



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 7th August 2022 – 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Stay close to Jesus through Prayer

What does it mean to remain close to Jesus? In the Gospels, we find an example in the story of Jesus going to the Garden Gethsemane with the disciples the night before his crucifixion. Jesus goes there to pray – and he asks three of the disciples to be near him - to be in a closer relationship with him through prayer.

Prayer is the first and most simple way for us to commune with God. Faithful prayer is pleasing to God, and one of the fundamental ways we can grow in our relationship with Jesus.



We cannot learn to pray personally, or ever excel at it, unless we are willing to pray privately. Jesus tells us this point blank when he warns us not to be hypocrites who pray only in public, but to go to our rooms, close our doors and pray privately to our Father, who reads the secrets of our hearts (Matthew 6:1-14).

When we pray consistently each day, over time the Holy Spirit becomes a fountain of life and power within us, uniting us to God Himself. Just as the theological virtues (faith, hope and love) enable us to believe with God's conviction, hope with God's strength, and love with God's love, so too is our capacity for prayer uplifted, amplified and perfected by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Nothing is better calculated to overcome any conceivable obstacle, and we can give or receive no greater gift than prayer. Indeed, the success of everything else depends on our interaction with the Holy Spirit in prayer. Are we not foolish, then, to so often overlook what should be first, last, and always in our lives?

**Timothy Malone**  
Coordinator of Sacramental Ministries

#### PRESENTATION ON OUR PARISH 2022 and beyond:

In one of last month's newsletters I mentioned that I had prepared a presentation on our parish that will inform you, the parishioners, of where we are at present as a parish and where we are going as we face our future.

To date I have given the presentation to the Parish Staff, the Leadership Team, the Finance and Management Committee, the RCIA team and those who were received into the Church at Easter, members of the CWL and St Vincent de Paul and the staff of our three parish primary schools. Later this month and in early September I will be giving the presentation to the members of the Passion Family Groups that exist in our parish.

**In September I will be holding four sessions for anyone in the parish who would like to attend. These sessions are open to any parishioners and the dates and times are as follows:**

<b>Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Open meeting</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Sts Peter &amp; Paul church</b>
<b>Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Open meeting</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Sts Peter &amp; Paul church</b>
<b>Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Open meeting</b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart church</b>
<b>Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Open meeting</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>Sacred Heart church</b>

The session will be for an hour. A member of the Leadership Team will be present at each session.

Next week I will be going to Sydney for ten days to see my sister and brother who both live there. I will be leaving on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> August and returning on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> August. In my absence Fr Ben will be the acting Parish Priest. **Fr Peter**

#### Parish Priest

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Parish App  
The Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch South



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

PARISH NOTICES



**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2022:** Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open. *Please go to our website to register*

([www.Christchurchsouth.org.nz](http://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**



**DO YOUR CONTACT DETAILS NEED UPDATING?:** Have you moved house? Has your email or phone numbers changed? Please let the Secretary know by emailing [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

Alternatively please go to our website and complete the **Update Contact form** which can be found on the **Join Our** parish page. <https://christchurchsouth.org.nz/join-our-parish/>

**ROSTER UNAVAILABILITY:** That time has come again! We will be starting the October – December rosters in mid August. If you know you will be away from **1 October to 25 December** please either email the secretary at [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz) or add your unavailability to Elvanto. Thank you



**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION** - this year the Feast of the Assumption will be celebrated on **Sunday, 14th August.**

**CUP OF TEA THIS SUNDAY AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON 7th AUGUST 2022.** Following the 10.30am Addington Mass this Sunday **7th August**, there will be a cup of tea in the hall. One of our parish goals is to grow our community and provide opportunities to connect. Come over for a coffee / tea and a chat after Mass.

**ALTAR SERVERS:** we are looking for servers, especially for Hoon Hay and Halswell. Training will be offered. If anyone is interested in serving please email the secretary at: [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

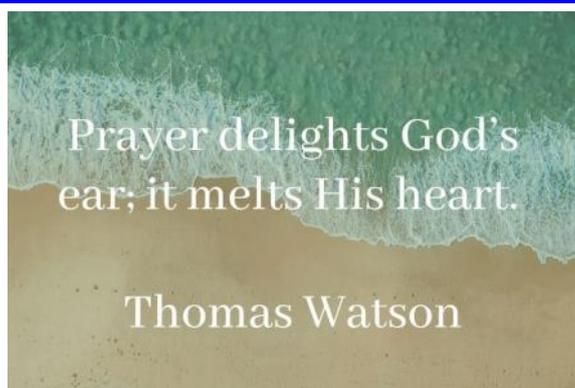


**Our parish has purchased access to Formed.org for our parishioners.**

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](http://formed.org/signup)
- 2: Look for 'Catholic Parish of Christchurch South'
- 3: Enter your name and your email address



**Weekly Collections 31 July**  
Parish \$1,674 Clergy Fund \$837

**Automatic Payments July**  
Parish \$9,330 Clergy Fund \$4,665

**Next Special Collection:**  
21 August - Maori Mission

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

**READINGS (Year C) This week:** Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12: 32-48

**Response:** *Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.*

**Next week:** Rev 11:19, 12:1-6,10; 1 Cor 15:20-26; Luke 1:39-56

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



**Mass Intentions:** Personal intentions, Neva A Jardenil, J. Mendoza Jr, Rosemary & Bud Grose, Abbie Grace Malonzo

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:** Leo Fitzgerald, Domini O'Regan

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:** Patricia Tod, John Smith, Tony Cummings, Nick Pawson, Pauline Coleman

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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