



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

Every Thursday 7pm

1st Friday / month 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 Most Holy Trinity: Loved, Lifted, Led

Homily for the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity – John 3:16–18

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, beloved parishioners of Hurunui, A little boy once asked his mother, “Mum, if God is everywhere, why do we still go to church?” The mother smiled and said, “Because if Dad is everywhere in the house, why do you still sit with him at dinner?” The boy paused and replied, “Oh... because I love him and want to be close!” Simple, funny—but true.

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity: one God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Some people say, “Father, that sounds too hard!” Yes, it is a mystery. Even saints could not fully explain it. But today’s Gospel gives us something simple to understand: God loves us deeply.

Jesus says, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). Notice this: God did not send His Son to condemn us, frighten us, or shame us—but to save us. Today I want to share three simple lessons for our lives. Three words beginning with the same letter: Loved, Lifted, and Led.

1. Loved – We are deeply loved by the Father

The first truth is this: You are loved. Sometimes life in Hurunui can feel hard. Some carry worries about work, bills, health, loneliness, family problems, or sadness hidden in the heart. Maybe someone feels forgotten or thinks, “Nobody notices me.”

But hear today’s Gospel: God notices you. God loves you. The Father did not create us by accident. The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that God created us out of love and continues to care for us (CCC 221, 301). Even when we fail, God still loves us.

Think of the hills, rivers, farms, and quiet beauty of Hurunui. They remind us that God quietly provides every day.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux once said that she trusted God like a small child resting in the arms of a loving father. She called it her “little way”—doing small things with great love. She believed God smiles at even our little efforts.

Maybe your prayer is short. Maybe your faith feels weak. God still says: “You are my beloved.”

2. Lifted – Jesus lifts us from sin and sadness

The second lesson is this: Jesus lifts us up. The Gospel says God sent His Son not to condemn the world, but to save it. Many people think God is always angry. Some imagine heaven like a courtroom where God waits to punish us. But Jesus shows another picture—a God who comes close, heals wounds, forgives sins, and lifts tired hearts.

Maybe you carry guilt. Maybe you regret something. Maybe family life is painful. Maybe grief still hurts.

Jesus does not stand far away pointing fingers. He stretches out His hand. The Catechism teaches that Jesus became man to save us and share God’s life with us (CCC 457). Through His cross and resurrection, we are forgiven and given hope

A funny thought: sometimes we act like people stuck in mud saying, "No, thanks, I'll stay dirty," while Jesus stands beside us with soap, water, and clean clothes!

Jesus says, "Come. Let me lift you."

That is why confession, prayer, and Mass matter. Not because we are perfect—but because we need help.

3. Led – The Holy Spirit leads us every day

Third: we are led by the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is quiet but powerful. The Spirit guides us in daily life—in family problems, difficult decisions, worries, and fears.

The Catechism teaches that the Holy Spirit prepares, strengthens, and guides Christians (CCC 737).

Sometimes we think miracles must be dramatic. But often the Spirit works quietly.

When you forgive instead of fight—Spirit.

When you pray even when tired—Spirit.

When you help a lonely neighbour—Spirit.

When you stay faithful during suffering—Spirit.

Saint Francis de Sales taught that holiness is lived in ordinary life—not only in monasteries, but in homes, workplaces, farms, and communities.

You do not need to be famous to be holy. You simply need to let God lead.

Conclusion

Dear friends, the Holy Trinity may be a mystery, but today's Gospel gives us a simple message:

You are Loved by the Father.

You are Lifted by the Son.

You are Led by the Holy Spirit.

Every time we make the Sign of the Cross, we remember this truth.

So this week, when life feels heavy, whisper this prayer:

"Father, remind me I am loved. Jesus, lift me when I fall. Holy Spirit, lead me today."

And never forget: our God does not condemn first—He loves first. Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion'

Psalm

Glory and praise for ever!

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

John 3:16-18

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

276: Come Holy Ghost

609: in bread we bring you

865 Here I am Lord

864 God's Spirit is in my Heart

Notices

Amberley - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: every Thursday evening between 7 to 8pm.

Please take this as a personal invitation to spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

As he said "He will be with us always even to the end of time"

Fr Rex will be away.

Fr Rex will be away from Monday 1st June to Wednesday 17th June 2026.

Masses will continue as usual and will be celebrated by suppling priests from the Diocese or the Beatitudes Community.

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