



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 27th November 2022—1st Sunday of Advent

### THE SEASON OF ADVENT



The Church emphasizes the **Season of Advent**, not solely as preparation for Christmas, but as a reminder of why Christ came into the world.

The Advent/Christmas prophet is **Isaiah** and his words prepare the people (and us) for the coming of the Messiah, the first coming of Jesus.

Christ has come into our world. This is a historical fact, so our waiting is not full of frustration as if He had never come, but rather **our waiting is being attentive to the presence of God among us**. The season of Advent invites us to have **an awareness and an openness to God's presence wherever we are, whatever we are doing**.

Advent is the time when we **deepen our awareness of God with us**, so that our lives show we are ready and alert for the return of Christ.

Advent is the **time of waiting**, of preparing for the coming of Christ. **We recall His coming in the past, look forward to His final coming in glory, and live our present lives knowing that God is with us through the present of the Spirit.**

We are invited to appreciate the coming of the Jesus, not just at Christmas, but to be alert and **see the Lord all around us at all times**. God is very close to us and comes to us in so many of our day-to-day life experiences.



Advent is **a time of prayer**; in the quiet of our heart and in the stillness of our being, not speaking, but simply listening. Stay awake and **'be still and know that I am God'**.

Advent is the liturgical period when we look forward to Christmas, recognizing that Jesus is among us because of Christmas, and that Jesus will come again.

As one author states: **"It is only in the shadow of Advent that the miracle of Christmas can be fully understood and appreciated, and it is only in the light of Christmas that the Christian life makes any sense"**.

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#### 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**

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



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

**Next week: (Year A)** Isa 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9;  
Matthew 3:1-12

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



#### THE BISHOP'S CARE APPEAL 2022

This first Sunday of Advent, Bishop Michael launches the Bishop's Care Appeal 2022.

Keep an eye out for the green Appeal envelopes in your parish. All donations support Catholic initiatives to help those among us who are struggling.

*"To live charitably means...  
Carrying the burdens of the  
weakest and poorest  
among us."*

-Pope Francis

*This Advent, please give to help those in need.*

**PARISH NOTICES**

**Notices from Fr Peter:**

**LAST SUNDAY, 9am HOON HAY and 10:30am HALSWELL PARISHIONERS:** as you were aware last Sunday, I was not feeling very well. I had taken a RAT on Saturday evening and it was negative. My health had not improved so on Tuesday I took another RAT and this time it was positive. I hope in the precautions I took at both Masses last Sunday I have not passed on Covid to any of you. I will come out of isolation on Monday. I am on retreat Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> so I hope to be “back on deck again” for the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> December.

**MASSES THIS WEEKEND:** Fr Barry will be celebrating 5pm Vigil Mass and 10:30am Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart. Fr Kevin Burns will be the celebrant for 9am Sunday at St Peter’s. I am very grateful for Fr Kevin assisting us in times of need! At the 10:30am Mass at Sts Peter’s and Paul’s Fr Ben will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance for those adults who are preparing to be received into the Church next year.

**CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY TIMETABLE:** will be available next weekend. At this stage I would like to inform the parishioners at St Peter’s, Beckenham, that there will now be a 6pm Christmas Eve Family Mass celebrated. A visiting Marist will be the celebrant. The 9pm Vigil Mass at St Peter’s will also be celebrated but there will be no 9am Mass at St Peter’s on Christmas Day.

**CUP OF TEA SUNDAY AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON 4th DECEMBER 2022.** Following the 10.30am Addington Mass on Sunday **4th December**, there will be a cup of tea in the hall. Come over for a coffee/tea and a chat after Mass.



**THE DIOCESE DISPATCH** - News from the General Manager. If you would like regular updates on what is going on in the Christchurch Diocese please subscribe <https://forms.office.com/r/fgLSynrNHT>

**BIBLE DIARIES 2023:** These are now available at the Parish Office for \$20. Cash only please or pay online using the Parish bank account **Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20** with a reference “*Bible Diary and your name*”.

**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

**HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE:** Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale in the church foyer before and after Mass **26/27 November, 3/4 and 10/11 December.** Some lovely prizes to win and you have to be in to win!

**CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP:** The first meeting of this group will be held on **Wednesday 30 November at 10am.** As this time did not suit some people it has been decided to have a second group **Thursday 1 December at 7pm.** For further details, please contact Paul by email [pjcsmc@gmail.com](mailto:pjcsmc@gmail.com)



**CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** Christmas Lunch is at the Hornby Working Mens Club at **11.45am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December.** Everyone welcome. **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL BY TUESDAY 29TH November.** Please phone Theresa on 338 9876 or 021 101 2914.

**PRAYING THE HOLY ROSARY FOR LIFE:** You are invited to pray the Holy Rosary with us on **Saturday 3rd December** at the Sanctuary of Fourvière. Prayer will begin at 3pm in the Beatitude’s Chapel at the Sanctuary of Fourvière, 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield. Coffee and light snacks will be available in the pilgrim shelter afterwards. All are 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

**Mass Intentions:** Heather Boaz,  
**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:** Des Erickson, Jim Brown, Dave Carr, Leon Faid  
**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:** Teresa Drummond



**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

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Our Lady of Assumption  
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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)