



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

6th November 2022—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Sacrament of Confirmation



This weekend families from our parish gather with Bishop Michael and our parish priests, to support our children as they receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Like all the sacraments, we just don't 'show up' on the day. There is a lot of preparation and background work that is needed; physically, intellectually and spiritually. For example; to prepare to receive Holy Communion at Mass, we fast for an hour, we might

pre-read the readings and say a few prayers. In preparation for Confirmation children and their parents from our parish have been meeting over the last couple of months on a Sunday afternoon to prepare.

We would much rather watch TV or have a nap after a Sunday lunch. But these families have sacrificed their time to prepare their children. Our spiritual preparation was to start each session with a short period of prayer, kneeling in silence before the Blessed Sacrament. This is a reminder that we are here for Jesus and He is in charge of forming our hearts and minds and leading us to Heaven. We also offered the sacrament of Reconciliation to the children and their families as part of our preparation. Finally we spent the last few weeks learning about our faith that we may understand better what we love. There were a many topics and questions. Who is the Holy Spirit? Why do we need his help? What is a confirmation Saint? Why do we need their intercession? As well as the importance of the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit which we need to be proclaimers and defenders of the Church and our Catholic Faith.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit help us to cooperate with Gods divine plan. They place deep into our souls a certain spiritual instinct, similar to an animals instinct. This instinct is different as this instinct directs us to heaven. God places in us a divine instinct that leads us back to him. The first three gifts help us to instinctually desire God and share this desire with others. **The Fear of the Lord** helps us to revere God and see him as our friend and our advocate. It supports our hope that God can and will save us.

Piety helps us to worship God as our father in heaven, who invites us to join Him. **Fortitude** helps us to endure the difficulties that we will inevitably face in worshipping God and journeying to Heaven.

The last four gifts help us to instinctively know God and share this knowledge with others. **Understanding** helps us to grasp the meaning of the bible and the teaching of the Church as something that is from God and that it is both true and good for us. **Knowledge** helps us to discern what is a part of our Catholic Faith Tradition and what is not. **Counsel** helps us to listen to God and hear his Spirit guide our hearts to make decisions. **Wisdom** helps us first and foremost to love God and then to accept what God reveals to us.

Let us pray for our young people who will be confirmed on Sunday that they may receive the fullness of the seven Gifts and be lead to heaven with their *divine instinct*.

Fr Ben D'souza sm

READINGS (Year C) **This week:** 2 Mac 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thess 2: 16– 3:5; Luke 20:27-38

Response: *Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.*

Next week: Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thess 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19
These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



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PARISH NOTICES

DEATH TOUCHES ALL OF US. How would you want the parish to support you and your family in a time of bereavement? *"We need a Church capable of walking at people's side, of doing more than simply listening to them: a Church which accompanies them on the journey"* (Pope Francis). How are we doing? Come and share your ideas, and help us as we develop this ministry of 'accompaniment' for our parish. We'd value your input. Join us on **Thursday 24 November either 1.30pm** Sts Peter and Paul's Halswell **OR 7.30pm** St Peter's Beckenham.

Rsvp Joanne Hope pastoral-care@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.

MASS FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS : Sacred Heart, Addington on Tuesday 15th November 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



There is an option to register your attendance in advance on this link should you wish to: <https://parishresources.chchcatholic.nz/safe-church/safeguarding-course-registration/>

LAST SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP DATES FOR 2022:

Monday 7th November 1pm – Our Lady of Victories, Parish Centre, Main South Road.

Monday 14th November 1pm - Our Lady of Victories, Parish Centre, Main South Road.

Wednesday 16th November 7pm – St Theresa's Hall, Riccarton.

Who is required to attend: Leaders and volunteers from any Parish or Catholic Community.

Volunteers who have not yet attended a Safeguard Workshop. It is recommended that if you have not been to a Safeguarding Workshop for over 2 years, that you attend this new and updated safeguarding workshop. Attending these safeguard workshops is a requirement of all volunteers in all Church roles. You do not need to RSVP, just turn up and sign in.

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Clodagh Ward – Christchurch Diocese Safeguarding Officer

Email: cward@cdoc.nz; Mobile: [022 0124142](tel:0220124142)

A DAY WITH MARY: will be held at St Gregory's Church, Cotswold Ave, Bishopdale on Saturday 12th November commencing at **9.15am and concluding at 3.00pm.**



For further details contact Ron 022 097 0627.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, HOON HAY: will have a plant sale **this weekend**, Saturday at **5.30p.m and Sunday 10.00 a.m.** at the Halswell church in Nicholls Road. We also have Columban Calendars for sale @ \$12.00 each .

We'll also be asking if you'd like to join us to prepare and pack Christmas Hampers which will be delivered in the week before Christmas. Please bring **cash for purchases** as we don't have an EFTPOS machine. Thank you for your continued support for the work we do. Pat Watson



2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Now on sale at the office,
70 Spencer Street, Addington.
\$12.00—cash only please

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/

Sacred Heart, Ph 338 3247,
www.sacredheartchch.school.nz

St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,
www.saintpeters.school.nz

Parish Collections 30 October
Parish \$1,543 Clergy Fund \$771

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:

Karen and Kevin McGauley, Joe O'Neill,
Josie Harrison, Arthur Harrison, Joe Harrison, Dec'd
members Harrison families, May Chenery, Frances
Nolan, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz, Rosemary & Bud
Grose, Cleo, Felipe, Morcel, Paulo and others

Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time: Dave Carr, Jim Brown

