



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

24th April 2022—2nd Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Sunday

God's Unfathomable Mercy to Us



The Devotion to the Divine Mercy of God and the image of Jesus with Blood and water pouring from his heart is a comparatively modern devotion. But what it is, is a reminder to all of humanity about something that has been there since the beginning, something that cannot and does not change, the unfathomable MERCY of God. This was revealed to the Polish Saint and Mystic, St Faustina Kowalska. But to better understand this devotion, we need to better understand what Mercy is.

Justice is giving someone what is due to them. I pay 5 dollars and I get a pie and a Coke. I do something good I receive a reward, I do something bad and I get the punishment that is due to me.

Mercy can be understood as the liberal application of Justice, which is going beyond what is due, and giving freely without counting the cost. This giving to others is directly proportional to Love. Love that we first receive from God, and which we have for others. As we love our family members more, we are more likely to be merciful to them rather than a stranger.

The concept of mercy we have, is based on some experience of someone being merciful to us. Whether it was a friend who shared their lunch, or a teacher who gave an extension on an assignment, or a police officer who didn't give a ticket but a warning. These experiences all help form our human concept of Mercy. But the feast that we celebrate today is not human Mercy it is the feast of Divine Mercy.

God is love (1 John 4:8) and has limitless love for all his creation especially humanity, who are made in His image and likeness. God, who is love and is all loving is infinitely merciful to humanity, through and in His Son Jesus who was born, died and rose from the dead that we may have life to the fullest. The grace and love of God are not something that we deserve, it is not something that God owes us. When God gives us these things it is God being merciful, infinitely merciful.

His mercy is given to us in the most tangible way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Each time we humbly prepare ourselves, and contritely confess our sins, the only thing we receive is forgiveness, mercy, and the peace of Christ. So, as we celebrate this great feast of Divine Mercy, let us be grateful to our loving God for his unfathomable Divine Mercy to us and in return be merciful to others.

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READINGS (Year C)

This week: Acts 5:12-16; Apoc 1:9-13, 17-19 John 20: 19-31

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.



Next week: Acts 5:27-32; Apoc 5:11-14, 40-41; John 21:1-19

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

SYMBOLON: Do you have questions about the Faith? Want to learn more about the church? Looking for sound Catechesis?

The Catholic Faith Explained is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith and our Creed is the guide.

Join us for TEN sessions as we explore our faith. First session: **Thursday 5 May 7:00-8:30pm** for 10 consecutive Thursday nights Where: Sacred Heart Addington, Church Hall. A light supper will be provided. If you have any questions please email Fr Ben D'souza sm: assistantpriest@christchurchsouth.org.nz To register <https://forms.gle/4gZ6hoyJxbttQb7N7>

You can watch the trailer to Symbolon here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7fxsV6fIROQ>

PARISH NOTICES

COVID 19

WEEKEND and WEEKDAY MASS TIMETABLE:

We have now returned to our usual **weekend Mass timetable** and the times for these Masses are to be found in the parish newsletter, the parish website and on a notice at the entrance to all our churches.

The **weekday timetable** is also listed. When our three parish primary schools return for Term 2, discussion will take place re a Mass for each school during the weekday. The times for these Masses will be advertised when known.

LITURGICAL PRACTISES UNDER "ORANGE":

- Facemasks are encouraged to be worn when attending Mass.
- Holy Communion will continue to be under one kind (no chalice); no shaking of hands during the Sign of the Peace; no Holy Communion on the tongue; no holy water available in stoops.
- the collection baskets will be passed around after the Prayers of the Faithful; there will be an offertory procession; Altar Servers are permitted.
- The dispensation from Sunday Mass continues.

With blessings,
Fr Peter

ANZAC DAY: Monday, 25th April:

Masses for Anzac Day will be:

8:00am	Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell
8:30am	Carmelite Monastery
5:30pm	Sacred Heart, Addington

SPECIAL MASS: The Church celebrates the **Feast of St Peter Chanel**, Marist Priest and First Martyr of Oceania, on **Thursday the 28th of April**. We will have a special Mass at **6pm at Sacred Heart Church** to commemorate his life and pray for vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

WELCOMING OUR RCIA PARTICIPANTS:

Unfortunately, we could not welcome the participants of RCIA into the church over Easter, we will welcome them at the weekend Masses at Sacred Heart on the **24th of April at 10:30** and **30th of April at 5pm**. We continue to pray for all those who have journeyed with us in the **RCIA programme** for *Adele, Alyson, Charlotte, Debbie, Erin, Mary, Michelle, Polly, Rebecca* and *Ross*, as they begin this new stage of their journey as Catholics.

HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

will be selling Lucky Lotto tickets before and after Mass on **Saturday 30th April** and **Sunday 1st May**. \$10 per ticket for a chance of winning for 5 weeks.

PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS for 31 March 2022

have been emailed to those on our list. There are **hardcopy** receipts in the foyer this weekend, **for those who have requested these in the past**. Thank you for supporting your parish financially.

Planned Giving ENVELOPES are available to collect from the parish office.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2022: If you would like to give towards the Special Collections and do not have envelopes, you can do so directly to the parish bank account (reference the special collection name).

Easter Sunday (Clergy support) - 17 April
Seminary – 8 May
Peter's Pence – 26 June
Maori Education – 21 August
Mission Sunday – 23 October
Christmas (Clergy support) – 25 December

NEXT SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP: is scheduled at St Theresa's, Riccarton on **Wednesday 4th May at 1pm** and **Tuesday 10th May at 7pm**.

Mass Intentions: Mary Powell, Heather Boaz, Ruby Aguilar-Jardenil, Anton Marcijasz (Anniv), Nora O'Neill (Anniv), Bud & Rosemary Grose, Nancy Margaret Lubulellah

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:

Monica Borough, José Nystad, Sr Marita Breen LCM, Marie Douglas

Weekly Collections April 10

Parish \$1,006 Clergy Fund \$503

Automatic Payments March

Parish \$9,664 Clergy \$4,832

Thankyou

Parish account for donations

Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20

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

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 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 on
338 8395

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www.ola.school.nz/Home/

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www.sacredheartchch.school.nz

St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,
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