



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

24th July 2022—17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

MID-WINTER “BLUES”

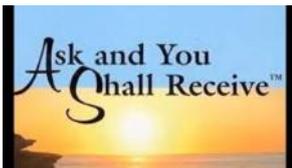
It is at this time of the year that we sometimes struggle with what is referred to as the Mid-Winter “Blues”. The weather is cold and unpredictable, the last holiday seems so long ago and the next holiday seems so far away. We are “in” and “out” of Covid and isolating yet again. Our health system is struggling to cope with all the demands at present and the economy is placing pressure on us as we try to make ends meet. And for those who follow rugby to add to all the other pressures the All Blacks are “not firing” at present! But we did win the cricket against Ireland! Yeah right! In the northern hemisphere the war continues in Ukraine and the fires continue to burn in Spain and Portugal and in England temperatures are making lives difficult.



In the midst of all that is happening in our world and in our lives, today’s Gospel gives us a well needed “ray of hope”. Our God is not a vague and distant God but one who invites us to enter into an intimate relationship of love. As you who are parents know, you will always do “what is good” for your child/ren and you will always want to give them all that is going to help them on their life’s journey. Today’s Gospel reassures us that God will give us what we need. Asking God for the things we need (rather than



the things we want) is our expression of our dependence on God. “Ask and it will be given to you” is our invitation to express our dependence on God. On our part we have to commit ourselves to working towards that which we pray for otherwise our prayer can become a way of evading our responsibility and as one author states “we make God into some kind of Santa Claus.”



So here we are in mid-winter. Winter will pass. Our perseverance is the grace we pray for so that in those times I have felt like giving up on God and on my faith journey, I pray for the grace to continue to persevere. Spring will come again; the All Blacks will win again! But more importantly God will always give us “what is good” and if we ask, God will always give us the graces we need to keep going forward with hope into our unknown future.



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CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022: Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open. **Please go to our website to register (www.Christchurchsouth.org.nz).** 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 18:20-32; Col 2: 12-14; Luke 11: 1-13

Response: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me

Next week: Ecc 1: 2, :2: 21-23; Col 3: 1-5, 9-11; Luke 12: 13-21

These are also on the Parish App under **Readings**.



Parish Website
Christchurchsouth.org.nz



Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChchSouth/>

PARISH NOTICES

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).*

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS: *Sunday 31st July* is the birthday for the Passionist Family Groups at **Our Lady of the Assumption Church**. After 9am Mass stay to enjoy a cuppa in the foyer.

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.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: *Young people aged 17 –25!* Sign up for the South Parish Theology of the Body programme **starting 28 July, Thursday evenings** at Sacred Heart Hall, Addington. Finishing with a day retreat on **24 September 2022**. For more info email youthministry@christchurchsouth.org.nz

THE SACRAMENTS – An online Zoom Course: A four-session online Zoom course exploring: **Why Sacraments? Baptism, Confirmation, The Eucharist.**

Each session includes a short film featuring lay people living out the sacrament in their daily lives, plus in-depth explanations from experts on the theology of the sacrament with examples of practical application.

Ideal for those exploring the Church and for Mass-goers seeking to refresh their faith. **Commencing Tuesday 2 August, 7.30 pm.** More information and registration here: www.fdm.org.nz/sacraments

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

HEARTS AFLAME CATHOLIC SUMMER

SCHOOL: 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.



ADORERS NEEDED FOR PERPETUAL

ADORATION CHAPEL: We have a number of gaps on the Adoration roster. Please help us to keep the chapel open by signing up for a Holy Hour. Contact Matt on chchadoration@gmail.com or 027 536 9407

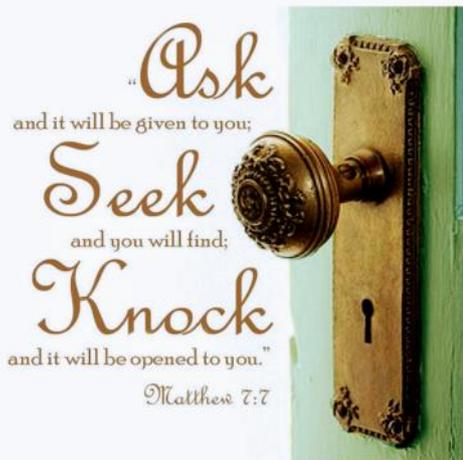


FORMED *The Catholic Faith. On Demand.*

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

Parish Collections 17 July
 Parish \$1,435 Clergy Fund \$ 718
Next Special Collection:
 21 August - Maori Mission
 Parish account for donations
Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20
 Thank you

Mass Intentions: John Dwyer, Iris Aikens, Minnie Foley, Dec'd members Foley & Nolan families, Jim & Domini O'Regan, Anthony (Tony) Smith, Marie Russell Rosemary & Bud Grose, Ninfa Laboriate & Julieta Sucgang



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