



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

28th August 2022—22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

God has made a home for us all

Pope Francis has established 1 September as the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation, encouraging us to pray for our common home.

In his encyclical *Laudato Si'* he calls on 'every person living on this planet' to care for our shared earth. He echoes St Francis' reminder 'that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us (LS 1). This is a perspective, reinforced in Daniel O'Leary's writing, which enables us to encounter creation as 'an outward expression of God's love and grace'. O'Leary calls creation 'the book that tells us about God, because God is the author of creation'. Pope Francis calls on us to 'Listen to the voice of creation'.

Maybe before we seek heaven elsewhere we need to be prepared to discover and acknowledge the Divine in creation, and in you and me who are part of it, 'in the midst, the mess and the mystery all around us' (O'Leary).

This sacramental view of creation is incompatible with the neglect, exploitation and plundering of the earth that we witness everyday: populations without access to clean water or reliable food sources; the loss of biological diversity, the impact of changing climate; excessive waste and consumption. O'Leary names this as sin, as the 'wilful ignorance of the holiness of our planet, and for anything we do to hurt her in any way.'

Pope Francis suggests that we 'cultivate our ecological conversion'. Let's start by praying, this Thursday, the prayer below, and keep praying it until we are so open to the Spirit of God moving within us, and in creation, that we grow in confidence to renew the face of the earth. Or simply go for a walk in the 'great cathedral of Creation', and give thanks for the generous God who gifts us with life.

A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

—Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Joanne Hope

Coordinator of Pastoral Care

P.S Get in touch if you'd like to borrow a copy of *Laudato Si'*, or Daniel O'Leary's book *An Astonishing Secret. The Love Story of Creation and the Wonder of You* and join in a conversation about them later in September.

READINGS (Year C) This week: Ecc 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1, 7-14

Response: *God in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.*

Next week: Wis 9:13-18; Phil 9:10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33

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



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PARISH NOTICES

CUP OF TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON 4th SEPTEMBER 2022. Come over for a coffee / tea and a chat after Mass. All welcome.

ST PETERS GARDENS: Saturday September 3rd at 9.30am. Starting with morning tea. A short meeting to get started for the Summer. For anyone who would like an individual garden plot to care for and all current plot carers.

HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE: The Halswell Catholic Women's League will be running another one of their Lotto raffles during September and the tickets will be on sale before and after the Masses at Halswell. Many thanks.

KEEP THE DATES:
JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE RACE NIGHT:
Friday 2nd September

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS:

Sacred Heart Church, Addington
Tuesday 13th September 9.30am—10.30am
or Tuesday 1.30pm—2.30pm
St Peters, Beckenham
Wednesday 14 September at 7pm—8pm.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 2022: will take place from Sunday 4th September – Saturday 10th September.

ABLAZE CONFERENCE: Friday 4th November (evening) and **Saturday 5th November 2022.** The theme will be *Growing in Holiness, Strengthening our Faith Community and Proclaiming the Good News.* Website: [Ablaze 2022 Conference – Catholic Diocese of Christchurch \(chchcatholic.nz\)](https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/wyd-lisbon2023-itinerary/)

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE RACE NIGHT: Ticket sales now open. Join us on **Friday September 2nd** in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway for an evening of fun and help support the work of the JP II Centre for Life. Tickets are \$60 per person which includes entry and a two course meal with cash bar available. Book your ticket at <https://bit.ly/jp2racenight> or contact Maria on info@jp2.org.nz or 022 503 9249 for more info.

Weekly Collections 21 August
Parish \$1,840 Clergy \$920

Next Special Collection:
Mission Sunday - 23 October

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

INNER-CITY CWL: have an ongoing service project making wee teddy bears for children who require the services of St John, these are carried in the ambulances. We would love to have as many helpers as possible to make these bears. If you knit, sew or crochet and would like to support these children we would love to hear from you, all materials and patterns supplied, see notice board in church foyer. Phone Bonny, 349 4416 or 021 178 2552



FRIENDSHIP GROUP: meeting at Addington Raceway Spectators Lounge Thursday 1st September at 11am. Everyone invited. Please ring Theresa on 338 9876 if you wish to attend.

PAMPER RAFFLE: Tickets for the **John Paul II Centre's Pamper Hamper raffle** will be available after Mass this weekend at **Sacred Heart and Beckenham**. 10 baskets to be won, filled with edible treats, dining and supermarket vouchers. \$10 for 10 draws. Cash preferred but can be paid online. .

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023: Inviting young Catholics (18-35) to join a pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon next year. A draft itinerary of **24 days leaving Auckland on 15 July** for Paris, then on pilgrimage to such places as Lyon and Lourdes, and Fatima for six days, before reaching Lisbon on 31 July. Lisbon will host many official events from **1 August to World Youth Day itself on Sunday 6 August**, Pope Francis is expected to celebrate in person. Read more and download the itinerary here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/wyd-lisbon2023-itinerary/>

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

Mass Intentions: Doreen Clemens, Dec'd members of O'Neill, Quigley & Lavenay families, Heather Boaz,

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:
Terence Daly, Maureen Whiting,
Doreen Clemens, Fr Brian Cummings sm