



3rd May 2026 - 5th Sunday of Easter - 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

**The Shepherd We Need Today: Stay with the Saviour**

My dear brothers and sisters, in today's Gospel Jesus speaks directly to every anxious heart: **"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me"** (John 14:1). These words are not only for the disciples long ago. They are for us today—when life feels uncertain, when burdens are heavy, when the future is unclear.

One strong lesson from this Gospel, built on one letter, is this: **S — Stay with the Saviour.**

First, stay with the Saviour when life is confusing. Thomas said, *"Lord, we do not know where you are going."* Many of us feel the same. We do not always know where life is heading. But Jesus answers clearly: **"I am the way, the truth, and the life"** (John 14:6). He may not reveal every detail of the journey, but He gives us Himself. When we stay with Jesus in prayer, we never walk alone.

Second, stay with the Saviour when life is painful. Trials come to every family—sickness, disappointment, grief, struggle. Yet Jesus says, *"Do not let your hearts be troubled."* Why? Because He has gone before us to prepare a place for us. **St. Padre Pio** said, *"Pray, hope, and don't worry."* The one who holds eternity also holds your tomorrow.

Third, stay with the Saviour when life is busy. It is easy to be distracted by work, stress, and endless noise. But the heart becomes restless when it drifts from Christ. The Catechism reminds us: *"The desire for God is written in the human heart"* (CCC 27). Only Jesus can satisfy the soul. Stay close through Mass, Scripture, confession, and daily prayer.

My dear friends, the world offers many paths, but only one Saviour. Success may fade, possessions may pass, people may disappoint—but Jesus remains faithful forever. So whatever you face this week, remember one strong truth: **Stay with the Saviour.** If you stay with Him, He will guide you, strengthen you, and lead you home. Amen.

**Reflection Question:**

What is one area of my life today where Jesus is inviting me to trust Him more deeply and stay closer to Him?

**From the workshop-** words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 50-60

On the anniversary of St Joseph the workman (May 01), let us imitate St Joseph as the Model of Workman. *"At the workbench where St Joseph plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption"* - St John Paul II.

**FIRST READING: Acts 6:1-7**

God has made him both Lord and Christ

**Psalms 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19**

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

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9**

Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him

**John 14:1-12**

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

**HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES**

*(May vary on the day)*

**883:** Christ be our light

**909:** Be still and know

**720** Be still

**720** Alleluia Sing to Jesus

*(Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church)*

**1. Attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation**

Go to Mass every Sunday and on important feast days. (CCC 2042)

Practical implication:

Love God first. Make time for worship even when busy. Put Mass in your weekly schedule.

**2. Confess Your Sins at Least Once a Year**

Go to confession at least one time each year, especially if you have serious sin. (CCC 2042)

Practical implication:

Do not keep guilt inside. Ask God's mercy. Begin again with a clean heart.

**3. Receive Holy Communion at Least Once a Year During Easter Season**

Receive Jesus in the Eucharist at least once a year during Easter time. (CCC 2042)

Practical implication:

Stay close to Jesus. Prepare well by prayer and confession if needed.

**4. Observe the Days of Fasting and Abstinence**

Follow Church rules for fasting and no meat on days like Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. (CCC 2043)

Practical implication:

Learn self-control. Offer sacrifice to God. Remember people who suffer.

**5. Help Provide for the Needs of the Church**

Support the Church with money, time, talents, and service as you are able. (CCC 2043)

Practical implication:

Help your parish continue its mission. Give what you can. Serve with joy.

Purpose of the Precepts

The Church gives these basic rules to help Catholics grow in faith, stay close to God, and live a holy life. (CCC 2041)

NOTICES

**Planned Giving Receipts:**

Printed copies of your Tax Donation Receipts as well as Fr Rex's letter, Rosemary's letter and the Hurunui Outreach Outline are available for you to pick-up at the back of the Church.

*May I say on behalf of the parish a big thank you for your financial contributions last year.*

*It is pleasing to see an increase since our planned giving efforts last July- again thank you.*

*One favour I would like to ask is for those using envelopes to please make the switch to direct credit planned giving. This greatly reduces the administrative processing time for the Sunday collection.*

*Hopefully you will have seen the announcement in February of the appointment of Rosemary Banks as the Cathedral Fundraising Campaign director. I would ask you to support her in this important work that Bishop Michael has asked of all of us, and which Rosemary will lead for us throughout the next 5 years or so. We have a challenge ahead of us to raise the \$245,000 asked from the Hurunui Parish over the next five years. There is one simple way to start supporting the Cathedral rebuild project straight away. Please consider directing your tax credit to the Parish Cathedral fund.*

*May God bless all of you and your families,*

Fr Rex Ramos,

Parish Priest

Good Shepherd parish Hurunui

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