



01 March 2026 - 2nd Sunday of Lent - Year A

**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)

The Beatitudes, Leithfield  
**11am - Every Sunday**

**Weekday Masses**

Amberley  
Mon - Fri: 8:30am

The Beatitudes, Leithfield  
**Mon & Thurs: 6pm**  
Other week-days: 12pm



**Adoration & Reconciliation**

**Amberley**

1st Friday of the month  
from 7:30am

Confession by Appointment  
or before Mass



Amberley Church Hall

**Rosary**

Wednesday 1:30pm

**Kalavale**

Parish's cup of tea & raffles  
1st Sunday of the Month.

**St Joseph Men's Group**

2nd & 4th Monday 7pm-9pm

**ARE YOU REALLY LISTENING?**

Do you know why it is difficult to talk with some people? It is simply because they keep talking.

In Sunday's Gospel (Mt.17:1-9) we note the interplay of speaking and listening at the Transfiguration scene. Peter, so overwhelmed by their mountaintop experience, tells the Lord that he will make three tents in the place. While he is still speaking, he is interrupted by a voice that says: "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." This story is a good reminder for all of us to learn to really listen to the Lord. Many times, even in prayer, especially in prayer, we talk too much. We do not really listen. We do not give the Lord a chance to talk to us because we are the one talking much. LISTEN! Listening is praying!

Transfiguration happens when we talk less and listen more, when we think less and pray more. Simply, when we are mindful of the needs of people around us, and that there is a God greater than us.

How many of us are like Peter, telling the Lord about our plans, about our activities and about our achievements, so that we often forget to ask Him His plans and put everything we do and hope to achieve under His master plan and will? All too often, we forget that everything happens, and should happen according to His will, according to His time, according to His pleasure. Listen to the Lord more so that we will know his plans for us.

A very practical suggestion so that we can really listen to the Lord during the Lenten season—text and Internet abstinence. Aside from giving up on our vices or pleasures, he urges us to refrain from those things that are causing problems at home or disruptions at work. Giving up on meat this Lenten season should not just be taken literally. The invitation is for all of us to minimise, if not altogether, remove our greed. Are you listening?

*Lord, help me to listen, really listen to you and to your people. Amen.*

**FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4**

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you

**Psalm 32(33):4-5,18-20,22**

*Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:8-10**

God calls and enlightens us

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

His face shone like the sun

**HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES**

*(May vary on the day)*

- 842** Come back to me
- 607** Let all mortal Flesh
- 846** Amazing grace
- 840** God of Mercy

**From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 173**

"Whenever St Joseph travelled with his wife and son, his home become an Adoration chapel. Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Egypt are all places where Joseph contemplated the divine presence of Jesus Christ and welcomed others to do the same".

1. Kneel down and say, "Forgive me father for I have sinned."
2. Then say: "It is, days, weeks, months, years since my last confession."
3. Then confess your sins and how many times you committed each sin. The recommendation is that sins must be confessed in kind (what was done) and number (how often) as far as the penitent is able to reasonably remember.
4. When you have finished, say: "I am sorry for these sins, and those I cannot (genuinely) remember and I ask for pardon and forgiveness"
5. Then listen to what the priest says and the penance he gives you.
6. Then say the Act of sorrow (contrition). "O, my God, I am very sorry that I have sinned against You, because You are so good and loving. With the help of Your grace I will not sin again."
7. Then the priest will give absolution. After this, return to your seat to pray and do the penance the priest has given you.

## NOTICES

**St Joseph Helping Hand group** available to provide help for small tasks around the house or property that we can assist with, especially suitable for the sick and elderly in Amberley. Contact Steve Joyce [steveandbern@outlook.com](mailto:steveandbern@outlook.com).

### **Lenten Recollection by Fr Rex.**

**Culverden** Tuesday 3rd March: Mass: 7pm & Talk 7:30pm

**Amberley** Wednesday 4th March: Mass: 7pm & Talk 7:30pm

**Amberley** Friday 6th March: 7:30am – Adoration, Confession and Mass & 7:00pm – Stations of the Cross

### **St Joseph commemoration day on Saturday March 14th.**

**09:00** Gather at The Beatitudes in Leithfield at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fourviere.

**09:00 to 10:30** Process to Amberley church using the overland heartland walkway- the same route that we processed on November 30th but in reverse.

**10:30 to 11:00** Gather in the Amberley Church and pray in silence before Mass- this allows time for late comers to arrive or people just attending Mass only.

**11:00 to 12:00 Mass** with consecration to St Joseph led by the men's group leaders.

Mass and a blessing said by Fr Rex Ramos- Hurunui Parish Priest.

**12:00 to 1:00 Lunch** will be a BBQ outside the Amberley Church Hall

**1:00 to 2:00 Talk** by Fr Rex 45mins with 15mins Q&A.

**2:00** People are free to depart or stay to chat over a cuppa social time.

**ALL WELCOME**



### **The New St Roch's Retreat Unit in Hanmer:**

The new Hurunui parish facility at Hanmer is now available for parishioners from the Hurunui to come and stay!

**Scan the QR code to access the booking form!**

- 1) Fill in the [St Roch's Retreat: Booking Form](#). Once received, Thomas will check the availability of your dates.
- 2) You will receive a 1st email - **# 1: your dates are available!** and a request for payment to confirm the booking.
- 3) You will receive a 2nd email: St Roch's Retreat - **# 2: Thank you for your payment! & useful details.**
- 4) 2-3 days before your stay you will receive a 3rd email: St Roch's Retreat - **# 3: Key-Drop Box code & tips.**

### What to bring?

You will need to bring all your own linen: sheets for each bed (Top & Bottom), pillowcases, tea towels, bathmat, flannels, towels, toiletries, Baby cot (if needed).

### The Cathedral fundraising parish effort:

During the booking/ payment process, you will be given the opportunity to top up your accommodation payment with a Cathedral rebuilding donation. (optional).