



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 3rd April 2022—5th Sunday of Lent

### Every Saint has a Past, Every Sinner has a Future

It is the fifth Sunday of Lent already. Easter is not too far away. You might be looking back over the last 5 weeks and wondering where the time has gone and maybe how little of your Lenten promises you've managed to achieve. But all is not lost. We expect to enter a desert period in Lent through our prayer, fasting and almsgiving, but sometimes the desert we end up in is not the desert we planned. Sometimes other things happen in our lives that we did not expect, and we find ourselves in a desert not of our making. We might be going through big changes in our lives, or a sense of grief over something or someone, or we might just feel flat. We might even wonder where God is at the moment, especially because we are trying harder to be near him. We can embrace this desert as part of our Lenten journey too.

Also, there is still time! All our readings today focus on new beginnings, on looking forward and not becoming imprisoned by the past. God makes all things new, and this brings hope. In the first reading, the Israelites are returning from their captivity in Babylon. God says to them, "There is no need to recall the past or to think about what was done before... I am doing something new." In the second reading St Paul says, quite strongly, that everything that has happened in his life is rubbish compared to what Christ will accomplish in him. And in the Gospel, we hear the wonderful story of Jesus' mercy and care of a woman the Pharisees used to try to trap him. He literally saves her life through forgiving her sin, putting his own life in further danger.

Lent is a very good time to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask God to forgive our sins. Once there we will hear God say to us to leave the past behind and no longer look back, to receive his healing, and to look forward to the future with hope and confidence in who we are in Christ.

Fr Phil.

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Lenten Adoration and Sacrament of  
Reconciliation **7:00pm – 8:00pm:**  
Sacred Heart, Addington **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** will conclude  
**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm** at Our Lady of the  
Assumption Church, Hoon Hay

**Psalm 145 : 8, 9 (NIV)**

The Lord is gracious and compassionate,  
slow to anger and rich in love.

#### READINGS (Year C)

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

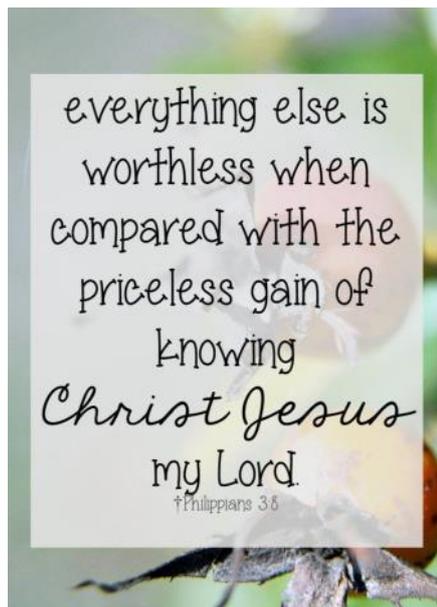
**Response:** *The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*

#### Next week:

Isa 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Luke 22:14-23,56



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



**HOME CANDLES ARE AVAILAIBLE:**  
from the office for \$25.00.  
Cash only please.

## PARISH NOTICES

### COVID 19:

**What we already know:** as from 11:59pm on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, there will be no requirements to use My Vaccine Pass.

We are still encouraged to wear face masks when we are at Mass.

**What we do not know:** we are still under the Red Light setting but a review of this will take place on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> April. The Government will announce on Monday if there is to be a change to the traffic light system, that is, if we are to stay in "red" or change to "orange".

Depending on the Government's announcement we will know whether we still have to register for any of the weekend Masses or whether registrations will not be needed.

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April:** I will notify parishioners via email and parish app as to what is required for the weekend Masses 9/10 April (Palm Sunday).

**9am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart:** this Mass will no longer continue after Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, regardless of the Government's decision.

**5pm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart:** this Mass, after 3<sup>rd</sup> April, will be open to all parishioners.

**Sincere thanks:** to those parishioners who have assisted with checking the My Vaccine Pass at weekend Masses and for those who have assisted in the "wipe down" after Masses at Sacred Heart and Sts Peter & Paul. Your generosity and assistance has been appreciated. Thank you, to all parishioners, for being so supportive and helpful in the way you have tolerated and observed the Covid requirements while attending Mass.

**PS Daylight finishes this Sunday:** clocks go back an hour at 3am!

With blessings,

Fr Peter

### WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFEGUARDING IN YOUR PARISH?

The Catholic Parish of Christchurch South seeks to keep the safety of our ministry volunteers as well as those who attend our Church, our highest priority. We appreciate greatly the volunteers who willingly give of their time to various ministries. Our Parish has a nominated parish safeguarding contact, who is Janice Beban, our Secretary, who supports the parish priest in overseeing all activities, concerns and procedures related to safeguarding. Contact details are displayed on the purple posters around our parish which lists our Parish Safeguarding Commitments.

### NEXT SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP:

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](mailto:pastoral-care@christchurchsouth.org.nz) or 03 3388395 (Men and 'younger' people welcome too!)

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2022-2023:

**are available** to collect from the church foyer. *Please ensure that you take the correct NAMED envelopes. Numbers may have changed.*

### FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

The Friendship Group will be meeting on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** at 11am at Spectators at the Addington Raceway. All welcome but please book. Please phone Dorothy 338 3984 if you wish to attend.

### Weekly Collections 27 March

Parish \$2,401 Clergy Fund \$1,201  
*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/](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:** Sr Margarite Elliott,  
Francis Doherty, Allen & Jerry Malonzo,  
Rosemary & Bud Grose, Len Sullivan &  
Heather Boaz

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**  
Veronica O'Neill