



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 20th March 2022—3rd Sunday of Lent

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT and the SEASON OF AUTUMN

As a keen gardener, there is some very practical, sound advice given in today's Gospel: conditions for growth include compost, digging, water – it takes time to revitalize the soil so as to produce – flowers, vegies.

There is a sense in which the season of autumn is the season for "letting go", the season to "surrender" in order that winter can proceed, preparing us once again for the season of spring when new life, new growth will appear.



Today's Gospel is also about us not producing the fruit that God desires. We all stand in need of repentance. God gives us, in his mercy, more time for repentance, for turning back to Him. In other words, we are invited to look at and do something about our need to be in right relationship with God, other people, the earth. If this happens, it will lead to fruitfulness.

God is always faithful and consistent. His love for us never changes, no matter how we behave, no matter how serious our sins may be. If and when we sin, God continues to love us as he always did and does.

The season of autumn is calling us to "let go" of the past and to reflect on "what in our lives needs to fall away like the autumn leaves so another life waiting in the wings can have its turn to live" (Joyce Rupp).



Opportunity for us to come and be nourished is given to us during this time of Lent. Every Lenten season is our chance to "fertilize our tree" and to see how it can be more fruitful. God calls us, invites us to come and be nourished. "The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy" (Ps 102) God's love is there for the taking. What are we waiting for?

Lenten Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation  
7:00pm – 8:00pm:

St Peter's, Beckenham  
Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell  
Sacred Heart, Addington

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April

Fr Peter



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Fridays of Lent,**  
**6.30pm** at Our

Lady of the Assumption  
Church, Hoon Hay

#### READINGS (Year C)

**This week:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15;  
1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13: 1-9

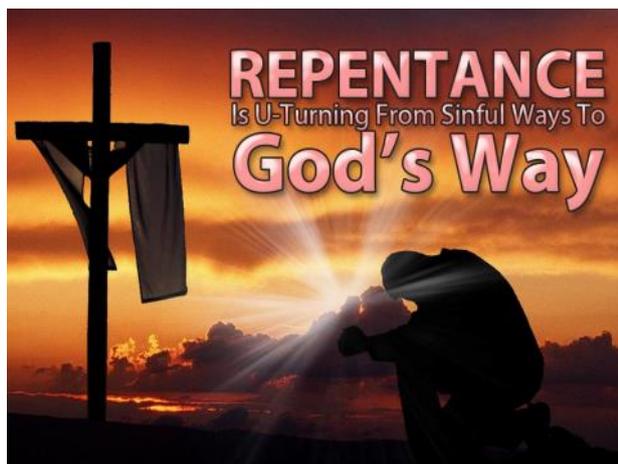
**Response:** *The Lord is kind and merciful*



#### Next week:

Jos 5:9-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

These are also on our Mobile App under **Readings**.



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## PARISH NOTICES

### VIGIL FOR PEACE 12 HOURS OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE:

In a meeting of Christchurch Church leaders last Wednesday, it was agreed to a call to pray for **Peace in Ukraine, next Friday 25 March, 2022**. Given our "Red Light" restrictions, it is not possible to organise a gathering of Christians from across the city in one venue to pray. Accordingly, individuals, families and Churches across the whole of Christchurch city and the region are invited to pray next **Friday 25 March** and, if possible, to organise an hour of concentrated prayer within the period between 7am and 7pm. We are all very aware that the situation in Ukraine is desperate and urgent and thus this invitation to come and pray for peace.

**For the Catholic Parish of Christchurch South we will be having Exposition after the Friday, 9am Mass (Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord) until 12 midday.** You are invited to come and pray during this time for:

- \* peace and stability to be restored quickly
- \* safe passage for civilians
- \* safe aid routes
- \* the Churches in Ukraine and surrounding countries
- \* medical aid within Ukraine
- \* refugee care and relief in border countries
- \* for God's protection over children and families as they are uprooted from their hometowns
- \* for Aid organisations to be able to quickly reach the most vulnerable families with the resources they need most.

*This prayer vigil has been initiated and supported by the Heads of Denominations and Te Raranga Network of Churches*

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Registrations are still being accepted for the First Holy Communion programme which starts on **Sunday 27th March**. Please register your children for the programme on the **parish website**. This is open for parishioners whose children have been baptised and are in **Year 4 or older**.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2022-2023: are now available** to collect from the church foyer. *Please ensure that you take the correct NAMED envelopes. Numbers may have changed.* Thank you to all those who use this method of giving.



### ST VINCENT DE PAUL BECKENHAM

Thank you to all those who donated to our SVDP fund. It is greatly appreciated.

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP:** Come join us for Mass on **Mondays at 5.30 pm** at Sacred Heart Church and for a gathering after. We have talks and discussions on various topics and then dinner.

### CARITAS LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS

are available in the church foyers. Envelopes can be placed in the parish collection basket. *Thank you*

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL FUNDRAISER:** St. Peter's School is fundraising by selling **hot cross buns**. If you would like to place an order, please go to the website below and fill in your details. Sarah Lowe (Principal), along with student leaders, will bring the hot cross buns to church for collection. If this doesn't suit she will contact you about dropping them off directly. St. Peter's School would love your support - we appreciate our parish connection. The website for ordering is: <https://stpeterschch.raiseit.nz/lowefamily>

Catholic Parish of Christchurch South: Mass Times for RED Traffic Light

Registration required for all weekend Masses.

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
Sunday	10.30am
*Sunday	5.00pm

\*Sunday 9am and 5pm Masses:  
No Vaccine Pass required, 25 maximum.

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  
\*My Vaccine Pass required.  
Limit 40

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/](http://www.ola.school.nz/Home/)

Sacred Heart, Ph 338 3247,  
[www.sacredheartchch.school.nz](http://www.sacredheartchch.school.nz)

St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,  
[www.saintpeters.school.nz](http://www.saintpeters.school.nz)



### Mass Intentions:

Rosemary & Bud Grose,  
Wilfred Townsend,  
Heather Boaz, Carmelita Pasa, Cade Lorenzo

**Please Pray for Recently**

**Deceased:** Marie Boyle, Luis Salazar

### Weekly Collections 13 March

Parish \$1,084  
Clergy \$542

### Automatic Payments February

Parish \$8,926  
Clergy \$4,463  
*Thank you*

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