



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

15th May 2022 – 5th Sunday of Easter

'Just as I have loved you, you also must love one another'

When I left home in the seventies for a new job in a new city, Mum used to write to me nearly every week. Letters full of family news: what everyone had been up to, who was doing what, who had been home. Always signed off at the bottom with "Lots of love, Mum". She would sometimes apologise for not having much news. But we both knew that the letters weren't really about that, they were about love, keeping us connected – keeping me in touch with where I was from, who I was and whose I was. Perhaps more obliquely, they kept me connected with the values that I had grown up with.



Jesus' words in today's gospel come after he has washed his disciples' feet at the last meal they shared together. It is his last chance to reinforce what is important, what his life has really been about, and to reassure his disciples that, not only will they be able to carry on without him, but they must continue what he has begun. In these last chapters of John's Gospel Jesus speaks of peace, trust, courage in suffering and hope, and this one 'new' commandment. This commandment says nothing about who's the greatest; who's in and who's out; who's worthy and who's not. His message today couldn't be clearer 'Love one

another' – it's as simple and as difficult as that – we are loved therefore we must love.

As I sat with this piece of scripture this week, it became for me a love letter from a nurturing compassionate motherly God, gently reminding me who I am and what I am here for. We have all been created by a loving God to be love in the world.

Joanne Hope
Coordinator of Pastoral Care

CHANGE OF CONTACT DETAILS: If any of your contact details (including your postal address) have changed please complete the Contact Update form which can be found on the Parish App and Website or by emailing the Secretary:
secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz

READINGS (Year C) This week:
Acts 14:21-27; Apoc 21:1-5; John 13:31-35

Response: *I will praise your name forever, my king and my God*

Next week: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;
Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29



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

Jesus calls us to love one another. Even ones who are unlovely. Jesus loved the unloved and unlovely. Love others as God loves us.

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PARISH NOTICES

NO MASS AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY CONTINUES: As there will be no Mass at the Carmelite Monastery until further notice, the weekday timetable for Masses in the parish for the week **16th May – 21st May will be as follows:**

- Monday, 16th Sacred Heart 5:30pm
Tuesday, 17th Sts Peter & Paul 9:00am
Wednesday, 18th Sacred Heart 9:00am
Thursday, 19th Sts Peter & Paul 9:00am
St Peter's 11:00am (School children present)
Friday, 20th Sacred Heart 9:00am (School children present)
Saturday, 21st Sacred Heart 9:00am

Please note there will be NO Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption church on Friday, 20th due to the opening of the new classrooms at OLoA school at 2pm.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY TO THE CARMELITE SISTERS with the death of Sister Mary Teresa of St Augustine RIP who died last Wednesday. With most of Sisters having Covid, this has been a very difficult time for them all.

A Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Teresa has been celebrated and her burial at the Sisters cemetery has taken place.

FAREWELLS FOR FR PHIL as he prepares to leave the parish in early June. There will be a morning tea after Mass at the following churches:

- Sunday, 22nd May at St Peter's, Beckenham after the 9am Mass
Sunday, 29th May at Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell after the 10:30am Mass
Sunday, 6th June at Sacred Heart, Addington after the 10:30am Mass

Parishioners are invited to attend any of the farewell morning teas.

THANK YOU for your prayerful remembrance of our priests as we isolated for a second time. Three of the five priests have now had COVID.

Thank you to those who have donated recently towards school Attendance Dues. Your assistance and generosity is greatly appreciated.

MASS OF THE NEOPHYTES: Archbishop Paul Martin will celebrate Mass with those newly baptised and received into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil this year. All are welcome. Sunday 22 May 2:30pm at St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES: are available to collect from the parish office.

HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LOTTO RESULTS WEEK ONE: Winner – 30 Jackie Honey, Runners up – 29 – Jenny Muschamp and 31 – Helen Hutching.

CYT AMAZING RACE 2022: Enter a team(4-6 people) into the CYT Amazing Race on Sunday 15th May. To register: https://forms.gle/7Dkwr7BoZ1N7mFdTA. Starts at 11am and finishes at 1.30pm. Teams meet at Victoria Square. The race will be on foot around Christchurch Central. Distance approx 5kms in total. A Pizza lunch is provided and results are announced 2:00pm Cost is \$25 per team. For more information email our Grace at gchallies@cdoc.nz

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE OPEN EVENING: Tuesday 24 May from 6.30pm – 8pm. 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch central. Parking on site. Enquiries admin@cathcollege.school.nz

VILLA MARIA COLLEGE—OPEN DAY: Wednesday 25 May 9am – 2.30pm. Principal Deborah Brosnahan and student leaders will address visitors in the auditorium at 9am and 1pm for Year 9 intake and at 11am for Year 7 intake. www.villa.school.nz

Weekly Collections 1 May Parish \$2,200 Clergy Fund \$1,100 Easter \$310 Holy Pl \$175

Automatic Payments April Parish \$9,321 Clergy \$4,660 Thankyou

Upcoming Special Collections: 26 June Peter's Pence

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



Mass Intentions: Regalada Bernadas, Baby Esther Marshall and family

Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time: Jim O'Regan, Jim Henry, Mary & Des Brady, Jeremy Kaywah

Please Pray for Recently Deceased: Peter Brett, Mary Groves, Joan Komen, Sally Lee, Sister Mary Teresa of St Augustine, Jesse Gilmore

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
Thursday 11.00am* (*School Term only)

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
Friday 11.00am* (*School Term only)

Baptisms 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact the Parish Office on 338 8395

Primary Schools

- Our Lady of Assumption Ph 338 9503, www.ola.school.nz/Home/
Sacred Heart, Ph 338 3247, www.sacredheartchch.school.nz
St Peter's, Ph 332 7598, www.saintpeters.school.nz