



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

25th September 2022—26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Baptism and Holy Water

Baptism in the Church is called the door to Christian life. Baptism is the first sacrament that we receive and as most of us were Baptised as infants we didn't have sacramental preparation as we do for confirmation or our First Holy communion. Baptism comes from the ancient Greek word βαπτίζω which means to plunge or immerse. IN baptism we are immersed in the waters or have water poured over our head. This appears very strange to many non-believers. Water in the early Church signified death as it was an unknown. And to be under water means that you cannot breathe, a definite end to life. In Baptism there is a part of us that dies, the part of us that has a sinful tendency to not trust in God and be self-centered, otherwise known as original sin. This part of us dies, in Baptism but there is another part that replaces it.

IN Baptism we are conformed to Christ. conformed means shaped to match. Not a physical make over or conformation but a spiritual conformation by which we enter into the death and resurrection of Jesus. The water of baptism represents death, and when we emerge from the water it represents the resurrection. In Baptism we enter into the Death and resurrection of Jesus. With us having Holy Water back in our churches, it's a good time to reflect on why its important. Each time we sign ourselves with holy water when we enter a church, we remind ourselves of our Baptism. Most of us were Baptised as infants so we didn't have to undergo any sacramental preparation as we do for Confirmation or our First Holy Communion. Baptism in the Church is the first sacrament that we receive and is rightly called the door to Christian life. Baptism comes from the ancient Greek word βαπτίζω (baptizō) which means to plunge or immerse. In the baptismal rite we are immersed in the waters or have water poured over our head. Water in the ancient world was an unknown and dangerous element and it signified death, as we can't breathe under water. In Baptism however there is a death as a part of us dies. The part that dies is the part of us that has a tendency to not trust in God or others, to be self-centred and prefer things to go our own way, otherwise known as original sin. This part of us dies, in Baptism but there is something that replaces it; The Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit enters our soul in Baptism and by this we are conformed to Jesus Christ. Conformed means shaped to match, not in a physical sense but a spiritual conformation. The water of Baptism which washes us represents death, and when we emerge from the water it represents the resurrection. We are conformed to Jesus by entering into the death and resurrection of Jesus. So the washing in Baptism is not just a symbolic washing, but we are truly washed as God works in our souls and makes us into a new creation. Besides this we also receive the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Baptism. Wisdom, Knowledge, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Piety and Fear of the Lord. At Baptism, we receive these gifts as seeds, and it is the job of our parents to make sure that these seeds, sprout, grow and bear fruit in our lives. The seeds are nourished with family prayer, reading the scriptures and the sacraments, especially going to Mass on Sunday. There are also other signs as a part of this Baptismal celebration. We receive our name in Baptism and this is the very name with which God calls us to live as his true children. We receive a new white one garment, which represents the cleansing of original sin and our call to live a pure life. We also receive the Baptismal candle which represents the light of God's grace that we have received by being conformed to Christ. So each time we dip our finger in the Holy water font and sign ourselves with the sign of the Cross, we remember that we are Baptised in the new life of Christ, and with His grace we are called and given the power to follow Christ.

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### Office Hours:

9.00am—3.00pm

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**LINCOLN ROAD CLOSURE:** The Lincoln Road intersection will be closed on the weekend **30 Sept to 3 October**. Closure of the intersection will start from **6pm Friday 30 September** and will reopen at **6am Monday 3 October 2022**. Full information is on this website <https://ccc.govt.nz/transport/works-3/show/1048>

**READINGS (Year C) This week:** Amos 6: 1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Luke 6:11-16

**Response:** Praise the Lord my soul.

**Next week:** Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

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



Parish Website  
[Christchurchsouth.org.nz](http://Christchurchsouth.org.nz)



Parish App  
The Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch South



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

## PARISH NOTICES

**PROPOSED MASS TIME CHANGE:** The Parish is proposing that the Monday evening Mass at Sacred Heart Church be moved from **5.30pm to 6pm from October onward**. This is to enable the growing number of students and workers to get to the Mass on time without rushing. If you would like to have a say about this, please contact the parish office.

**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>

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS:** help build relationships within a Parish, so the groups are about 'being' rather than 'doing'. Each group is encouraged to get together once a month for a low cost or no cost activity.

These gatherings allow people to get to know one another, and then in natural ways, group members begin to create bonds with others. With the building of bonds comes the opportunity to form friendships, have fun, extend acceptance and support, and quite simply and joyfully experience Christian life with others. The emphasis is on allowing everyone to be part of the 'family'. [www.passionistfamily.org.nz/people/](http://www.passionistfamily.org.nz/people/)

The various September activities include: rugby watching and fish'n'chips, morning tea, movie outing, afternoon tea and Royal reminiscences, and men's cooking night/barbecue. If you are interested in joining a group within your church community please contact the office.



**CUP OF TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON 2nd October 2022.** Come over for a coffee / tea and a chat after Mass. All welcome.

**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2023:** Enrolments for 2023 are now being accepted. If you would like to enrol your child, please contact the school office on 338 9503 for more information. Enrolments close **30th September 2022**.

**ST. PETER'S SCHOOL ENROLMENTS 2023:** Enrolments for 2023 are now being accepted. If you would like to enrol your child, please contact the school office on (03) 3327598 for more information. Enrolments close **30th September 2022**.

**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.

**Gardening OLA Church:** Another attempt at tidying the gardens in front of the Church will be held next Saturday, 1 October, 9.30am, BYO tools. Any queries please contact Angela Woolstencroft, 3380 614 or 021 0236 2609

**HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Lotto Results week 3**

**Winner – Helen Hutching**  
**Runners up – Colleen Bone and Shirley McNeil**

**HEARING AID FOUND:** Found on the 8th September after a funeral. Please contact the office on 338 8395.



**Weekly Collections 18 September**  
Parish \$1,928 Clergy Fund \$964

**Next Special Collection:**  
Mission Sunday - 23 October

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

**Mass Intentions:** Kathleen & David Black, Heather Boaz, Thanksgiving, Souls of Dante Sr., Emilie, Maribeth & Henry, Rosemary & Bud Grose, Leslie Willis

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:** David & Kathleen Black, Maurice J Newton, Franklin Delos Reyes, Murray Thorn, Peter Lubale and Fredrick Lubulellah

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