



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

28th November 2021—1st Sunday of Advent

Are you Ready?

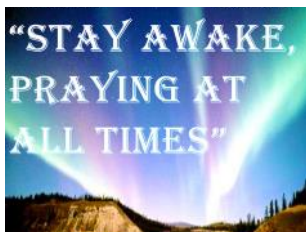
This weekend we celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent – the beginning of a season of preparation for the ‘first’ coming of Jesus at Christmas.

In New Zealand, this coincides with the coming of summer, the end of the school year and preparing for holidays over the Christmas break. At the current time we are also contending with the demands and restrictions of the Covid pandemic, exacerbating the anxiety and stress many of us feel at this time of year.

With so much going on, both in the world and in our own lives this Advent, it can be easy to forget another, much more important reality: that we are all called to prepare ourselves – to get ready - for the ‘second’ coming of Jesus.

Thankfully, one day this world will pass away, and our Lord will return. The Scripture readings from the weeks leading up to Advent and during the season remind us that we know neither the day nor the hour that this will happen. We are warned to ‘watch ourselves and stay awake’ lest the return of the Lord catches us unawares. In many ways, the season of advent is our chance to have a dress rehearsal – to reflect upon where we are in our lives right now, and the things we need to do to make ourselves ready to meet Jesus.

Where should we start? Perhaps a good place is with forgiveness. Ask yourself, who in my life do I need to forgive? And from whom do I need to ask forgiveness? Personally, I know there are people in my life that fit into both of these categories.



We can also commit ourselves to pray more during this time, to read the scriptures, and to partake in some of the wonderful gifts God has given us through the Church – such as Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These gifts help us to grow closer to Jesus and are sources of grace which we all need during this time. There will be opportunities in the parish for all of these during the coming weeks.

Finally, let us also look to Our Blessed Mother for the example we should follow. In the words of Cardinal Cantalamessa – Our Lady didn’t just “celebrate Advent; she lived it in her flesh”. Her ‘Yes’ to God prepared the way for Jesus to come into the world. Let us pray for the grace to emulate Mary and prepare a place for the Lord in our hearts during this season.

Timothy Malone

Coordinator of Sacramental Ministries



ANointing MASS: will be held at Sacred Heart church on **Thursday 9th December at 1.00pm**, followed by afternoon tea. If anyone needs any help to get to this Mass please contact Joanne Hope, Coordinator of Pastoral Care. pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz

READINGS (Year B) **This week:** : Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Response: *To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.*

Next week: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:3-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
These are also on our Mobile App under **Readings**.



COLUMBAN CALENDAR: is now available at the office for **\$12.00. Cash only please.**

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Parish Notices

LOVING FOR LIFE MOTHERS/DAUGHTERS/



FATHERS/SONS EVENINGS: Loving for Life NZ helps young people explore topics around relationships and sexuality from a Catholic perspective. Our parish is hosting this programme on **Tuesday 7th December** for years 7-8 (11-13 year olds) and their parents/caregivers from **5:30pm - 8:15pm** in the Sacred Heart parish hall. Suggested donation is \$15. To register, email secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz. Or go to our website. Flyers are in the church foyer. Please register by **Friday 3rd December**. For more information on LFL, visit lovingforlife.org.nz.

PARISH FORMED.ORG SUBSCRIPTION:

Our parish has purchased **formed.org** for our parishioners. This website has thousands of videos, series, talks, eBooks and more. This content is suitable for children, teens and adults.

Signing up is easy.

- 1: Go to formed.org/signup
- 2: Look for 'Catholic Parish of Christchurch South'
- 3: Enter your name and your email address

HOME VACCINATION SERVICE: is available for those who can't get to existing clinics or events ph 0800 226829 to discuss. Also Drop-in at Barrington Mall. Christchurch Arena in Addington Drive-through open until December 23. Entrance off Wrights Road. No booking required. Weekday 1.30-7.30, weekends 11am-5pm.

ADVENT : FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily reflections for Advent. Sign up at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.

Parish & Diocesan Notices

STS PETER & PAUL HALSWELL CHURCH: Thank you to the volunteers who have agreed to open up the church. The opening hours of the church will now be Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays if people want to make a visit.

HALSWELL CATHOLIC'S WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Christmas raffle tickets available after Mass on **27/28 November and 4/5 December**. Cash sales only.

MISSIO NZ BIBLE DIARY: containing the daily Gospel reading and a short reflection. To order call 09 489 6549 or email info@missio.nz. \$20 each +postage. www.missio.nz/donate page.

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP – 1 HOUR: AT ST PATRICKS CHURCH – LINCOLN – SELWYN



PARISH : MONDAY NOVEMBER 29th 7PM.

Register online <https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/safe-church/safeguarding-course-registration/>

Contact: Clodagh Ward, cward@cdoc.nz

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: 11th December 2021: You and your family are warmly invited to celebrate our annual Festival of Lights with the Community of the Beatitudes at the Sanctuary of Fourvière (67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield). Starting at 6pm with Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Novatus Rugambwa. Picnic dinner (bring your picnic), Eucharistic Procession, all-night adoration and benediction at dawn. Contact Thomas 022 606 2538

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: Online Saturday 4 December @ 2pm www.marchforlife.nz/online
Be a voice for the voiceless at your home.

Alert Level 2 Mass Timetable

Addington Sacred Heart
70 Spencer Street

Monday	5.30pm
Wednesday	9.00am
Friday	9.00am
Saturday	9.00am
Saturday Vigil	5.00pm.
Sunday	10.30am
Sunday	5.00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation Sacred Heart:
Saturday 10.30am—11.30am
or by appointment with a priest

Exposition at Sacred Heart
Friday after 9.00am
Mass until 10.30am
Saturday after 9.00am
Mass until 11.30am

Beckenham St Peter's
11 Fisher Avenue
Sunday 9.00am
No Weekday Masses during Alert Level 2

Carmel Monastery
52 Halswell Road
Daily 8.30am
Sunday Mass limit 30

Halswell Sts Peter & Paul
56 Nicholls Road
Thursday 9.00am
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 10.30am

Hoon Hay Our Lady of the Assumption 170 Hoon Hay Road
Sunday 9.00am
No Weekday Masses during Alert Level 2

Baptisms 2nd Sunday of the month.
Contact the Parish Office

Primary Schools Our Lady of Assumption
Ph 338 9503,
www.ola.school.nz/Home/

Sacred Heart
Ph 338 3247,
www.sacredheartchch.school.nz

St Peter's
Ph 332 7598,
www.saintpeters.school.nz

Mass Intentions: Gill A Robertson, Cleza Datoy, Bud & Rosemary Grose, Doreen Ford, Pauline Daly, Mary & Des Brady

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:
Peter Jamieson

Weekly Collections 21 Nov

Parish \$1,766 Clergy \$882
Missions \$3,000
Thank you

Parish account for donations
Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20



THANK YOU: to Fr Ben and the Young Adults for coordinating the days that the painting of Mary's Way was present in our Parish. Thank you to all the parishioners who spent time in praying at Our Lady of the Assumption church during the presence of Mary's way.

