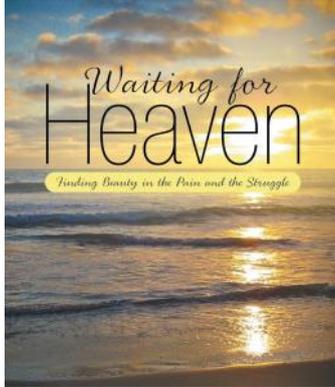




Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

27th March 2022—4th Sunday of Lent

Waiting for Heaven



The Gospel this week recounts the Parable of the 'Prodigal Son'. The Parable is a reminder to us that we are only sojourners in this earthly life – and that our True home is in the arms of our Father in Heaven. I leave you now with a reflection on this truth from an ancient letter between some of our ancestors in the faith (circa 2nd-3rd century AD):

Excerpt from 'A letter to Diognetus'

"Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs. They do not inhabit separate cities of their own, or speak a strange dialect, or follow some outlandish way of life. Their teaching is not based upon reveries inspired by the curiosity of men. Unlike some other people, they champion no purely human doctrine. With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign.

And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens, but labour under all the disabilities of foreigners. Any country can be their homeland, but for them their homeland, wherever it may be, is a foreign country. They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law.

To speak in general terms, we may say that the Christian is to the world what the soul is to the body...It is by the soul, enclosed within the body, that the body is held together, and similarly, it is by the Christians, detained in the world as in a prison, that the world is held together. The soul, though immortal, has a mortal dwelling place; and Christians also live for a time amidst perishable things, while awaiting the freedom from change and decay that will be theirs in heaven."

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

Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell
Sacred Heart, Addington

Thursday, 31st March
Thursday, 7th April

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays of Lent, 6.30pm
at Our Lady of the
Assumption Church,
Hoon Hay

READINGS (Year C)

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

Response: *Taste and see the goodness of the Lord*

Next week:

Isa 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; John 8: 1-11



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



PARISH NOTICES

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR FR PHIL: our Provincial has announced that as from June of this year Fr Phil will be taking up studies and other preparation to equip him for a new ministry of initial formation of Marist students who are preparing for the priesthood. He will be undertaking a religious formation ministry programme in Dublin. We congratulate him on his new appointment but at the same time acknowledge how he will be missed as a member of the Parish Staff. Fr Phil will be leaving the parish sometime in May.

REGISTRATIONS FOR MASS: COVID 19 and CHANGES: for the next two weekends (**26/27 March & 2/3 April**) we will continue the way we are with the exception that, for the next two weekends, the My Vaccine Pass Masses will increase from 100 to 200.

We are still under the Red Light setting but a review of this will take place on 4 April. Face masks are still required.

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.

CULTURE OF SAFEGUARDING: Keep the date! For those who have not yet attended a Safeguarding workshop. The next workshop is scheduled at St Theresa's, Riccarton on **Wednesday 4th May at 1pm and Tuesday 10th May at 7pm.**

HOSPITALITY AT FUNERALS: Over the years many generous parishioners have provided hospitality for funerals at our four churches: setting up, serving and cleaning up afterwards. (Food provided by the Funeral Director.) This is a service we have been pleased and privileged to offer to our bereaved families and is always appreciated. We would like to increase the numbers of helpers we have available at each church. If you would like to help please contact Joanne Hope at pastoral-care@christchurchsouth.org.nz or 03 3388395 (Men and 'younger' people welcome too!)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME The First Holy Communion programme starts on **Sunday 27th March at 2.30pm at Sacred Heart church and Hall.**

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: are in desperate need for sheets and blankets to provide warmth and comfort to those in need in our community this coming winter. We also have a great need for Household furniture particularly Whiteware and Dining Tables. Bedding can be placed in the Parish Clothing bins or email Penny on penny@svdpchch.co.nz to arrange bedding/furniture pickup. Thank you for helping us help others.

IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL: Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital please advise the chaplain:

Christchurch Hospital: Angela McCormick 364 0640 (x89554)

Burwood Hospital: Fr Job Thyikalamuriyil 03 377 5610

Hillmorton Hospital: Joan Hough 021 501 683

Nurse Maude Hospice: Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438

St George's Hospital: Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438

Southern Cross: Cathedral Parish 379 1068

If you would like a Priest to come and anoint you please contact the Parish Office on 03 338 8395.



Mass Intentions: Rosemary & Bud Grose, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:
Luis Salazar, Linda Buckley

Weekly Collections 20 March

Parish \$1,161 Clergy Fund \$580
Thank you

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

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/

Sacred Heart, Ph 338 3247,

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St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,

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