



02 November 2025 -Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Feast - 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

ZEAL

In today's Gospel (Jn. 2: 13-22), we witness the zeal of Jesus for His Father's house when he angrily drove away the vendors of oxen, sheep and doves, as well as the money changers from the temple, and said: "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."

What would Jesus drive out from our churches today?

What marketplace practices do we need to remove to purify our faith?

The whole message of Jesus in today's Gospel is that the essence of worship and prayer is the heart. More than the place, the rubrics, and the traditions, worship and prayer must come from a sincere, contrite and humble heart.

What do you do when you go to church to pray or for Holy Mass?

Do you always go there so that you could feel its solemn atmosphere so that you could have a personal encounter with Jesus?

The church is always our place of worship and this is our safe refuge whenever we are burdened by life's challenges. It is also here where we get to have a personal encounter with Jesus before, during and after the celebration of the Holy Mass.

Do we still observe the proper discipline when we are at church?

Do we still dip our finger in the holy water font, make the sign of the cross and genuflect with our eyes fixed on the tabernacle before we officially enter the church and before we go outside of the church?

In our gospel we read about Jesus who went to the temple, to His dismay he found the temple in disarray. For they made the temple of worship to a temple of commerce. The people who were supposed to worship was there to do business and other things not related with worship for God. Therefore to create order and to restore the sanctity of the temple Jesus angrily drove out all those who were corrupting the temple.

This is a good reminder for all of us when we are at church for Holy Mass or to pray. We go to church to encounter, to worship and to give glory and honour to Jesus. The church is not a business office where wheeling and dealing occurs.

When we go to church to pray or for Holy Mass let us go there with our focus on Jesus. So that when we go out of the church we carry with us this renewed strength and hope that will energise us as we once again face our life's challenges.

Lord, help us to be zealous for you and for Your house. Amen

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12

Wherever the water flows, it will bring life and health

Psalm 45(46):2-3,5-6,8-9

The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17

The temple of God is sacred, and you are that temple

GOSPEL: John 2:13-22

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

706 Praise to the Holiest

601 Praise to the Lord the Almighty

660 Godhead here in hiding

347 O purest of Creatures

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Work is not always easy and pleasant. Putting in a hard days work can be taxing on the mind, body, and soul. Sometimes work can be downright burdensome. As a carpenter, Jesus knew this first-hand. He offers comfort to those who make their living by the sweat of their brow.

St Joseph model of workman pray for us.

ONE MINUTE CATECHESIS - HEAVEN IS FOR REAL

Why aspire for heaven? What does heaven offer us?

1. In heaven, we shall see God as He is in Himself. Here on earth we experience God through sacramental signs, through the Church and her ministers, through creation. In heaven, we shall see Him face to face without mediation.
2. In heaven, we will be in communion with God, with Mary, our Ina, with Saint Joseph, all the angels and saints whom we venerate here on earth.
3. In heaven, our deepest human longings shall be satisfied. Here on earth, we aspire for things that are transitory and ephemeral. In heaven, all our human longings shall cease.
4. In heaven, we shall be eternally happy. Unlike here on earth, our happiness is temporary and transitory.
5. In heaven, we shall not experience any pain, suffering or sadness.
6. In heaven, there will be a reunion of those people dear to us here on earth: the members of our family, relatives, friends if all of us get there.
7. In heaven, we shall see the answers to the natural problems that we, here on earth, desire to know.
8. In heaven, we, through God's light into our intellect, will know the mysteries that we believe in here on earth.
9. In heaven, we will know the situation of our loved ones, the affairs of our friends and relatives here on earth. We will know in heaven their prayers and sacrifices of others.
10. In heaven, sanctifying grace and other graces and the virtues of faith, hope and charity that make our soul beautiful and pleasing to the Lord here on earth shall add to our happiness.

I pray that all of us will be there someday. Heaven is real! It is beautiful!

Notices

MASS INTENTIONS: *Offering a Mass is a beautiful way to place our intentions, and those of our loved ones before Jesus. A Mass offering can be for oneself, a love one, a sick person, or a soul in purgatory. Masses can also be offered on special occasions - birthdays, wedding or baptism anniversaries or just as a gesture of love!*

Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church foyers. Alternatively you can use a blank envelope and write the name of the person and the intention on it. All envelopes can be placed in the collection baskets at Mass. The expected donation for a Mass offering is \$10 or \$100 for a novena of Masses.

Fr Rex:

- On November 12 Wednesday there will be a meeting of Priests (North Region) the host and venue will be in Amberley Presbytery. It will start at 12PM for lunch. I will ask from your generous heart if you can share any foods, dessert etc...it will be appreciated.
- The 2025 Advent Novena will be from 14 to 22 December, in Culverden.
- On the Feast of the Good Shepherd 2026 confirmations with the bishop presiding on April 26th.

Pilgrimage walk: Sunday November 30th, Amberley (after 8:30 Mass) to Leithfield.

Financial matters: Eft Pos for the parishes still coming

Cathedral Fundraising session with Tony Brazier and Damien Powick from the Diocese.

How much? Hurunui is tasked to find its share of \$14M which on a planned giving basis amounts to 1.74% of Diocese planned giving which is \$245k. Structure: Parishes are asked to set up: Parish priest, Diocesan Fund raising rep, Parish campaign director, Parish leadership team, and parish volunteers. Parish readiness: Steps to get ready- database, financials (costed project goals), select team, feasibility studies, donor strategy, case for support (storey), volunteers. Design details available next year. The architects Warren and Mahoney are working in conjunction with their overseas collaborators Frank and Lohsen. Q and A followed.

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