



28 September 2025 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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

### Now and Forever

In today's Gospel (Lk. 16, 19-31) Jesus tells us that life does not end in the grave. The story about Lazarus should remind us that in the next life, the good will be rewarded, and the bad will be punished.

Is this a warning, or a consolation to you? It all depends on the kind of life you are living now.

We know that there will be a final reckoning, and yet we continue to sin, and focus on this world which is passing, and forget eternity which is inevitable and is waiting. Even prior to that, why do we continue to eat, or drink, things which are not good for our health and for our bodies? Or continue to do those that destroy our peace? Why?

Life is short, death is certain, so let us all prepare for our exit from this life and for our entrance to eternity. Ask the Lord today: Is there anything I need to give or give up? Is there anything I need to be or need to do before the end? Is there anything I need to solve or resolve? Is there anything I need to surrender? Better to raise these questions now before it's too late.

Payback time. That's one time you and I should never forget. Somewhere down the road, you and I must, whether full or empty, repay the Lord, the world and people. Please remember dear reader, rich or poor, we all have to give our best. That is all that God asks of us.

You who are in a position to be of help to others who have less in life, please don't miss the opportunity to be of help! As I have often said—and I now say it again—may we have, at the end of our lives, no or not much regrets that we loved too little, too late. The Gospel story today reminds us that nothing is permanent, and no one is indispensable in this life.

Attend a funeral, or visit a cemetery sometime, and you will realise that there is more to life than just money or power. Imagine yourself in the coffin sometime—what will people say about you when they look at you for the last time? What will God tell you when you finally come face to face with Him?

We carry nothing with us when we leave this world, except the love we have shared. You who have a lot of investments, please don't forget to invest in eternity. Remember, the money you keep will stay; that which you give away will bring you literally, a long, long way. Generosity sets you free.

**Lord, help me to love and be generous now, so that I can be with you forever. Amen**

### SUNDAY'S READINGS:

**FIRST READING: Amos 6:1,4-7**  
Woe to those who live in luxury

**Psalms 145(146):7-10**  
*Praise the Lord, my soul!*

**SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:11-16**  
Do all that you have been told,  
until the Appearing of the Lord

**GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31**  
Dives and Lazarus

### HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

*(May vary on the day)*

**695** Glory and Praise  
**603** Blessed are you Lord  
**832** One bread one body  
**360** As I kneel

**From the workshop-** words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 100

St Joseph our Spiritual Father. Inspired by the Gospel, the Fathers of the church from the earliest centuries stressed that just as St Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ's upbringing he likewise watches over and protects Christ's Mystical Body, that is the Church.

### **Fr. Rex will be away for Holiday sept 29 – Oct 17**

Fr Michael Mahooney SM will celebrate the Sunday Masses at the usual times on Saturday evenings and Sundays. No regular weekday mass in Amberley - Fr Michael will announce during the the Sunday Masses, the days and times he will celebrate weekday Masses in Amberley.

### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Parish Mini Retreat at Hawarden on Saturday 1st of November: All Saints day.

The day starts with Mass at 10am in Hawarden followed by talks and a shared lunch finishing by 4pm. All welcome

### **Hanmer Springs 1 bedroom flat: next to the church.**

Available now at \$350 per week. contact Adrienne 020 40429790

### **World Mission Sunday & Mission Month**

Pope Pius XI established World Mission Sunday in 1926 to unite the Church in prayer and financial support for mission work, a tradition that continues on the penultimate Sunday in October.

It means Mission Sunday on 19th October 2025 is the 99th World Missionary Day.



Pope Francis declared October 2019 as the Extraordinary Missionary Month. It was an intentional expansion of the mission focus beyond just a single day to the entire month of October. 2019 was also a time to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the encyclical [Maximum Illud](#) (On the Propagation of Faith throughout the whole world) written by Pope Benedict XV.

## **1 MINUTE CATECHESIS - The Seventh Commandment – Part I (CCC 2401-2463) : “You shall not steal.” Ex. 20:15.**

The Seventh Commandment governs our relationship to material goods. It forbids unjustly taking or keeping our neighbour's goods.

It recognises that the goods of creation belong to the whole human race and commands that we act with justice and charity in using earthly goods and the fruits of human labor. It acknowledges the right to private property, but also teaches that this is not an unlimited right. And it demands that we use our possessions in accordance with God's will and with love toward our neighbours.

God entrusted the world and all its resources to all of humanity to care for, work with, and enjoy. Consequently, the goods that we create and possess in this world ultimately are for the benefit of everyone (Universal Destination of Goods). Individuals have the right to own private property as a means of guaranteeing their freedom and security and to help meet their needs and the needs of those for whom they care.

But that right does not do away with God's original gift of the earth to everyone, so we must always use our private possessions for the benefit of our family and neighbours and to do God's will. We should also exercise moderation in our attachment to material things, be just and respectful toward our neighbours, and live in solidarity with everyone.

The Seventh Commandment forbids taking someone's property against the owner's reasonable will. While it is not theft to take something due to an urgent or grave need, it is theft to deliberately keep something loaned or to retain an object lost by someone else. It is sinful to cheat in business, pay unjust wages, manipulate prices, engage in bribery or corruption, do work poorly, evade taxes, forge checks, waste resources, or damage private or public property. We must keep our promises, honour our contracts, safeguard property rights, pay our debts, and fulfil all obligations freely undertaken. We must make reparation for any violation of these commands, including returning anything stolen or compensating the owner for his or her loss.

**Reflect: Do I accept that everything belongs to God?**