



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

22nd January 2023—3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY



One of the great blessings of the liturgical reform and renewal flowing from the Second Vatican Council was a greater appreciation of the **foundational role of the Word of God in our lives as Catholics**. The reform has led to a greater awareness of the role that the Word of God has to play in our lives.

As we celebrate Word of God Sunday, this weekend, may we continue to be **open to the Word of God** proclaimed in the Scriptures, proclaimed in our own personal prayer lives, proclaimed by our sisters and brothers in the words they speak.

Pope Francis entrusts each of us with the Word of God. He wants to stimulate us not to just place the Bible on the shelf as one of many books, perhaps covered in dust, but as an instrument that once again awakens our faith to what God is calling us to be as God's people both now and into our future.

Let us respond to the call of Pope Francis to dive into the Word. The Parish Office has **Bible Diaries** available for \$20. Please bring cash or you can pay online using the Parish bank account **Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20** with a reference "**Bible Diary and your name**".

PARISH VISION and PRIORITIES 2023



Parish Vision: growing a vibrant faith community that supports each other with deepening our relationship with Jesus Christ and sharing the Gospel with others

Parish Priorities: Connection & Community/ Formation & Growth/ Liturgical/Celebrations/ Communication

One of our priorities is "**connection and community**" and one way we are going to implement this is through the establishment of more **Passionist Family Groups** in our parish.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS



Next weekend we will begin to give parishioners information on the Passionist Family Group Movement. There are already groups in existence in Beckenham and Hoon Hay and these groups will continue. All the parish communities will be receiving information as **we look at ways for our parishioners to "connect"**, meet and get to know one another. We are now in our fourth year as the

Catholic Parish of Christchurch South and the time has come for us to have opportunities for parishioners to come together where we can meet each other, socialise together and support each other. Being a part of a Passionist Family Group will enable this to happen.

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READINGS (Year A) Isa 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17;
Matthew 4:12-23

Response: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

Next week: (Year A) Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13;
1 Cor 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12

These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



The LORD is my
light and my *salvation*,
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the
strength of my life;
of whom
shall I be afraid?

-Psalm 27:1



Parish Website
Christchurchsouth.org.nz



Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



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PARISH NOTICES

NZ SPEAKING TOUR ON PALESTINE BY BROTHER PETER BRAY FSC, VICE-CHANCELLOR OF BETHLEHEM UNIVERSITY: *Brother Peter Bray FSC*, is making a speaking tour of Aotearoa-New Zealand's Catholic dioceses talking about how Kiwis can help bring peace to the Holy Land. Br Peter has been invited by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference for a speaking tour of the six dioceses between 24 January and 9 February. Br Peter moved from Wellington to Bethlehem, the birthplace of Jesus, in 2008 to take up the vice-chancellor role. His work as a teacher and education consultant has taken him around the world. Bethlehem University was founded by Br Peter's De la Salle Brothers in 1973. It was the first registered university established in the Occupied West Bank territory of Palestine and is the only Catholic university in the Holy Land. It currently has 3259 students (Muslim and Christian), 17,282 graduates and 214 faculty members. It celebrates its Golden Jubilee this year. Br Peter's speaking tour follow the New Zealand Catholic bishops publishing a statement last July urging action to solve the decades-old Israel-Palestine issue.

Br Peter will be here in the Diocese of Christchurch to speak on:

Thursday 2 February, 7.30pm Villa Maria College, Te Manawa Atawhai Catherine McAuley Centre, 21 Peer Street, Upper Riccarton, Christchurch

In preparation for his speaking tour, Br Peter has made three videos based on his daily work with Palestinians and Palestinian students at Bethlehem University. The videos are online here: <https://www.youtube.com/@nzcbc2977>

The Bishops' statement on Palestine is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/about-us/bishops-statements/end-palestinian-suffering/>

The normal **WEEKDAY MASS, EXPOSITION and RECONCILIATION** timetable will begin again this Monday, 23rd January. The timetable can be found on the back of the newsletter, on our parish website or at the entrance of each of our churches.

 **RENTAL ACCOMODATION—HOON HAY PRESBYTERY:** The house at 170 Hoon Hay Road is available for short term rent. Please contact Judy for details. Phone 338 8395 or administration@christchurchsouth.org.nz

INVITATION: On the **28th and 29th January**, speakers will be at each of our Masses to promote the Passionist Family Group Movement which has been active in parts of our parish for over 26 years. This will be a chance for everyone to hear about how it benefits our community. We encourage you to come and listen to the speakers and to ask questions so that you can be better informed. If you'd like to find out a bit about the Movement now, please visit the website: passionistfamily.org.nz



Parish Collections

25 December

Parish \$4,496 Clergy Fund \$2,248

Christmas (to Clergy Fund) \$1,572

1 & 9 January

Parish \$3,965 Clergy Fund \$1,982

Automatic Payments December

Parish \$9,754 Clergy \$4,877

Next Special Collection:

Good Friday – for Holy Places

Parish account for donations

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Mass Intentions: Rosemary & Bud Grose, Maureen & Bob Purdie, Mary & Des Brady, Pat & John Bain, Anne McCormack, John Brier, Kathleen Aynsley, Lance Manuel, Arturo Sr, Jonathan, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz, Richard Baird, Lorna A. Best, Georgia, Manuel Sr, Lance Manuel, Louis Christenson, Austine, Dillon & George families, Patricia M Thorn, Kathleen McGreevy, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz, Rosamma Varghese, Jack & Margaret, Gemma, Eugenio & Eubella Alegado, Andrew & Monica D'Souza, Thomas D'Souza

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:

Kathleen McGreevy, Fifita Ulupano, Les Maloney, Steve Allen (Maxine Spivey's brother-in-law), Ida Fox, Helga Tiscenko



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