



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

REMEMBER, RUN, RISE

Today we celebrate the greatest joy of our faith: Easter Sunday. The Gospel (**John 20:1-9**) tells us that early in the morning, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and found it empty. Peter and the other disciple ran to see, and they discovered something amazing: Jesus was no longer there. He had risen!

At first, they did not fully understand. The Gospel says, "they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead." But something began to change in their hearts. The empty tomb was not a sign of loss - it was a sign of hope.

Easter teaches us three simple truths we can live every day, even in a secular world like New Zealand.

**First, REMEMBER.**

Remember that God is always at work, even when life feels dark. Mary Magdalene went to the tomb in sadness, thinking everything was over. Many times, we also face struggles—family problems, stress at work, loneliness, or loss. But Easter reminds us: God is not finished. Even in darkness, He is preparing new life.

**Second, RUN.**

Peter and the beloved disciple ran to the tomb. They did not stay still. In our daily life, we are also called to "run" toward God—through prayer, going to Mass, reading Scripture, and doing good. In a busy and secular society, it is easy to forget God. But Easter calls us to move, to seek Him actively.

**Third, RISE.**

Jesus rose from the dead, and He invites us to rise too. Rise from sin. Rise from discouragement. Rise from a life without purpose. Each day is a chance to begin again - to forgive, to love, to choose what is right. Resurrection is not just something that happened to Jesus; it is something that can happen in us.

My dear friends, Easter is not just one day. It is a way of life. In our homes, let there be more love. In our workplaces, let there be honesty and kindness. In our communities, let there be hope.

Today, let us believe like the beloved disciple who "saw and believed." Even if we do not understand everything, we trust that Jesus is alive.

**Jesus is risen. He is alive. And He is with us. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34,37-43**

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

**Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23**

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

**John 20:1-9**

He must rise from the dead

**HYMNS for SUNDAY  
MASSES**

*(May vary on the day)*

- 267:** Christ is risen today
- 286** This Joyful Eastertide
- 287** Thine be the Glory
- 282** Sing to the mountain

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We can never for a moment doubt that this glorious saint has great influence in heaven with him who raised him there in body and soul- a fact which is more probably because we have no relic of that body left to us here below. It seems no one can doubt this as a truth, for how could he who had been so obedient to St Joseph, all through his life, refuse him this grace.

### One Minute Catechesis - On the Stations of the Cross

The celebration of Easter Sunday is the heart of the Christian faith and the most important feast in the Catholic Church. It proclaims the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, revealing His definitive victory over sin and death. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 638), "the Resurrection of Jesus is the crowning truth of our faith in Christ." It confirms that Jesus is truly the Son of God and that His sacrifice on the Cross has brought salvation to the world.

Theologically, Easter is not just a past event but a living reality. The Resurrection inaugurates a new creation and opens the way to eternal life. As the Catechism teaches (CCC 654), through the Resurrection, Jesus gives us access to a new life as adopted children of God. It is also the foundation of the Church's sacramental life, especially Baptism, where believers share in Christ's death and rise with Him to new life.

In daily life, especially in a secular society like New Zealand, Easter calls Catholics to live as "people of the Resurrection." This means living with hope, even in difficulties, trusting that God can bring life out of every form of darkness. It challenges us to turn away from sin and to choose goodness, forgiveness, and love in our relationships. Practically, this can be seen in small but meaningful actions: being patient in family life, showing honesty at work, helping those in need, and remaining faithful in prayer and Sunday Mass. Easter reminds us that our lives are not meaningless; they are transformed by Christ.

Ultimately, the celebration of Easter invites every Catholic not only to believe in the Resurrection but to live it daily —becoming witnesses of hope, joy, and new life in the world.

### NOTICES

#### Parish Feast Day Announcement & Invitation

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
Our Parish warmly invites you and your family to join us in celebrating our Parish Feast Day on **Sunday 26th April 2026**.

The celebration will begin with a **Holy Mass at 10:30am**, to be presided over by **Bishop Michael Gielen**. During the Mass, we will also witness the beautiful celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

After the Mass, everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a **Parish Picnic**. Lunch will be provided, and we kindly ask you to **bring a plate to share** as a sign of our unity and generosity.

There will be **only one Mass on this day**.  
All parishioners are encouraged to come together and attend the celebration at **Hawarden**.

For those who may have difficulty with transportation, we are happy to help. If you need a ride, please **signify your name on or before April 21**, and we will do our best to arrange transportation for you. Kindly let us know.

Let us come together as one family in faith to celebrate this joyful occasion. We look forward to seeing you all! God bless.



The poster features a central image of Jesus with a halo, gently holding a white lamb. The text is arranged around and over this image. At the top left is a circular logo with a figure and the text 'CATHOLIC CHURCH OF AUCKLAND'. To the right of the logo is a banner for 'CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD' listing locations: AMBERLEY | CHEVIOT | HAWARDEN | CULVERDEN | HANMER SPRINGS. Below this is the parish office address: 'Parish Office: 136A Carvers Road, Amberley, PO BOX 143, Amberley 7441' and the website 'www.catholicuruni.nz'. The main text reads: 'We invite you and your family to come along to our **PARISH FEAST DAY** Amberley | Hawarden | Culverden | Hanmer Spring | Cheviot'. Below this, 'Jesus The Good Shepherd' is written in large, stylized letters. The event details are: '**FEAST DAY MASS** **APRIL 26 SUNDAY** **10:30 AM**'. The location is 'St. Raphael Catholic Church, 22 Ocarrolls Road, Hawarden 7385'. The celebrant is 'Celebrant: Bishop Michael Gielen'. The event includes 'Confirmation Day' and 'Parish Picnic Day'. At the bottom, it states 'LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.'