

Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

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Dear Parishioners

It was great yesterday to hear again our neighbours, the children of Sacred Heart school, out in the playground enjoying their friends company!

Further to my letter of last Tuesday I would like to inform you of the following:

1. The churches at **Sacred Heart, Addington and Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell will be opened again as from tomorrow, Saturday, 11th September**, for private prayer.
2. There will be **no Masses on Saturday or Sunday** at any of our parish churches
3. The churches at **Beckenham and Hoon Hay** will remain closed under Alert Level 2
4. The **church halls will all remain closed** during Alert Level 2
5. The chapel **at the Carmelite Monastery will remain closed** under Alert Level 2
6. There **will be weekday Masses commencing this Monday, 13th September** and you will find the **Mass schedule below**

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING FOR THE WEEKDAY MASSES:

- There is a **limit of 50** for each Mass
- **You must register** online on the Diocesan website
<https://www.cognitofirms.com/CatholicDioceseOfChristchurch/WeekdayMassRegistration>
or phone the parish office **338 8395** to register a place
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Registration with the Diocese will **NOT** open **UNTIL 2pm** today
- **5 places at each Mass** have been reserved for those who were unable to register online

- At the church you are to **sign in** using the Covid App or fill in the sheet of paper provided and place in one of the two collection boxes found in the foyer of the church
- **Physical distancing of 2 metres** between bubbles and you must be seated in the places designated in the church
- During Mass no one is permitted to be in the foyer of the church
- It is **highly recommended** that you are **wearing a mask**

Once again I would ask you please to make contact with parishioners:

- who may not have a computer and who did not receive this letter
- who may live alone
- who may be unwell

Your support of these people at this time is appreciated. If there is anyone you know of who would like to talk to or have a visit from any of the priests please send me an email or leave a message via the phone; thank you.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available beginning again **this Saturday, 11th September, at Sacred Heart church from 10:30am – 11:30am.** Due to the requirements of a 2 metre distance, the Sacrament of Reconciliation room will not be used. You can also make an appointment to see one of the priests.

With regard to the priests and their activities (refer to last's weekends letter). Thank you to those who submitted entries. There was no one who aligned the priest to the activity and got 5 out of 5! The prize will now roll over to the next competition!! The correct answers were: Fr Barry (crosswords) Fr Allan (walking), myself (carpentry), Fr Phil (plumbing) and Fr Ben (baking/cooking).

During Alert Level 2 there will be **no parish newsletter** until we return to weekend Masses. I am happy to include notices in this letter if required. If you want a parish notice included with my letter please contact Janice at the parish office. The following notices have been received:



89A Sparks Rd, Hoon Hay Ph 338 9503 admin@ola.school.nz www.ola.school.nz

Enrolments for 2022 at Our Lady of the Assumption School close on 1st October 2021.

St Peter's Beckenham – Edie

For anyone from the [St Peter's Beckenham](#) community wishing to support the recovery of Gretchen's daughter Edie, this is the link to Edie's Give a little page <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/support-fund-for-edie>"

A free copy of the **September MARIST MESSENGER** is available for anyone who would like a copy. You can either call at the parish office or get one from the foyer of the church at either Sacred Heart or Sts Peter & Paul.

Social Justice Week is 12 – 18 September. The following is from a letter received from Caritas: "this year's theme is particularly apt: *A Culture of Encounter: Be the Church* and focuses on encounter and community, exploring the messages of Pope Francis' *Fratelli Tutti*. Especially in these challenging times of pandemic uncertainty, Pope Francis calls us to build a better world based on fraternal love." You can find all the resources for this week online: cartias.org.nz/parishes/social-justice-week

With best wishes and blessings



Father Peter Head sm
Parish Priest

WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE (beginning Monday, 13th September)

Monday:	Sacred Heart	5:30pm	Addington
Tuesday:	Sts Peter & Paul	9:00am	Halswell
Wednesday:	Sacred Heart	9:00am	Addington
Thursday:	Sts Peter & Paul Sacred Heart	9:00am 5:30pm	Halswell Addington
Friday:	Sacred Heart	9:00am	Addington

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacred Heart	Addington	10:30am – 11:30am
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or by appointment with one of the priests

Flowering in my office at present: Amaryllis Hippeastrum

