



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 4th December 2022—2nd Sunday of Advent

### Advent is a time to remember that God is a God who comes.

An American woman reflected on this:

The Father knocks at my door  
seeking a home for his Son.

Rent is cheap, I say.

I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.

I'm not sure I want to sell,  
But you might come in and look around.

I think I will, says God.

I might let you have a room or two.

I like it, says God. I'll take the two.  
You might decide to give me more some day.  
I can wait, says God.

I'd like to give you more,  
but it's a bit difficult.  
I need some space for me.

I know says God, but I'll wait.  
I like what I see.

Hm, maybe I can let you have another room.  
I really don't need that much.

Thanks, says God. I'll take it. I like what I see.

I'd like to give you the whole house  
but I am not sure \_\_\_\_\_

Think on it says God. I wouldn't put you out.  
Your house would be mine and my Son would live  
in it. You'd have more space than you'd ever had  
before.

I don't understand at all.

I know says God, but I can't tell you about that.  
You'd have to discover it for yourself.  
That can only happen if you let him have the  
whole house.

A bit risky, I say.

Yes, says God, but try me.

I'm not sure—I'll let you know.

I can wait, says God. I like what I see

-Margaret Halaska



Advent is a time to remember that our God  
comes to us.

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9.00am—3.00pm

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



Parish App  
The Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch South



[https://www.facebook.com/  
CatholicChchSouth/](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChchSouth/)



#### ADVENT ADORATION AND CONFESSION:

Join us for Adoration and Confession  
**7.00pm—8.00pm.**

**Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell** **Thursday 8 Dec**  
**Sacred Heart, Addington** **Thursday 15 Dec**

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



**Response:** *Justice shall flourish in his time,  
and fullness of peace forever.*

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

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



#### THE BISHOP'S CARE APPEAL 2022

When you donate to the Bishop's  
Care Appeal, you support  
initiatives to help those among us  
who are struggling.

Initiatives which include Vinnies and Catholic  
Services.

For many this support means not having to  
choose between essentials.

Food **OR** a doctor visit?

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

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

## PARISH NOTICES

**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".

**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.

**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!

**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**

**THE CATHOLIC SHOP:** will be open on Sunday mornings for Advent from **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November through to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30am to 12.30pm.** 373 Manchester St

**Normal trading hours:** Monday to Friday 9.30am till 4.30pm, Saturday 10am till 1pm.

[www.thecatholicshop.nz](http://www.thecatholicshop.nz)  
Call 3662853 or email us  
[catholicshop@cdoc.nz](mailto:catholicshop@cdoc.nz)

**2022 FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: Saturday, 10th December,** The Community of the Beatitudes, 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield, warmly invites you to celebrate our annual Festival of Lights at the Sanctuary of Fourvière, on **Saturday 10th December.**

**Bishop Michael Gielen** will celebrate Holy Mass at the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Light. Mass will begin at **6pm** under the large marquee.

Please bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards. A spit roast lamb with hangi vegetables will also be available for sale along with coffee and drinks in the Pilgrim Shelter.

For more information, contact us at [apostolate@fourviere.nz](mailto:apostolate@fourviere.nz) or phone 022 506 2538.

**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.

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



Check out Advent on **formed.org**  
[watch.formed.org/advent](http://watch.formed.org/advent)

**Parish Collections 20 November**  
Parish \$1,778 Clergy Fund \$889

**27 November**  
Parish \$2,055 Clergy Fund \$1,027

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

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

**Mass Intentions:** Bryan Clapp, John Brier, Mary & Des Brady, Margaret & Terry Daly, Pauline & Margaret Daly, Pat & Dennis Tod, Heather Boaz, Dorothy Gooding, Rosemary & Bud Grose

**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

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| 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

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| 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)