



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

17th July 2022—16th Sunday of Ordinary Time

The Eucharist: The miracle at each Mass



The Eucharist is at the heart of the life of the Catholic Church. All the Sacraments come from the Eucharist and lead to the Eucharist. Vatican II stated that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." This is no small claim, the Church does not say this too often, nor is it to be taken lightly. How can this be, how can a small piece of bread be so vital to the life and growth of the Church?

The Eucharist is vital; it gives life. This is because it is not just bread or a symbol, the Eucharist is Jesus. It is the same Jesus who 2000 years ago, was born of Mary, suffered and died for us and rose from the dead and ascended to heaven. But he does not leave us. He remains with us, truly present in the Eucharist, made present at the Mass and reserved for our worship in Tabernacles all across the world.

This wonderful miracle happens at the Mass when the priest Acting in the person of Christ the head. Speaks the words of Jesus "This is my body..... this is my blood " and the words of God, which have power to change reality, to change the bread and wine into the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. From this moment, every crumb of bread, every drop of wine is sacred! We acknowledge this by kneeling: the posture of worship, and as the priest genuflects right after the consecration. Genuflection: something reserved for God alone.

This is a belief that is attested by the early church, manifested in letters and documents of the time. St Augustine himself said that the bread consecrated in the Eucharist actually "becomes the Body of Christ." Over the centuries however there have been some who have dissented and doubted this scriptural teaching. Berengar of Tours, Martin Luther, Ulrich Zwingli, to name a few and their followers. Each time the Pope responds with a council or a letter to defend our Catholic belief, that at the Consecration at Mass, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

The Popes also write documents to encourage the Church in her faithful worship at Mass. In the last month Pope Francis wrote a letter *Desiderio desideravi*, on liturgical formation, especially the importance of the Mass. In the first few paragraphs, he reminds us again that public worship; the Liturgy is "a dimension fundamental for the life of the Church". The Mass is the greatest prayer that the Church can offer, as it is the prayer of Christ. We celebrate the sacrifice of Christ on the cross, in obedience to His Father and we celebrate the last supper. The sacrifice on the cross is "the act of perfect worship" and enlightened by the Holy Spirit, we see and touch Jesus as Mary and the disciples did, in the celebration of the sacraments, in the Eucharist.

A small way to keep this pivotal teaching in mind is, to always acknowledge Jesus presence by genuflecting, and teach our children to do the same each time we enter a Church, and notice the little red lamp glowing next to the tabernacle. To pray with the priest as he offers the sacrifice as Christ Jesus commanded us. To receive Jesus with a heart that is open and ready to welcome the creator of the universe into our bodies, into our lives. And to be a living tabernacle as we go out into the world and witness to all that Jesus is God.

Fr Ben



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022: Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open. *Please go to our website to register.* An information night for parents will be held on **Tuesday 23rd August, 7pm-8pm, at Sacred Heart church, Addington.** *This is also the final date to register for the 2022 confirmation programme.*

READINGS (Year C) This week: Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42

Response: *Turn to the Lord in your need and you will live.*

Next week: Gen 18:20-32; Col 2: 12-14; Luke 11: 1-13

These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



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Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
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<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChchSouth/>

PARISH NOTICES

THERE WILL BE NO WEEKDAY MASS at 11am at St Peter's on Thursday, 21st July or at Our Lady of the Assumption on Friday, 22nd July due to the school holidays.

NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION this Saturday, 16th July at 10:30am at Sacred Heart as our priests will be attending the Ordination of Monty Bamford on 16th July, at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral at 11am.

THE WEARING OF MASKS AT MASS: Face masks are encouraged whenever you leave the house. They remain required to be worn at indoor events and gatherings (ie at Mass).

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Interested in becoming a Catholic? **Info session: 20th of July, 7pm**, at Sacred Heart hall Addington. Please register on our website <https://christchurchsouth.org.nz/upcoming/>

SEARCH: Join us for seven WEDNESDAY nights as we SEARCH for the answers. Next session begins: **Wednesday 27 July 2022** Sacred Heart Hall, Addington. Please register on the parish website.



HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER SCHOLL: Hearts Aflame is a life-changing experience for young adults aged **18 to 35** who want to know more about their faith and meet other Catholic young adults from all over New Zealand. Join us this year at **Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton**, from **30/12/22 until 8/01/23!** You can register at www.heartsaflame.org.nz/registration or find out more at our website or on our social media.

MASS FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS DURING THIS TIME OF COVID: Over the winter months we are celebrating an afternoon Mass on the third Tuesday of the month. This month it is at Sacred Heart Addington Tues 19th at 1.30 followed by a cup of tea. If anyone would like someone to pick them up for this Mass please ring the parish secretary ph 338 8395 or email Joanne Hope pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz

ANYONE NEEDING HELP: We're mindful that covid is still hanging around and that some of you may be unwell or isolating. If you're concerned about someone, or if you or your family could do with some help, do get in touch with Joanne Hope ph 338 8395 or pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz

THE COMMUNITY OF THE BEATITUDES: warmly invites you to the Sanctuary of Fourvière on Saturday **23rd July** for a morning dedicated to Mary. The morning begins at 10 am with the rosary, a talk by Fr Allan Jones SM, procession with an icon of St Peter Chanel, and Holy Mass. Bring a plate to share at our potluck lunch which will conclude the morning. For more information, contact Thomas at 022 606 2538



Mass Intentions:

Rosemary & Bud Grose, Heather Boaz'
Marcelino Torres

FORMED *The Catholic Faith. On Demand.*

Our parish has purchased access to Formed.org for our parishioners.

This website has thousands of videos, series, talks, eBooks and more. The content is suitable for children, teens and adults.

Signing up is easy.

- 1: Go to formed.org/signup
- 2: Look for 'Catholic Parish of Christchurch South'
- 3: Enter your name and your email address

WALK BLAMELESSLY
DO WHAT IS RIGHT
SPEAK TRUTH

PSALM 15:2

Parish Collections 10 July
Parish \$1,877 Clergy Fund \$939

Automatic Payments June
Parish \$9,698 Clergy \$4,849

Next Special Collection:
21 August - Maori Mission

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

Thank you

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/

Sacred Heart, Ph 338 3247,
www.sacredheartchch.school.nz

St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,
www.saintpeters.school.nz