



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 2nd October 2022 – 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts

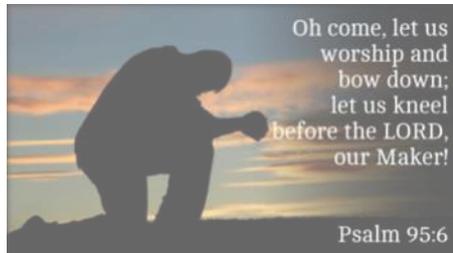
At Primary School I remember our class praying for a fine day for the annual school picnic. It was a big deal. I wouldn't have considered the possibility that there may well have been some farmers in North Canterbury praying for rain at the same time. As Catholics we've always had the sense that God hears our prayers in a personal way, despite what 'interference' there might be from the billions of other pray-ers elsewhere. I think it's interesting that I always presume God's undivided attention when I'm praying, but when it comes to listening to God it's a different story. God has to be able to break through the endless chatter in my head, the refusal to give up my jumbled thoughts and priorities, my preconceived ideas about who God is, and how the world should be, and particularly, my inability to stay quiet and centered for more than a few minutes at a time.

I don't think it's hard-heartedness that affects my hearing, but maybe a failure to pay sufficient attention to the myriad of other 'languages' that God 'speaks': Jesus' words in the scriptures; the wisdom writings of Saints and Poets; the bell-bird on the Harry Ell track; the lives of people around me and the experiences in my own life.

Then there's always the doubt, too – How do I know that this is God's voice? One can be sure that if it makes us fearful, judgmental or discouraged then it's not God, but rather the rantings of our false selves. God speaks in a voice which is illuminating, encouraging, healing, freeing, loving, even though we may not always recognise it till later: "Did not our hearts burn within us?" It should lead to increased self-knowledge and greater compassion towards ourselves and others.

That same God whom we pray to, has a life within us that is closer to us than our breath or our heartbeat. So it is to that presence of the Divine Life within us that we need to soften our hearts, to allow God to speak there. For this we may need silence, quiet, stillness, openness.

If today I wish to hear God's voice, I may need to take a few moments, shut the door, close my eyes, still my interior dialogue, and soften my heart.



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Christchurch South



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**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** Each year Pope Francis encourages us to pray the Rosary daily in October, for Mary's protection. The Rosary will be prayed **Monday to Friday at 5pm** at **Sacred Heart Church** during the month of October.



**CUP OF TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON 2nd October 2022.**



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.

**READINGS (Year C) This week:** Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

**Response:** *If you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

**Next week:** 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Tim 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

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



## 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 and you have not yet attended a safeguarding workshop the next workshops scheduled are:

**Monday 10th October 2022 – 10.30am – St Marys Pro Cathedral, Manchester St. Venue: Assisi Lounge**

**Monday 10th October 2022 – 7pm – St Marys Pro Cathedral, Manchester St. Venue: Narthex**

**Who needs to go? All Leaders and volunteers regardless of the type of ministry.** It is recommended that if you have not been to a Safeguarding Workshop in the last two years you attend this new and updated safeguarding workshop.

**What's the WHY?** Please view Bishop Michaels Safeguarding Video thanking you and encouraging you to attend this workshop. [Safeguarding – Catholic Diocese of Christchurch \(chchcatholic.nz\)](https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/safeguarding-course-registration/)

To register for a workshop please click on the link below:  
<https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/safeguarding-course-registration/>

### KEEP THE DATES:

**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.* Check it out: [Ablaze 2022 Conference – Catholic Diocese of Christchurch \(chchcatholic.nz\)](https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/ablaze-2022-conference-catholic-diocese-of-christchurch)

**9 October Support Life Sunday. Your are not alone:** Accompanying and Caring for people living with mental illness.

**SYMBOLON PART 2:** starts on the **20th of October at 7pm** and will run for 10 weeks.

Symbolon is a systematic presentation of our Catholic Faith. It will lead you through the "big picture" of the Catholic Faith.

Register on the parish website or here <https://forms.gle/cgx6QUKvxdAoMDCu5>

**CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL—THANK YOU:** The 2022 Lent Appeal has raised \$ 772,068.93, for which we are most grateful. Our parish contributed \$3,562.60 towards this appeal. Thank you for your generosity.

**ADDINGTON FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** will be meeting on **6th October at 11am at Oderings, Barrington. Please note change of venue.** All welcome. Please phone Pauline Cameron if you are interested in attending. 981 0132 or 022 0399 208.

### HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:

**Lotto Results week 4:**

**Winner – Janet Scott**

**Runners up – Judy Honey and Eileen Grant**

**JOIN BISHOP MICHAEL FOR MASS AND LUNCH AT 'GOLDEN CATHOLICS'**  
 **Christ the King, 11 am Friday, 7 October**

Join Bishop Michael and senior parishioners for Mass before hearing about the Bishop's latest visit to Rome to participate in the 'Seminar for New Bishops.' A free light lunch will follow in the Parish Centre. Numbers are limited, so please **RSVP by 30 September** for catering purposes: email [receptionists@cdoc.nz](mailto:receptionists@cdoc.nz) or phone 366 9869.

**OCDS CARMELITE RETREAT:** "Mystical Love with our Carmelite Saints". Fr Carl Telford, S.M. will be leading our upcoming silent Retreat at Rochester Hall on **Friday, 18 Nov to Sunday, 20 Nov 2022.** Costs \$240 live in, day only \$120. If you would like to join us, contact Megan Emery ph 027 410 6940 or email [benedictus@windowslive.com](mailto:benedictus@windowslive.com)

### Weekly Collections 25 September

Parish \$1,729 Clergy Fund \$864

### Next Special Collection:

Mission Sunday - **23 October**

Parish account for donations

**Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20**

Thank you



**Mass Intentions:** Juliana Bonilla Herrera, Margaret Daly, Robert Consedine, Dec'd members of Consedine family, Barbara Wilson (anniv), Heather Boaz, Rosie & Bud Grose

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:** Mabel Costelloe

## Catholic Parish of Christchurch

### South: Mass Times

#### Addington - Sacred Heart

70 Spencer Street

Monday	6.00pm
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,  
[www.saintpeters.school.nz](http://www.saintpeters.school.nz)