



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

19th December 2021—4th Sunday of Advent

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

As we come towards the end of the Season of Advent we are reminded that we do not have to sleepwalk into the future. We have all encountered so many changes due to the presence of Covid 19 this year. But in the midst of all that is happening we have to remember the story of Jesus again, and that memory becomes the ground of our hope. **The future holds hope only because we are convinced of God's abiding presence with us no matter what happens.** That is why we retell the story of Jesus again and again. We all need to be reminded of God's love made visible in Jesus. **Only when we keep looking at Jesus throughout the year in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, can we keep hoping for a better world for ourselves and for all humanity.**



It is Mary who is the model for us to have hope for our future. The story of Mary indicates that she lived her life with circumstances beyond her control. But she had the ability to respond in faith, trust, generosity and with courage. As we heard in today's Gospel she went to assist Elizabeth in her need; **she did not focus on herself but reached out to serve lovingly by supporting and helping someone who needed her presence.** In the meeting of Elizabeth and Mary there is a sense in which the Old Testament meets the New Testament. It is a time of great blessing.

THANK YOU

As this will be the final newsletter for 2021 I want to offer my thanks to all the parishioners for your support during yet another challenging year. **I would like to express my gratitude especially to the Parish Staff, the Transition Team and the Finance & Management Committee for the way they have worked together and for their generosity in time and the advice they have given to me.** We are very fortunate in the people we have in leadership positions in the Catholic Parish of Christchurch South. **To all our parishioners who serve the parish in so many different ways I offer you my sincere thanks and gratitude.**



HAPPY CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR



On behalf of the Parish Staff I wish you all a very happy and blessed Christmas. If you are travelling during the holidays, safe travels. 2022 will not doubt bring more challenges for us all to deal with but **together we can face our future with hope in God who is always with us on our journey.**

Fr Peter Head sm
Parish Priest

This will be the last newsletter for 2021. The first newsletter for 2022 will be 22/23 January.

MASS TIMETABLES: The Christmas and Holiday timetables can be found on our website <https://christchurchsouth.org.nz> and the Parish App.

READINGS (Year C) This week: : Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

Response: *Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.*

Next week: Ecc 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52
These are also on our Mobile App under **Readings.**



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Parish Notices

ADORATION and the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION during ADVENT from 7:00pm to 8:00pm: Tuesday, **21st December**, Sacred Heart, Addington

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: there will be NO Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrated on a Saturday morning [10:30am - 11:30am] from Saturday, **25 December - Saturday, 22nd January**. You are most welcome to make an appointment with one of the priests to celebrate the Sacrament during this time.

SOCIETY OF MARY SHIFTS OF INTEREST FOR 2022: there will be no one shifting from Spencer Street so the Marist Community and the Parish Staff will be remaining the same. **Fr Bernard Carney sm** is shifting to Marion Court, Silverstream, to be the Superior. **Fr Kerry Prendeville sm** is coming from Auckland to be the Superior of the Marists living at Nazareth House. **Fr Kevin Head sm** has been appointed to St Patrick's Parish in Sydney. **Fr Pat Brophy sm** will be the editor of the Marist Messenger.

HOON HAY CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS:
Carols at 7.30 before the 8.00 pm Mass on Christmas eve at OLA



Mass Intentions: Jhanel Reyes, Bud & Rosemary Grose, Heather Boaz, Veronica & Edward Consedine, Fr Brian Consedine, Mary & Des Brady, Dorothy & Vincent Consedine, Mary & Ivan Henderson, Mollie Consedine

Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time: Patricia Thorn (12/1), Tony Lane

Weekly Collections 12 December
Parish \$2,128 Clergy fund \$1,064

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

Thank you

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

Parish & Diocesan Notices

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES: Children coming to the 6 pm Christmas Vigil Mass at St Peters or 5pm Sacred Heart are welcome to dress up to celebrate the Nativity. Come as shepherds, angels, Mary, Joseph, or even one of the stable animals if you'd like!

GARDENS: at **St Peter's Church, Beckenham and Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Hoon Hay**. Would you like to be involved in a regular garden tidy-up around the church in 2022? It would involve weeding and trimming, not lawns. If so, please speak to other like-minded people in your community and let the parish office know.

HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: We have now drawn the raffle and a list of prize winners is on the notice board in the foyer of the Saints Peter and Paul Church. Congratulations to the nine winners and thank you to all those who bought tickets and supported us. Thanks and best wishes for a happy and holy festive season. Helen Hutching for **Halswell Catholic Women's League**

LOW SENSORY CHRISTMAS MASS: Two low sensory Christmas Vigil Masses are being offered. Both are Thursday the **23rd of December** at 5pm :

St Teresa's, Riccarton **Vaccine Pass required**
St Patrick's, Kaiapoi **No Pass required**

This is for anyone who may be on the autism spectrum, people who have sensory issues or social anxiety and their families.



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

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