



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 20th November 2022—Christ The King

### World Youth Day

There are young people all over the world and in our diocese planning, preparing, praying and saving up for the Pilgrimage of their life; World Youth Day. When Pope John Paul II first suggested that young Catholics from all over the world gather together for time of prayer, formation and fraternity, he was met with firm opposition. Some said it was not possible, others didn't see the need of it, and thankfully this didn't deter the Pope. World Youth Day has been running for over 30 years now, and has been the foundation of many priestly and religious vocations (including mine).

But a lot has changed since the first world youth day in the 1980's. The number of Church attendees has been decreasing and the number of agnostic/atheists has been increasing. On top of that, Christians are increasingly facing discrimination and even persecution, at school, work and politics, because they adhere to the teachings of Jesus Christ which the world cannot stomach. The world has slowly and consciously been ridding itself of its Christian Bias. This is the direction that the world is heading in and it doesn't look like it will change direction anytime soon. This is one of the biggest challenges for young Catholics in today's world; to be Catholic in a world that has rejected its Christian roots. I often hear parishioners speak of the 'old days'. When schools and colleges were run by priests and religious, When seminaries and convents were full, when whole families would attend mass together, there was no Sunday shopping and the Church was the heart of the society. Over the years, the focus has shifted from prayer to entertainment, which means that enterprises like NETFLIX now have the attention of many people young and old.

#### What has happened and what can we do?

I heard it said recently that we are no longer living in a Christian world, where the dominating political, social educational and moral view point is predominantly Christian. We have returned to an 'Apostolic age' similar to the time of the apostles 2000 years ago. This means that we live in a culture that is hostile to the faith, there are no support structures and far fewer followers. This means that we can no longer do things as they were done as recently as 20 years ago, as there were still remnants of Christian support structures.

To just *survive* as a believer in this world beyond the age of 16, young people need to be *totally convinced* of the good news of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and be able to preach and live it with conviction. It involves a more deliberate ordering of our schedules around the church's liturgical seasons, using Catholic images in our homes and actively talking about and promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Sunday mass is no longer enough to sustain the faith of our families, it needs to be a deliberate, daily family effort of prayer lead by the faith and lived example of parents grandparents and priests.

The 'army image' of giving up certain territories, to gather strength at a later time for a renewed attack comes to mind. It means that we will have to give up certain things and practices that we were used to. Holding onto them will spread the Church's limited resources too thin and be detrimental in the long run.

**But the most important thing is unity.** The apostles were united in their belief, their prayer and their love for God and each other. This happened because they spent time together with Jesus. This is the opportunity that is offered to young people at World youth day. When they gather they will have different languages; but pray the same prayers, they will have different cultures; but have the same faith, each will have different histories, but the same future; which is a life of faith, love and prayer sustained by the Church and the Sacraments and strengthened by the intercession of Mary and all the Saints.

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**READINGS (Year C) This week:** 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Col 1:11-20;  
Luke 23:35-43

**Response:** *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord..*

**Next week:** (Year A ) Isa 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14;  
Matthew 24:37-44

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



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



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The Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch South



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**PARISH NOTICES**

**NO 11am Mass:** there will be no 11am Mass at OLOA this coming **Friday, 25th November**



**ADVENT ADORATION AND CONFESSION:**  
Join us for Adoration and Confession  
**7.00pm—8.00pm.**

**Our Lady of the Assumption Tuesday 29 Nov**  
**Hoon Hay**  
**St Peters, Beckenham Thursday 1 Dec**  
**Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell Thursday 8 Dec**  
**Sacred Heart, Addington Thursday 15 Dec**

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Death is something we all experience, even the Queen. What makes it so difficult to talk about? . How would you want the parish to support you and your family at the time of a bereavement? Come and share your ideas, and help us as we develop a ministry of ‘accompaniment’ for our parish. We’d value your input. Join us on **Thursday 24 November EITHER 1.30pm St Peter and Paul’s Halswell OR 7.30pm St Peter’s Beckenham.** Rsvp Joanne Hope [pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz) or email her with your ideas, and reflections, or arrange to have a chat with her about your experiences and your hopes.

**PREPARE SPIRITUALLY FOR ADVENT AT CARMEL:** Join Sr Lauren in prayer and reflection on the Scriptures of Advent. Meet each **Saturday morning at 9.15am** after the 8.30am Mass at Carmel, **starting 26th November.**



Join us for a cuppa, prayer from a booklet provided, and discussion about discovering how God is working in your life. Register your interest by contacting Sr Lauren at [laurenbutler76@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbutler76@gmail.com) or 027 424 6045.

**PARISH LADIES WALKING GROUP :** Come and join us on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays** of the month. Meet at **Christchurch South Library** main entrance ahead of a **9.30 am** start. Total walking time about an hour plus a stop for a coffee along the way. Walk at your own pace. All welcome!



**Weekly Collections 13 November**  
Parish \$1,827  
Clergy Fund \$914

**Automatic Payments October**  
Parish \$10,065  
Clergy Fund \$5,032

**Next Special Collection:**  
Christmas Day – for Diocesan Clergy

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

**CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP!!**



Do you want to explore Catholic topics?  
Do you want to delve into the Bible?  
Do you want to meet like-minded Catholics?

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, you are invited to join a new group in the Halswell area. It is proposed to have weekly, daytime, gatherings lasting approximately 1 hour. Initial enquiries can be made by contacting Paul by email [pjcsmc@gmail.com](mailto:pjcsmc@gmail.com)

**BIBLE DIARIES 2023:** If you would like to purchase a 2023 Bible Diary please register your interest with the secretary by emailing [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz) it is expected that the dairies will be here by the end of November.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL, Hoon Hay and Halswell:** are requesting donations of Christmas Food which we will be distributing in our Christmas Hampers. Ideally, Christmas mince tarts, cake, festive biscuits, tins of ham, peas, chocolates or other confectionary, jellies, fruit juice (no alcohol) , boxes of new potatoes, and anything else you think would be desirable. Thank you for your continued support. Pat Watson

**THANK YOU** to those who have donated to the parish during this year, either to help with school Attendance Dues or with day to day running costs. Some have given anonymously and we would like to acknowledge these donors - we are most appreciative of your support and generosity.



**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)

**Mass Intentions:** Leo Fitzgerald, Dec'd of Fitzgerald & O'Reilly family, Jim Brown (anniv), Dave Carr (anniv), Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz, Andres, Melecio, Salud, Emerterio, Gloria, Dionesia Anne Ng & Tan Pak Hwa, Thomas Kottaram, Joanne George & George family members, Patricia Creed, Jim & Domini O'Regan, Ann Crawford, Kapiolani Taeloali'i, John Brier, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz, Leon Faid (anniv),

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:**  
Des Erickson, Jim Brown, Dave Carr, Leon Faid

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:** John Brier (Hamilton)

