



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 11th December 2022—3rd Sunday of Advent

*Sheer joy is God's  
and this demands company*

Being with my two-year-old granddaughter is like a master class in 'rejoicing'. Her joy is spontaneous and contagious. You can't help but be caught up in it and taken out of yourself. There is only now. One of her aunties calls her 'Willow What-a-Life!'. I admit that sometimes I forget about 'what a life' I have been given. Gaudete Sunday - the third Sunday in Advent, with its rose-tinted candle - is an invitation to rejoice, to tap into that underground spring of joy, that place of deep gratitude for life which flows somewhere between contentment and delight. It's not the same as permanent happiness or a false optimism that can ignore suffering, evil, or injustice. But it's a divine space which connects us with God's delight in us, and holds us through even the toughest of times, the times when there seems to be little else to rejoice in.

Thomas Aquinas understood that joy is at the heart of the universe. He believed that our very existence and creation itself are the fruit of God's joyful, creative desire. 'Sheer joy is God's and this demands company'.

I know that children have the advantage of blissful unawareness of anything outside their own sphere and needs. They have no idea about mortgages, relationships, or their parents' needs or well-being. But in drawing our attention to a shiny stone or a silly dog or a funny rhyme they can remind us to appreciate those freshly dug spuds, that stunning rose, that glorious piece of music, that lovely friend, those gifts in our lives which connect us with the Divine.

I can't share Willow with you (Sorry!) but how would it be this week to reflect on what it is in you, that God takes such delight in; what in your life you are most grateful for, and how it might be possible to spread some of that joy and gratitude without going near a shop? Gaudete! Gaudete!

**Joanne Hope**  
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The Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch South



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

Sacred Heart, Addington Thursday 15 Dec



**THE BISHOP'S CARE APPEAL 2022**

Over the past year, \$10,000 of the proceeds from the Bishop's Appeal helped vulnerable people in the community access urgent medical treatment and mental health assistance.

**A small gift can make a BIG DIFFERENCE.**

*"To live charitably means... carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest amongst us."*  
-Pope Francis

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

**READINGS (Year A)** Isa 35:1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**Response:** *Lord, come and save us.*



**Next week: (Year A)** Isa 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

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

**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"**.

## PARISH NOTICES

**WEEKDAY MASSES at St Peter's and Our Lady of the Assumption:** due to the end of Term 4, as from this week, there will be **no 11am Mass at St Peter's on a Thursday** and **no 11am Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption on a Friday** until February 2023.

**MASS OF ANOINTING** : will be held at **Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell** **this Tuesday 13th December 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](mailto:Joanne.Hope@pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz) [pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

**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**

**A CHANCE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE NEW YEAR:** Are you looking for a way to make a concrete difference in someone else's life? We are looking for people next year who are willing to spend a couple of hours a week with homebound parishioners and take Communion to those who are elderly, sick, or unable to join us at Sunday Eucharist. You don't need to have professional background, but you do need a willingness to listen, be empathetic, and offer reassurance that our community has not forgotten them. We will train and support you to visit these people in their homes, or in residential care, and take them the Eucharist if they desire that. To learn more about whether this volunteer ministry is for you please contact Joanne Hope the Coordinator of Pastoral Care. [pastoralcoordinator@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:pastoralcoordinator@christchurchsouth.org.nz) or leave your contact details with Janice ph 338 8395

**CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS AT HALSWELL:** This year we will be having Christmas Eve Family Mass at **Sts Peter & Paul at 6pm**. Costumes (for young ones aged between 4 and 12) are available to be collected after the **18 December** morning Mass from the Hall. An outline of the Family Mass will be given. Parent helpers most welcome. We are looking for **7 students** who would like to read a prayer/epistle/welcome during the Mass- please contact Paul on 021 1518 154.

**FAMILY MASS ST PETER'S BECKENHAM:** A small group of volunteers (welcome to join) are organising the **Family Christmas Eve Mass at St Peter's Beckenham, 6pm**. As many children as possible are encouraged to take part; readers, singers, musicians, offertory, greeters etc. If you would like your child to take part, please fill in this form <https://forms.gle/iVGsmGXaWU3PQTHU7> and we will have a quick get together after Mass this Sunday and a bigger practise after Mass on the **18<sup>th</sup> December**.

**FLORAL DONATIONS REQUIRED FOR HALSWELL:** If anyone is able to donate flowers for our Christmas Liturgies we would be grateful. Please bring any donations to the church from **Friday the 23rd December**. We will be meeting to arrange flowers from **10am on the 24th December** at Halswell.

**FORMED** *The Catholic Faith. On Demand.*

This Advent, **Formed.org** has provided a number of resources to help us in our journey during Advent. There are a number of short videos helping us to prepare for the coming of Christ. [watch.formed.org/advert](http://watch.formed.org/advert)

If you have not already signed up, signing up is easy and it is **FREE**.

- 1: Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)
- 2: Look for 'Catholic Parish of Christchurch South'
- 3: Enter your name and your email address

**Parish Collections 4 December**  
Parish \$2,178 Clergy Fund \$1,089

**Automatic Payments received November**  
Parish \$9,792 Clergy Fund \$4,896

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

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

**Mass Intentions:** Heather Boaz & Len Sullivan, Rosemary & Bud Grose, Leo & Cayle

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:** Tony Lane, John W Tier

**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>

## 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)