



11 October 2026 - 28th 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



Amberley

Adoration & Reconciliation
Every Thursday 7pm

Culverden

Adoration, Reconciliation & Mass
Every 1st Friday/month 6pm

Confession by Appointment
or before Mass

Kalavale

Parish's cup of tea & raffles
1st Sunday of the Month.

St Joseph Men's Group

2nd & 4th Monday 7pm-9pm

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COME TO THE BANQUET: GOD IS INVITING YOU

Today, the readings give us a beautiful message:

God is preparing something good for us. He is inviting us to His banquet.

In the first reading, Isaiah gives us a wonderful picture. God prepares a great feast for His people. There will be good food, good wine, joy, and celebration. But more importantly, God will remove the sadness, pain, and fear of His people.

Isaiah tells us that God will wipe away the tears from every face.

What a beautiful promise!

God knows that life is not always easy. We have problems in our families. We have worries about money, health, work, and the future. Sometimes we feel lonely or tired.

But God says: "I am preparing a better future for you. Do not lose hope."

Then Jesus gives us the same message in the Gospel through the story of the wedding banquet. The king prepared a great feast for his son's wedding. He invited many people, but some refused to come. They were too busy. They had other things to do.

This can happen to us.

God invites us to Mass. God invites us to prayer. God invites us to love. God invites us to forgive. God invites us to serve others.

But sometimes we say, "I'm too busy."

We have time for our phones. We have time for television. We have time for work and shopping. But sometimes we have no time for God.

The problem is not that God stopped inviting us. The problem is that sometimes we stop accepting His invitation.

And notice something important in the Gospel: one man came to the banquet but was not wearing the proper wedding garment.

This reminds us that accepting God's invitation is not enough. We must also change our lives. We cannot simply say, "I believe in God," and then continue living without love, forgiveness, kindness, or faith.

My brothers and sisters, every Sunday, Jesus invites us to His table. He gives us His Word and, in the Eucharist, gives us Himself.

Do not miss the banquet God has prepared for you.

Come to Him. Make time for Him. Open your heart to Him.

And when He invites you to love someone, forgive someone, or help someone—say yes. Because God's invitation is not just for heaven someday. It begins today.

Reflection Question

What is one thing in my life that is keeping me too busy to accept God's invitation more fully?

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet for every nation

Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

With the help of the One who gives me strength,
there is nothing I cannot master

Matthew 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can to the wedding

HYMNS for SUNDAY MASSES

(May vary on the day)

883: Christ be our light

605: Take our Bread

865: I the Lord of sea and sky

770: Shine Jesus Shine

From the workshop- words on St Joseph- Fr Calloway's book Page 40

You should always strive to defend the person and the name of Jesus against all blasphemy, insult and sacrilege....You must resemble your spiritual father, always willing to sacrifice yourself for love of truth. St Joseph Zealous defender of Christ, pray for us.

One Minute catechesis — OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY.

October: The Month of the Holy Rosary

Q: Why do Catholics have a devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary?

A: Catholics honour Mary because she is the Mother of Jesus and therefore the Mother of God. The Church teaches that Mary is uniquely united with her Son and is a model of faith and discipleship. The Catechism says that Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ (CCC 964). When we honour Mary, we ultimately honour what God has done in her and are led closer to Jesus.

Q: Is praying the Rosary worshipping Mary?

A: No. Catholics worship God alone. The Rosary is a Marian prayer that leads us to Christ. Through the prayers of the Rosary, especially the Hail Mary, we meditate on important events in the life of Jesus. The Catechism teaches that devotion to Mary differs essentially from the worship given to God (CCC 971).

Q: Why is October called the Month of the Rosary?

A: October has a special connection with the Holy Rosary, especially through the liturgical memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. The Rosary has been strongly encouraged by the Church as a prayer of meditation on Christ's life.

Q: What does the Catechism teach about the Rosary?

A: The Catechism encourages Christian prayer to include meditation on the mysteries of Christ. In speaking about Marian prayer, it specifically mentions the Rosary as a traditional prayer that helps us contemplate Christ with Mary (CCC 2708, 2678).

Q: How can the Rosary help me in daily life?

A: The Rosary teaches us to pause, remember, and trust. When life is stressful, instead of immediately worrying, take your Rosary and pray. When your family has problems, pray together. When you are travelling, pray. When you are lonely, remember that Mary leads us to her Son. Practical Challenge

During this October, try praying at least one decade of the Rosary every day. If possible, pray the full Rosary with your family or parish community. Do not simply hold the Rosary in your hands—let the mysteries of Jesus change your heart.

One simple question:

When I pray the Rosary, am I becoming more like Jesus?

Notices

"Kalevale"

The Parish join to celebrate "Kalevale" on the first Sunday of each month, when we have a cup of tea in hall and a raffle to raise funds for the Sisters of the Little of Mary who work in Kalevale, Tonga. Their work includes teaching, nursing and also visiting the prisons. This money helps to provide for the Sisters in their work and is NOT part of any other fundraising. Thank you. Mary Bimler

Sunday, 18 October 2026 - World Mission Sunday.

The Pope's video message for World Mission Sunday has now been released:

[Fr Michael Pui, NZ National Director and Pope Leo XIV on 100th World Mission Sunday 2026](#)

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Advance Notice of activities we did last year and happening again in 2026:

Parish day of reflection at Hawarden Saturday 07 November- All Welcome.

Parish procession Amberley to Beatitudes Sunday 29th November- All Welcome.