



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

29th January 2023—4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS IN THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH

This weekend we **begin the process of establishing Passionist Family Groups in our parish.** There are already groups in existence in Beckenham and Hoon Hay and these groups will continue.

As I mentioned in last weekend's newsletter, the reason for establishing these groups is to **assist our parishioners in making a "connection" with each other.**

Being a part of a Passionist Family Group will provide **a way to meet and get to know other parishioners.** We have to be honest and say that we, as Catholics, are not known for the way we greet each other and get to know each other by name.



One of the many positive aspects of a Passionist Family Group is that **those in a group can range in age from elderly to a baby.** Whether parishioners are married, single, divorced, young or old, Catholic, non-Catholic, everyone is welcome. **The motto is: "a family for all". Everyone and anyone is welcome** to be a member of a group.

The activities of a family group are to be **able to socialise together** and include such activities as shared meals, "outings" and any other activity that combines common interests, fun and food!

As the members of a group get to know one another they can begin to **support each other in times of both need (a bereavement) and celebration (a birthday or anniversary).** Because "connecting" becomes part of a group, members of the group begin to feel they are part of an extended family

Passionist Family Groups are not prayer groups, nor are they discussion groups. The emphasis is on **allowing people to put the Gospel into practice through mutual care and support for each other within the group.**

Passionist Family Groups are not for everyone, but experience shows that as time goes by, more and more parishioners become aware of the **value of being in a group where they can "connect" with other parishioners.**

The National Coordinator for the PFGs in New Zealand, **Paul Traynor**, will be speaking at the 6pm Vigil Mass and 10:30am Mass at Halswell and the 9am Mass at Hoon Hay. I will be speaking at the other parish Masses (excluding Carmel).

Over the next two weekends there will be **someone sharing their experience of being involved in a Passionist Family Group.** There will also be the opportunity to **fill in the information form** that will be made available at all Masses. As from next weekend, the information form can also be filled in via the parish website: www.christchurchsouth.org.nz

Fr Peter Head sm
Parish Priest



Passionist Family Groups provide an extended family for all who wish to belong – married, single or divorced, young, old or in-between. There is a giving and receiving by all members of the group to each other. Everyone is welcome to join.

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The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



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

Response: *Happy the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

Next week: (Year A) Isa 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

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



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 Bothers 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.

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION :



Registration for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion is now open. Register online via the Parish website or at the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/9j3hrfx5>

An information night for parents will be held on **Tuesday 21st February, 7.30pm-8.15pm**, at *Our Lady of the Assumption church (170 Hoon Hay Road.)* **Please note: the final date to register for the 2023 FHC programme is the 1st March.**

CUP OF TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON 5th February 2023.

One of our parish goals is to grow our community and provide opportunities to connect. Come over for a coffee / tea and a chat after Mass.



CHRISCHURCH SOUTH PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP: will meet on **Thursday 2nd February at 10am at Oderings Nurseries,**



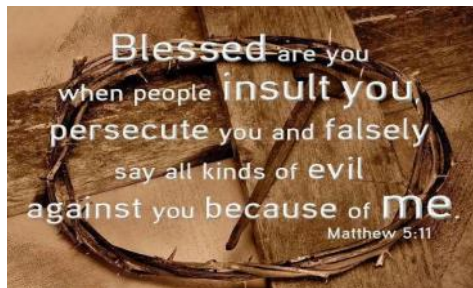
Barrington Street. All welcome. Please ring Theresa 338 9876 or 021 101 2914 for further information.

BIBLE DIARIES 2023: Let us respond to the call of Pope Francis to dive into the Word. We still have Bible Diaries 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"**.



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Mass Intentions: Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz, Michael Dilger, Les Maloney, Anthony Quick, Peter Quick Ser Kiat, Mary Tan Siok Say, Theresa Ah Hwa, Chee P Yeow, Ng S Geok, Chee Bee Har, Maria Tan, Tan family

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:

Les Maloney, Steve Allen (Jacinta's husband), Sr Marie Fitzgerald RSM (Clarie Tier's sister), Mary Harte, Bernard Murphy (Australia)

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

15 & 22 January
 Parish \$4,186 Clergy Fund \$2,093

Bishop's Appeal 2022
 \$519

Automatic Payments December
 Parish \$9,754 Clergy \$4,877

Next Special Collection:
 Good Friday – for Holy Places

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