



14 June 2026 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 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

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

"COMPASSION, CALL, AND COURAGE: Christ Sends Us to His Harvest"

Today's Gospel (Matthew 9:36-10:8) shows us the heart of Jesus. He looks at the crowds and sees people "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Jesus does not look at people with judgment or distance. He looks with deep compassion. He sees pain, loneliness, confusion, and spiritual hunger.

In many ways, this Gospel speaks to us here in Hurunui. Some people carry silent burdens—family worries, sickness, loneliness, struggles of faith, or the busyness of life. Sometimes we may even feel spiritually tired. Yet Jesus sees us. He knows our struggles, and He does not leave us alone.

Today, let us reflect on three lessons beginning with the letter C: Compassion, Call, and Courage.

1. Compassion – Jesus Sees Our Needs

The Gospel says Jesus was moved with compassion. Compassion means more than feeling sorry; it means caring deeply and acting with love. Jesus notices the forgotten, the weak, and the suffering.

As followers of Christ, we are also invited to have compassionate hearts. In a small community like Hurunui, compassion may mean checking on an elderly neighbour, listening to someone who is grieving, helping a struggling family, or simply offering kindness to someone who feels alone.

People may forget our words, but they rarely forget love shown to them.

2. Call – Everyone Has a Mission

Jesus called the twelve disciples and sent them out to heal, preach, and bring hope. This mission was not only for priests or religious people. Every baptised Christian has a calling.

Some are called to serve through prayer, others through kindness, teaching, helping the parish, visiting the lonely, encouraging young people, or sharing faith in everyday conversations.

Jesus still says to us: "The harvest is plentiful." There are many people longing for hope, peace, and encouragement. The question is: are we willing to answer His call?

3. Courage – Trust God and Go Forward

The disciples were ordinary people, yet Jesus trusted them with an extraordinary mission. They were not perfect, but they were willing.

Faith requires courage—the courage to forgive, to pray when life is difficult, to trust God during uncertain times, and to speak kindly in a world that often feels cold. Christ does not ask us to be fearless. He asks us to trust Him.

Dear friends, Jesus still looks upon us with compassion, still calls us by name, and still gives us courage to serve.

Practical Reflection Question:

This week, how can I show Christ's compassion, answer His call, and live with courage in one concrete way for someone around me?

From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 29

Joseph was called by God to be the spouse of the virgin Mary, the foster father of Jesus from the line of David. "in virtue of St Joseph's marriage to Mary, would confer on the Son of the Virgin- on God's Son- the legal title of "Son of David" thus fulfil the prophesies." Pope Benedict XVI.

FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-6

I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation

Psalm

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:6-11

Now we have been reconciled by the death of his Son,
surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son

Matthew 9:36-10:8

The harvest is rich but the labourers are few

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

695: Glory and Praise

609: in bread we bring you

865 Here I am Lord

721 How great thou art

ONE MINUTE CATECHESIS - ON BIBLE AND SACRED TRADITION

Q: What does the Catholic Church teach about the Bible and Tradition?

The Catholic Church teaches that God reveals Himself through both Sacred Scripture (the Bible) and Sacred Tradition. Sacred Scripture is the written Word of God inspired by the Holy Spirit, while Sacred Tradition is the living transmission of God's Word handed down by Jesus to the apostles and passed on through the Church's teaching, worship, and life. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 80–82), Scripture and Tradition "are bound closely together" and flow from the same divine source. The Church teaches that they work together and cannot be separated because both communicate God's saving truth.

Q: Why does the Church value both the Bible and Tradition?

The Church values both because the Christian faith was first passed on through preaching, teaching, and lived witness before the New Testament was fully written. The apostles shared what they received from Christ through spoken teaching and written texts. The Church therefore teaches that revealed truth is not based on the Bible alone but on the one "deposit of faith" preserved through Scripture and Tradition together. The Magisterium (the teaching authority of the Church) helps faithfully interpret this revelation.

Q: How should Catholics live this teaching in daily life?

Catholics are encouraged to read the Bible prayerfully and also learn from the living Tradition of the Church through Mass, prayers, sacraments, teachings, and the witness of the saints. A practical implication is to make daily faith a habit: read a Gospel passage, attend Mass faithfully, pray with the Church, and seek guidance from Catholic teaching when making decisions. By listening to both Scripture and Tradition, Catholics grow closer to Christ and live their faith with greater wisdom and confidence.

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.

Hanmer & Culverden Vigil Masses on Saturday 13th June: Fr Edwin Colaco

Amberley & Hawarden Masses on Sunday 14th June: Fr Larisse of the Holy Spirit, Beatitudes Community.

Parish AGM

23 June - 8-9pm - Hawarden. All Welcome.

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