The literal meaning of Christopher is "carrier of Christ" from the Latin words Christo (Christ) and ferre (to carry). Following this line, what would your name be? Money-pher? Power-pher? Problem-pher? Vices-pher? Who you are depends a lot on whatever goods or garbage you carry on the road of life.

Based on today's Gospel, we are instructed to travel light on the road. We are to carry no provisions, "no money, no sack, no sandals." You and I know how burdensome it is when we travel with heavy and excess luggage. The burden weighs twice more when we know we are carrying with us prohibited items, because along with exhaustion comes the fear of being fined or denied entry at the port of destination. Remember, at heaven's gate, the immigration and customs officers there are honest, efficient and decisive.

We are instructed to carry God on the road. There are people whose hands are full in this life, but their hearts are empty, because they carry themselves, not God. We must learn to unload our personal agenda, our plans, our schedules, and put the Kingdom of God as our priority on the road. If you see life as a cruise and ignore the cross, you will be truly empty and disappointed as you travel on.

Furthermore, we are instructed by Jesus to travel together on the road. We are to go "in pairs," and carry out the mission together. We are to bring as a team the message of peace and proclaim the Kingdom of God amid resistance. Forget superstars and celebrities on the road. There's only one Superstar. It is the Lord whom we serve.

Finally we are instructed by Jesus to be joyful on the road. We are gifted to do our ministry with power, but our greatest joy is that our "names are written in heaven." It is consoling to know that there is meaning and reward not only on the road but also at the end of the road. One thing we must learn as we travel on is that our hands must unload, and our hearts must reload. Our hands must work, and our hands must share. On the same count, our hearts must be recharged in community and in prayer. Check your hands today if they are unused, and closed. Check your heart today if it is already "low-bat" or fully discharged.

Praying that at the end of our earthly road, on the doorstep of eternity, with humility and gratitude, will say to the Lord: "Mission accomplished."

*Lord, remind me to travel light, to travel not alone, and to travel with joy on the road. Amen.*

**July 2025- The month for Hurunui Parish Planned Giving.**

During July many of the Sundays will involve talks on planned giving.

This is a follow up to the census cards that were completed in May.

You will each receive a personalised pledge pack.

More details to follow.

**Kalavale:** This Sunday (1st Sunday of the Month. )

Parish's cup of tea & raffles following the 8:30am Amberley Mass.

## SUNDAY'S READINGS:

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 66:10-14

Towards Jerusalem I send flowing peace, like a river

### Psalms 65(66):1-7,16,20

*Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.*

### SECOND READING: Galatians 6:14-18

The marks on my body are those of Jesus

### GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-12,17-20

Your peace will rest on that man

## HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

695 Glory and Praise

603 Blessed are you Lord

832 One bread one body

Good Shepherd Parish Hymn

## ( 1 – MINUTE CATECHESIS ) The Fifth Commandment (CCC 2258-2330)

The Fifth Commandment is: "You shall not kill." Ex. 20:13.

Human life is sacred from conception to natural death because God gave life to each one of us. Because God is the Lord of life, no person has the right to take the life of an innocent human being. Jesus' calls us to go even further. We must avoid anger, hatred, and vengeance. We must love and pray for our enemies. We must work to create a culture of life that fosters the physical, spiritual, emotional, and social well-being of all humans and to work to ensure all forms of unjust killing are outlawed.

The deliberate killing of an innocent person is a grave sin, which offends God and is contrary to His law. Self-defence against an unjust aggressor is morally permissible because its goal is the protection of one's own life or the lives of others. The use of deadly force is permitted if there is no other alternative. Deliberately exposing someone to mortal danger without grave reason, such as through reckless or drunk driving, is sinful.

Abortion is the intentional killing of a human being. It is a grave sin. This is the unchanging teaching of the Church since the Apostles (see Didache 2, 2), and it will never change. It is also completely consistent with medical science, which recognises that an embryo, from the moment of conception, is a genetically distinct, living being. Thus, abortion is never permissible, even for health reasons, especially because procedures exist that protect the mother's health without directly ending the baby's life. Abortions carried out because of a baby's actual or potential disability are particularly grave and cruel rejections of the sanctity of life. It is also important to understand that many forms of artificial birth control cause abortions by preventing the implantation of the newly conceived baby in the mother's womb. Formal cooperation in an abortion is so grave that it incurs automatic excommunication from the Church.

Many women deeply regret having had abortions. Through the sacrament of reconciliation, these women can restore their relationship with God and the Church. The Church also has many resources to help women who have been victimised by abortion. Pro-Life ministries help mothers choose life for their children by providing prenatal care, assistance in raising children, and adoption services.

*Reflect: We each came into existence at conception. Conception is a distinct point in time, both spiritually and biologically. Do this thought exercise. Draw a line starting from a distinct point. Extend the line indefinitely to the right. As Catholics, we believe our lives begin at that starting point and continue until we die. Proponents of abortion say we should pick another point on the "line" as the starting point at which life should be protected. Do they make this argument because they are looking for the objective truth about when existence begins, or do they make it to justify what they want to do*

### From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 110-11

Today there is a worldwide spiritual and moral famine on the earth. Souls are dying because of lack of spiritual nourishment.... There is not a single country that has not been affected by it. To whom shall we go? Go to Joseph. Without Joseph we would not have the Living Bread of the Eucharist.