



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

8th May 2022—4th Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

The Good Shepherd and the Smell of the Sheep

‘Please pray for me, not against me,’ the universal shepherd – Pope Francis regularly asks those he meets to pray for him. Let us too pray for our priests, not against them. Let us pray for and encourage vocations so that we have priests who care for us, minister to us, and support us in living and preaching the Gospel. Every time we pray for priests and for vocations to the priesthood, we pray for ourselves.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd of good shepherds. He promises us "I will give you shepherds after my own heart" (Jer. 3:15). "In these words, from the prophet Jeremiah, God promises his people that he will never leave them without shepherds, to gather them together and guide them: I will set shepherds over my sheep who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed (Jer. 23:4)". With our total trust in God's promise, the Church will never completely lack sacred ministers.



Therefore, on this Good Shepherd Sunday, we direct our prayers even more fervently to God for priests and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood for the diocese of Christchurch. This invitation was first given by Jesus himself: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest" (Lk 10:2).

Here is a challenge to every parish and school in the diocese: Gather people regularly for the sole purpose of prayer for priests and for vocations to the diocesan priesthood in our Christchurch diocese.

Fr. Tien Cao
Vocations Director
Catholic Diocese of Christchurch

Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Father, in your plan for our salvation
You provide shepherds for your people
Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love.
Raise up worthy ministers for your altars,
and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
the Eternal High Priest.

Amen.

St. John the Baptist – Pray for us!

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READINGS (Year C) **This week:** Acts 13:14,
43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

Response: *We are his people; the sheep
of his flock.*

Next week: Acts 14:21-27;
Apoc 21:1-5; John 13:31-35



These are also on our Mobile App under
Readings.



PARISH NOTICES

WEARING OF FACE MASKS WHILE

ATTENDING CHURCH: I would like to remind parishioners that even though we are at present under "Orange", **the wearing of face masks at Mass is still highly recommended.**

We still need to do all we can to protect ourselves and other people and the wearing of a face mask is one way we can do this. Thank you - Fr Peter

NO MASS AT THE CARMELITE MONASTERY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

As there will be no Mass at the Carmelite Monastery until further notice, the weekday timetable for Masses in the parish for the **week 9th May – 14th May** will be as follows:

Monday, 9 th	Sacred Heart	5:30pm
Tuesday, 10 th	Sts Peter & Paul	9:00am
Wednesday, 11 th	Sacred Heart	9:00am
Thursday, 12 th	Sts Peter & Paul	9:00am
	St Peter's	11:00am*
	(*School children present)	
Friday, 13 th	Sacred Heart	9:00am*
	(*School children present)	
	Our Lady of A	11:00am*
	(*School children present)	
Saturday, 14 th	Sacred Heart	9:00am

VIGIL FOR LIFE, FAITH, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY:

Please join us to pray for the renewal of our culture: strengthening of marriages and families, a deep reverence for life, and in reparation. Overnight prayer vigil/adoration at Sacred Heart, Addington, starting on the Feast Our Lady of Fatima, **Friday 13th May, 7pm to Sat 11.30am.**

Enquiries/to sign up for an hour: please contact JP2 Centre 0225039249



WATCH OUT: for the St.Vincent de Paul Paper Bag Appeal! Coming to a pulpit near you !

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

THE SPIRITUALITY OF ELDERING: Discover the richness of life when we age with grace. A reflection day led by Sr Lyndall Brown rsj on **Tuesday 10 May, 10.30am -2.30pm** at Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre at Villa Maria College, Peer Street. Bring own lunch. Cuppa prior to 10.30am. Koha/donation. Registration to roho@xtra.co.nz or phone (03) 379 1298.

ASSISTANCE FOR HA'APAI PARISH IN TONGA:

A project being led by Caritas and the Christchurch Tongan community is being organised to send a container to Tonga to provide needed materials to the Ha'apai Parish and schools. Collections are being received **until Wednesday 11th May.**

Donations of breakfast food , rice, flour, yeast, baking powder, oil and any non-perishable food items, large pots, plates, cups, bowls, school supplies: school text books, school bags, exercise books, pencils, rulers, A4 papers and any stationery, shoes (sport or walking), fabric: light blue, white and bright orange, White blouses.

Items can be dropped at **Mercy House, 31 Peer Street.** For more information please contact **Sr Monika Mo'ale RSM on 021 113 2448 or 349 9540**

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



Mass Intentions: Terry Kennedy,

Amanda James (nee Reedy) Ivan Pierce,
Peter Brett, Jennie Holibar, Kevin Foote Snr,
Mel Foote, Cade Lorenzo, Carmelita , Heather
Boaz & Len Sullivan, Rosemary & Bud Grose, Jose
Nystad, Neil Lanyon, Monica Devine,

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

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:

Ken Heslin, Pauline Roach, Peter Brett,
Mary Groves

Weekly Collections 1 May

Parish \$2,200 Clergy Fund \$1,100
Easter \$310 Holy PI \$175

Automatic Payments April

Parish \$9,321 Clergy \$4,660
Thankyou

Upcoming Special Collections:

8 May Seminary collection
26 June Peter's Pence

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