



19 April 2026 - 3rd Sunday of Easter - 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

"Jesus Walks With You"

In today's Gospel Luke 24:24-32, the two disciples were walking to Emmaus with heavy hearts. They were sad, confused, and disappointed because Jesus had died. They thought everything was finished. Their hopes were broken.

But something beautiful happened: Jesus came and walked with them. They did not recognise Him at first, but He was there the whole time.

This is the one great message for us today: When life is hard, Jesus walks with you. Sometimes we also feel like those disciples. We walk with worries about money, family problems, sickness, loneliness, stress, or disappointment. We may ask, "Lord, where are You?" We may think God has forgotten us.

But today's Gospel reminds us: Jesus is closest when we feel lost. He walks with us in silence.

He listens to our pain.

He strengthens us through His Word.

He stays with us in the Eucharist.

The disciples only recognised Jesus when He broke the bread. This reminds us of the Holy Mass. Every Mass is an Emmaus moment. Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures, then gives Himself to us in Holy Communion.

Many times, we do not see Jesus because we only look for miracles. But often, He comes quietly in prayer, in a kind person, in Scripture, in the priest, in the Eucharist.

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "Never let anything so fill you with sorrow that you forget the joy of the Risen Christ."

So do not lose hope. Your road may be long, but you do not walk alone. Your pain may be real, but Jesus is real too. Your tears may fall, but grace is falling too.

Today, ask Jesus to open your eyes, so you may see that He has been beside you all along.

Question for Reflection:

Where in my life today is Jesus walking with me, but I have failed to recognise Him?

From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 113

More than the disciples walking to Emmaus and back to Jerusalem St Joseph had to walk a lot in his role as guardian of the Holy Family. Firstly to Bethlehem, then on to Egypt, and return home after Herod was dead. 'Men of Jewish households were required to walk to Jerusalem 3 times a year.'

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14,22-33

God raised this man Jesus to life,
and all of us are witnesses to this

Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Your ransom was paid in the precious blood of Christ

Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of bread

**HYMNS for SUNDAY
MASSES**

(May vary on the day)

282: Sing to the Mountains

286: This Joyful Eastertide

832 Godhead here in hiding

the Good Shepherd Hymn

Q: Why is Good Shepherd Sunday important for the Parish of the Good Shepherd in Hurunui, Canterbury, New Zealand?

A: Good Shepherd Sunday is a special and meaningful celebration because it focuses on Jesus Christ who said, "I am the Good Shepherd." Jesus is the One who knows His people, guides them, protects them, and gives His life for them. For the parish, this feast reminds everyone that Christ lovingly cares for each family and each community.

Q: Why is the name "Good Shepherd Parish" very fitting for Hurunui?

A: The name is very fitting because the parish is made up of five rural farming towns (Amberley, Hawarden, Culverden, Hanmer Spring, Cheviot) where many people work with sheep and cattle. The people understand the daily work of feeding animals, leading them to pasture, protecting them, and caring for them patiently. This reflects the love of Jesus, who cares for His people as a shepherd cares for his flock.

Q: Why might the parish have been named Good Shepherd Parish?

A: It was likely named Good Shepherd Parish because the area is known for farming land, pasture, sheep, and cattle. The image of the shepherd and flock is natural and meaningful to the people who live there. It connects the Gospel message with their everyday rural life.

Q: What is the practical message of this feast for the parish?

A: Good Shepherd Sunday calls the five towns to remember that although they live in different places, they are one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ. It invites parishioners to trust His guidance, pray for priestly vocations, support one another, and care for others with the same love that Christ shows to all.

NOTICES

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION & Parish Feast Day - Sunday 26th April - Hawarden 10:30 Mass.

Please bring your own picnic cutlery and a plate to share.

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.**

There will be **only one Mass on this day.**

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 your own cutlery and a plate to share as a sign of our unity and generosity.**

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.

Fr. Rex

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