



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

12th December 2021—3rd Sunday of Advent

Rejoice in the Lord Always



“Shout for joy, daughter of Zion” (Zeph 3:14), “Sing and shout for joy for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel” (Is 12:2), “I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord” (Phil 4:4). This weekend's readings all focus on joy. It is known as “*Gaudete*” Sunday, after the first words of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin, meaning “*Rejoice!*”

In the middle of this time of waiting in hope we are given a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Christmas time – an anticipation of Christmas joy. We have a lot going on around us at the moment – the Covid-19 virus, traffic light systems, Vaccine passes, work or financial insecurities – and Christmas might not be at the forefront of our minds. We might not feel particularly joyful at the moment, but we know that Christian joy can exist even at difficult times of our lives. This weekend we are encouraged to pause and reflect on the joy of *God-with-us*, of Jesus entering our world to free us. Christmas is not something that just happens to be going on at the same time as all these other things, rather it is the solution or antidote to these things. Jesus came into our world to walk beside us in our fears and insecurities – to show us that he is greater than these things and to deliver us from them. That is surely something to be joyful about.

Fr Phil.

ADORATION and the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION during ADVENT from 7:00pm to 8:00pm:



Tuesday, **14th December**, Our Lady of the Assumption, Hoon Hay
Thursday, **16th December**, St Peter's, Beckenham
Tuesday, **21st December**, Sacred Heart, Addington



COVID 19 FRAMEWORK: Our Parish will be providing Masses for all parishioners regardless of vaccination status. Although this is a difficult change this system will allow many more parishioners to attend Mass. Some Masses will require My Vaccine Pass and others will not require the Pass. This is to comply with Government regulations and the recommendations of the Catholic Bishops Conference. Please check our website to see the new framework we are now working under <https://christchurchsouth.org.nz/> if you want to be added to our mailing list please email secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz

MY VACCINE PASS FOR MINISTRIES: Roster reminders are sent automatically from Elvanto. Please note, that if you are participating in a My Vaccine Pass Mass, you are required to have a My Vaccine Pass.

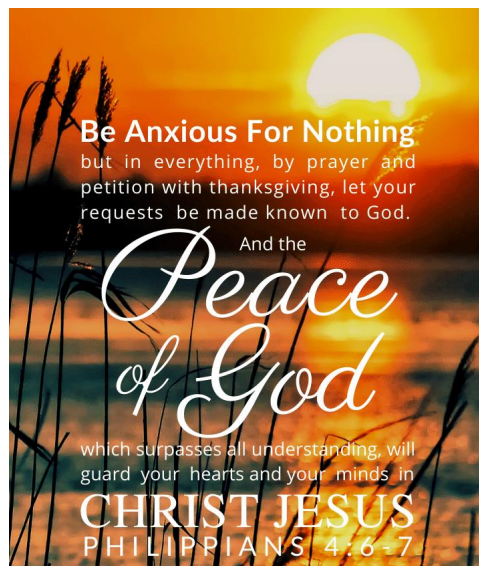
If you can no longer attend your rostered Mass please let Janice know either by email or phone.

READINGS (Year C) This week: : Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18



Response: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy*

Next week: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44
These are also on our Mobile App under **Readings**.



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Parish App

The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



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Catholic South Youth Group



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Parish Notices

MONDAY 13TH DECEMBER: there will be no Mass at Sacred Heart at 5.30pm. There will be Mass at the Carmelite Monastery at 8.30am.

STS PETER & PAUL HALSWELL CHURCH FLOWER GROUP: New members needed. Duties are for 2 weeks at a time and approx 4 times per year plus helping at Easter and Christmas. No formal qualifications needed just a love of flowers and ability to contribute to the Majesty of the Mass through arranging flowers. Please contact Anne Marie Baird on 3296647, can leave a msg, or Txt on 0273484886. Thank you.

MISSING POT PLANTS: Does anyone know the whereabouts of two potted chrysanthemums (one white, one pink) that were left in the back of the church foyer at Sacred Heart church after the funeral of Ngarita Greig? These pot plants were gifted to the family and they are wondering where they might have gone. If anyone knows the whereabouts of these pot plants can you please let Janice at the parish office know.

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE: A hardcopy of the Christmas timetable is available in the church foyer for those who do not have access to the internet.

Parish & Diocesan Notices

CHRISTMAS FOOD DONATIONS—ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Christmas is coming and we are asking for your contributions towards the celebrations with Christmas food. Hampers will be going out in the week *before Christmas. 15th to 18th December.* Please place your contributions in the baskets at church foyers. Thank you so much for your support and donations throughout the year. *Pat Watson*

BISHOP'S CARE APPEAL: Funds collected will support initiatives in our Diocese that have people who are struggling, particularly at this difficult time. Please take an envelope from the foyer and consider making a gift to this important cause.

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

Addington

Sacred Heart
70 Spencer Street
Monday 5.30pm
Wednesday 9.00am
Friday 9.00am
Saturday 9.00am
Saturday Vigil 5.00pm.
*Sunday 9.00am
*(Limit 50)
Sunday 10.30am
*Sunday 5.00pm
*(Limit 50)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

Exposition at Sacred Heart

Friday 9.30am until
10.30am
Saturday 9.30am until
11.30am

Beckenham

St Peter's
11 Fisher Avenue
Sunday 9.00am

Carmel Monastery

52 Halswell Road
Daily 8.30am

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

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



Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee

Isaiah 35:10

Joy

 mbeddedfaith.org

Weekly Collections 5 December
Parish \$2,519 Clergy Fund \$1,259

Automatic Payments November
Parish \$8,820 Clergy \$4,410

Thank you

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



Thank You!

Last advent, your support made an immense impact on families of the St James School community through food and petrol vouchers in times of need.

"The families are always very grateful to know they are being supported by the Catholic community."

- Rose Firth-Scott, Principal, St James School, Aranui

Consider Donating Online:
www.chchcatholic.nz



Mass Intentions: John W. Tier, Lynette Kelcher, June Townsend, Rosemary & Bud Grose, Tony Lane

Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time: Pauline Daly, Violeta Greig, John Tier