



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

1st May 2022—3rd Sunday of Easter

## “Throw the net out to starboard and you’ll find something”

There are times in our lives that, at a given moment, we ask: “is it worth it?”; “why has this happened to me?”; “I have tried this before and it did not work”.

Last week I was having a conversation with a woman who is not a Catholic. She was in tears as she shared with me her son, in his mid-thirties, with a wife and three children, had just been taken into hospital with heart complications due to Covid 19. She also shared her husband and herself were planning on leaving on Saturday for a holiday in the deep south. I do not know if this woman belonged to a Church or was a person of faith. But I asked her if I could pray for her son. She was not sure what to say in response. Sometimes life throws a number of things at us, that at the time, seem so unreasonable and unfair. As hard as life can be, for us, as believers, there is always hope. If we do not have hope the alternative is despair.



The disciples in today’s Gospel had fished all night and had caught nothing. Jesus invites them to change their usual practice and to see what happens.



The challenge to change is never easy. Words such as “I have never done this before”; “This new way will not work”; “why should we try something different?” come to mind as well as words like “new opportunities”; “new beginnings”; “what have we got to lose”; “let’s give it ago”. The disciples were prepared to “give it ago” and looked what happened!

I read an article recently written by one of my Marist confreres, Fr Justin Taylor sm. His article was entitled “**Hope of the Hopeless**” and part of what he wrote follows:

*“It is easy to say: ‘I hope in you, my God.’ But if we are honest, we will admit that there are many other things or people, besides God, we hope in. It could even be that we don’t really hope in God very much at all. At a time of illness, I hope the health system, in the doctors and other health care professionals, in the medication I’ve been prescribed, in the basic robustness of my own constitution. It’s only as these threaten to let me down that I begin to turn to God earnestly. But what if God lets me down, and I don’t get better, even after earnest prayer? It is at this point that I begin to discover what it means to hope in God and God’s promises.”*



As we continue to celebrate the Season of Easter, let us be prepared to “throw our nets out to starboard” and we might be very surprised with what we find.

“Live the present with enthusiasm, look forward to the future with confidence, go forward in HOPE”.

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**READINGS (Year C) This week:** Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; John 21:1-19

**Response:** *I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.*

**Next week:** Acts 5:13-14, 43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30



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

**SPECIAL EDITION OF INFORM MAGAZINE:** You may be aware there was to be a special Cathedral edition of the Inform magazine to be posted out in May. As the launch of the cathedral campaign has been postponed, the Cathedral edition will be sent out at a later date.

If you need to update your postal details please complete the Contact Update form which can be found on the Parish App or by phoning 338 8395 or emailing the Secretary:  
[secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

## PARISH NOTICES

**SYMBOLON:** Do you have questions about the Faith? Want to learn more about the church? Looking for sound Catechesis? 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](mailto:assistantpriest@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

To register

<https://forms.gle/4gZ6hoyJxbttQb7N7>

**FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** The Friendship Group will be meeting on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 11am** at **Spectators at the Addington Raceway**. All welcome. Please phone Dorothy 338 3984 if you wish to attend.

**HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** will be selling Lucky Lotto tickets before and after Mass on **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April** and **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. \$10 per ticket for a chance of winning for 5 weeks.

**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).

**Seminary** – 8 May

**Peter's Pence** – 26 June

**Maori Education** – 21 August

**Mission Sunday** – 23 October

**Christmas** (Clergy support) – 25 December

**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.

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

**CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE OPEN EVENING:** Catholic Cathedral College takes enrolments from Year 7 through to Year 13. We invite you to come to our Open Evening, **Tuesday 24 May from 6.30pm – 8pm** to have a look around. 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch central. Parking on site. Enquiries [admin@cathcollege.school.nz](mailto:admin@cathcollege.school.nz)

**VILLA MARIA COLLEGE—OPEN DAY:** A Catholic girls' college from Years 7-13 situated at 21 Peer Street, Christchurch. An open day is being held on **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](http://www.villa.school.nz)

**Mass Intentions:** Heather Boaz, John Donaldson, Sr Rosemary Lawson RSJ, Dec'd members of O'Byrne, Walsh & O'Connell families

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**

José Nystad, Sr Marita Breen LCM, Marie Douglas, Ken Heslin, Pauline Roach

### Weekly Parish Collections April 24

Parish \$2,450

Clergy fund \$1,225

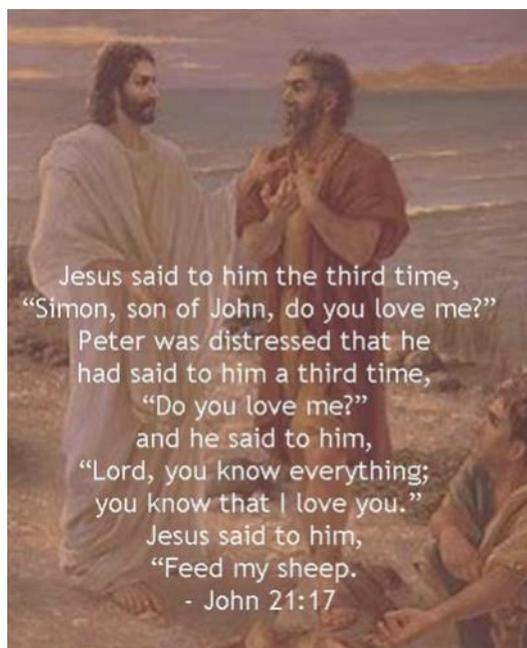
Easter \$389

Holy Places \$1,285.20

Thankyou

Parish account for donations

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Jesus said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." - John 21:17

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

### 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,

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