



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 4th June 2022—Pentecost Sunday

### Life in the Spirit



Today we celebrate the great feast of Pentecost – often called the birthday of the Church. It is the day we remember the Holy Spirit descending on the frightened disciples in the upper room, filling them with courage and enabling them to go boldly to people “from every nation under heaven”. It is the end of the Easter season but the beginning of the work or mission of the church.

Perhaps it is a fitting weekend then to mark the end of one season in my life and the beginning of another. As I’m sure you’re aware by now, this Sunday is my last Mass in the parish of Christchurch South and I want to thank you all for being a part of my life over the last 4 years. It has been a blessing to get to know many of you (even if I haven’t remembered your names – sorry about that!) and to journey with you in your lives, especially through the challenges of the past few years. Someone asked me recently what I will miss most of all in the parish and all I could think to say was, “the people”. Thank you for welcoming, supporting and encouraging me in my ministry to you. I feel that I have received much more than I have given.

On Tuesday I drive up to Auckland to spend some time with my family before I go to Ireland for a 1-year course to prepare for my next role as rector of the Marist Seminary. It’s sad leaving here but I know the Holy Spirit will be with me and guide me in my new adventures, and with you in yours. Please keep me in your prayers.

I’ll leave you with the words of St Paul to the Corinthians, “Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Amen” (2 Cor 13:11)

**Fr Phil**

**LAST FAREWELL TO FR PHIL: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June** at Sacred Heart hall, Addington, after the 10:30am Mass. All parishioners are welcome.



On behalf of the parish, I would like to offer to Fr Phil our gratitude and thanks for the way in which he has contributed to our Parish Staff and for the way in which he has ministered to our parishioners in so many ways since his arrival here Christchurch in 2018. Fr Phil has been very generous in the way in which he has also been involved with Society of Mary commitments outside of our parish. In addition to his parish commitments Fr Phil has also given of his time to Catholic Cathedral College. He has also been on call for Christchurch Public Hospital. Even though we will miss him when he leaves the parish on Tuesday, we wish him well for his future as he heads to Auckland for the next two months and then to Dublin for his studies as he prepares for his new ministry of initial formation of Marist students who are preparing for the priesthood. Sincere and heartfelt thanks, Fr Phil, and every blessing and safe travels to you as you leave us. You will be missed. **Fr Peter**

**READINGS (Year C) This week:** Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; John 14: 15-16, 23-26

**Response:** *Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.*

**Next week:** Prov 8: 22-31; Roms 5: 1-5; John 16: 12-15

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



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PARISH NOTICES

**PARISH PRACTICES BEFORE COVID 19:** Two aspects of our parish life that were in existence prior to Covid 19 in some of our communities were:

- *a chance for a “catch up” and a cup of tea/coffee/a biscuit after the Vigil/ Sunday Mass*
- *children coming up after Holy Communion for a special blessing*

I am very happy for these to begin again so I am going to suggest we begin the special blessing for children after Holy Communion this weekend and begin to organise again a roster for the serving of the refreshments after the weekend Mass.

Once a roster is able to be in place for those communities who serve refreshments notification of a “beginning again” weekend will be advertised in the parish newsletter.

Fr Peter

**5PM SUNDAY MASS AT SACRED HEART:** This Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 5:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart will be celebrated for the last time. **There will be no 5:00pm Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart as from Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> June onwards.**

**HALSWELL CWL LOTTO WEEK FOUR:**

Winner – 12 – Jan Baird  
 Runners up – 11 – Helen Hutching  
 13 – Mary Griffins

Over Time  
*Holy Spirit*  
 can change our thinking  
 our attitudes & Our actions

**YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 17-25!** Have you ever wanted to better understand the Catholic approach to love, life and relationships? How can we stay close to God and truly love while much of the popular culture pulls us away? To seek out the answers, sign up for the South Parish Theology of the Body programme starting soon. Thursday evenings at Sacred Heart Hall, Addington. For more information scan the QR code or email [youthministry@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:youthministry@christchurchsouth.org.nz)



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

**MORNING TEA AT ST PETER’S:** after Pentecost Sunday’s Mass. Seeing so many parishioners in the hall for Fr Phil’s farewell we felt it timely to start serving morning tea after masses. This Sunday will be the first attempt to restart these of these so hopefully you can stay. We will need the names of people who are willing to serve on the roster on a regular or casual basis. Please email your availability to Mike at [ngahere5@gmail.com](mailto:ngahere5@gmail.com) Thank you

**SACRISTANS REQUIRED FOR OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION:** Are you interested in helping set up for Mass. OLA is looking for more Sacristans. If you are interested please contact Robynne Sinclair 332 5463 or email the office [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

**Weekly Collections 29 May**  
 Parish \$1,727 Clergy Fund \$863

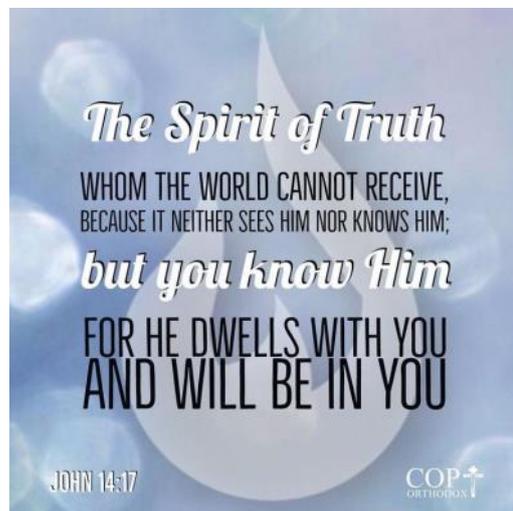
**Upcoming Special Collections:**  
 26 June Peter’s Pence

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

**Mass Intentions:** Joe O’Neill, Dec’d members of O’Neill & Harrison families, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz, Rosemary & Bud Grose

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:** Ryan James Adamson

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:** Liz Faid (Dorothy Faid’s daughter)



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South: Mass Times

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

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/](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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