



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

11th September 2022—24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

God's Love and Mercy for us

The readings this Sunday speak of God's great mercy and love for us, in spite of our unworthiness and sin.

In the first reading we hear that the Lord relented and did not bring the disaster on Israel his people that their sins truly deserved. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that he was called into God's service in spite of his own weakness and limitations. Finally in the Gospel, we receive from Jesus the parable of the Good father (and the 'Prodigal son') - perhaps the ultimate metaphor for the inexhaustible mercy of Our Father in Heaven.

But what does this mercy mean? In a certain sense, mercy is the opposite of justice. Justice is what a guilty person deserves. Mercy is what a guilty person needs. In His mercy, God reveals that His love always trumps the justice we deserve... "Neither do I condemn you; go, and sin no more." (John 8:11).

Sometimes in life we can feel unworthy of this mercy, and separated from God through our sin. Thankfully, our Lord understands our weakness, our struggle, and so provides us with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a sure 'sign of knowing' that we are loved have truly received his forgiveness.

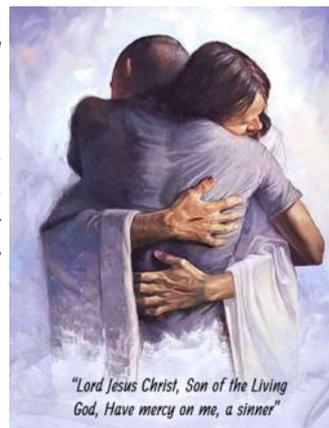
For the times when, for whatever reason, you can't make it to reconciliation straight away, a powerful way to remind yourself of God's mercy is through reciting the 'Jesus prayer'. It goes something like this:

"Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Have mercy on me, a sinner"

In my own life, I have found this prayer to be of great help in the times that I am feeling aware of the many ways in which I have fallen short, hurt others or failed to do the good that I ought to have done. Perhaps you could join me in praying the Jesus prayer this week, and reflecting on God's overwhelming love and mercy for us.

Tim Malone

Coordinator of Sacramental Ministries



PRESENTATION ON OUR PARISH 2022 and beyond: I have 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.

These sessions are OPEN FOR ANY PARISHIONER who would like to attend. If you would like to attend, the remaining sessions are as follows:

Sunday, 11th September Open meeting 2pm Sts Peter & Paul church, Halswell

Thursday, 15th September Open meeting 7pm Sacred Heart church, Addington

Sunday, 18th September Open meeting 2pm Sacred Heart church, Addington

The session will be for an hour. A member/s of the Leadership Team will be present at each session. **Fr Peter**

READINGS (Year C) This week: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17, Luke 15:1-32

Response: *I will rise and go to my Father*

Next week: Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2: 1-8; Luke 16:1-13

These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



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Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



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PARISH NOTICES

A CULTURE OF SAFEGUARDING: The Church is striving towards a culture of safeguarding where all are safe from harm and abuse and where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Church community, both individually and collectively.

In order to create a culture of safeguarding we need to build a culture of trust, openness, transparency, responsibility & accountability. If you are a volunteer to Children or Adults and you have not yet attended a safeguarding workshop the next workshops scheduled are:

Sacred Heart, Addington

Tuesday 13 September at 9.30am—10.30am or Tuesday 1.30pm—2.30pm.

St Peters, Beckenham

Wednesday 14 September at 7pm—8pm.

To register go to: <https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/safe-church/safeguarding-course-registration/>

Contact: Clodagh Ward –

Christchurch Diocese Safeguarding Officer
Email: cward@cdoc.nz Mobile: 022 0124142

Our nominated Parish Safeguarding contact is: Janice Beban, Ph: 338 8395 or email secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz

WORKING BEE OLA CHURCH: Saturday, 17 September, 9.30am. BYO tools, we will concentrate on the gardens in front of the church. Any queries please contact Angela Woolstencroft, 3380 614 or 021 0236 2609.

HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE LOTTO RESULTS WEEK 1:

Winner – Joy O'Connell

Runners up – Beline Keogan and Heather Alderton

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2023: We are currently accepting enrolments for 2023. If you would like to enrol your child, please contact the school office on 338 9503 for more information. Your completed enrolment should be registered with us by **30th September 2022.**

MASS OF ANOINTING : will be held at **Sacred Heart church, Addington on Tuesday 20th September at 1.30pm** followed by a cup of tea. If anyone would like to be picked up please ring the parish secretary phone 338 8395 or email Joanne Hope pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz

PALLIATIVE CARE FUNDING: NZ Catholics are being urged to support the under-funded hospice and palliative care services by donating, volunteering in hospice shops and asking their members of Parliament and the Government to make palliative care a priority. Bishop of Auckland Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZCBC, says hospices provide a free service to 20,000 palliative care patients and their whānau each year, but have to fundraise almost half the \$176 million cost. Bishop Steve says: "When the public was asked at the 2020 election to support the euthanasia legislation – dubbed the End of Life Choice law – they were led to believe palliative care would be a priority choice. Instead, hospice funding has been virtually capped at a time of high inflation" Full details online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/support-palliative-care/>

KEEP THE DATE: ABLAZE CONFERENCE:

Friday 4th November (7pm) and Saturday 5th November 2022. Check it out: [Ablaze 2022 Conference – Catholic Diocese of Christchurch \(chchcatholic.nz\)](https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/ablaze-2022-conference-catholic-diocese-of-christchurch-chchcatholic.nz)

Parish Collections 4 September
Parish \$2,082 Clergy Fund \$1,041
Maori Ed \$404

Automatic Payments August
Parish \$11,112 Clergy \$5,555

Thank you

Next Special Collection:
Mission Sunday - 23 October

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

Thank you

Mass Intentions: Aida Clemente, Andres, Minda dela Rosa, Maureen Whiting, Heather Boaz & Len Sullivan

Please Pray for Recently Deceased: Margaret Daly, Queen Elizabeth II

MAORI LANGUAGE WEEK Te Wiki o te Reo



Maori : begins Sunday **11th September** through to **18th September**.

Learn how to pray the Our Father in Maori
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oU1GNEV0hYY>

"Create in me a clean heart,
O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10

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