



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 12th February 2023—6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

**“You have heard how it was said... but I say...”**



In a previous job, I was involved in orientation of new staff, and one of the inescapable requirements of new people, was that they quickly become familiar with policies and procedures. You could almost see the light in their eyes dimming when confronted with a huge folder of policies they needed to get up to speed on. We need rules and policies. They are important. They can provide direction and enhance safety. But they are a map, not the journey itself. Sometimes organisations can become so enamoured by the rules, they forget what the purpose of them is, and so achieving their vision and developing their people become secondary to monitoring and enforcement.

In today’s Gospel Jesus assures his listeners that he has not come to abolish the law, but to deepen it, to better enable it to achieve its purpose. Its purpose is the reign of God. He indicates that the old law in itself is not sufficient to bring about the reign of God. What about compassion? What about our responsibilities to one another? What about our attitudes? What about faithfulness, integrity, mercy, love? “You have heard how it was said... but I say...” he keeps repeating.

What he says in his life and his teaching is ‘Love one another as I have loved you’.

An austere legalism or adherence to the law without love, is simply a gong booming or cymbal clashing. God’s law is a law of love. The Gospels are full of it.

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**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/3x2wbc35>

An information night for parents will be held on **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March. Please note spaces are limited.**

Do you want to build your faith?  
Check out [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) [watch.formed.org](https://www.watch.formed.org)

**READINGS** (Year A ) Ecc 15:15-20;  
1 Cor 2:6-10; Matthew 5: 17-37

**Response:** *Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord.*

Next Week: (Year A ) Lev 19:1-2,17-18;  
1 Cor 3:16-23; Matthew 5: 38-48

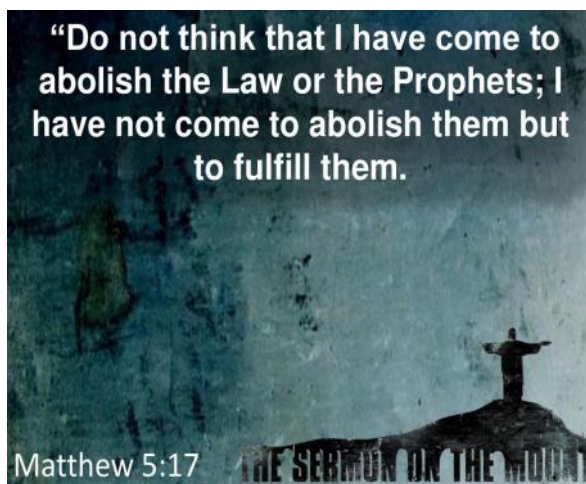
These are also on the Parish App under **Readings.**



**“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.**

Matthew 5:17

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT



## PARISH NOTICES

**LENTEN GIVING ENVELOPE PACKS:** have been distributed today at Mass. You can either use the weekly donation envelopes or use a single donation envelope. Return your envelopes into the parish offertory collection.

**RENTAL ACCOMODATION—HOON HAY PRESBYTERY:** The house at 170 Hoon Hay Rd is available for rent - a periodic tenancy or set period agreed to with the parish. Unfurnished. Contact Judy Ph: 338 8395 or [administration@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:administration@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

**CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM:** Inviting everyone to come and bring your family and friends. **February 25th 5 -7pm at St Peters Hall, 11 Fisher Ave, Beckenham.** Free snacks and refreshments. All welcome. Contact: Dan 0210497027, Fe 0210399141, Sig 0211157131, Daisy 0212613874

*The start of something new: So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold new things have come. 2 Cor 5:17*



COUPLES FOR CHRIST

**PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUPS:** If you would like to register, please click on this link <https://tinyurl.com/mse7psdr>

**Parish Collections 5 February**  
Parish \$1,780 Clergy Fund \$890

**Automatic Payments January**  
Parish \$10,347 Clergy Fund \$5,173

**Next Special Collection:**  
Good Friday – for Holy Places

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

**Mass Intentions:** Dora Termeer, Creo, Felipe, Rosemary & Bud Grose, David & Kathleen Black, Tranquelina and others, Joseph O'Neill, Heather Boaz

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:** David Black

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**  
Theodora Termeer, Hubert McCoy (Ireland)

**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DUES 2023:** The parish supports a number of students in our 3 parish schools with Attendance Dues. If you would like to assist a family in need this school year, donations can be made to the parish account, ref **ATT DUES**. If you require a receipt, please let us know. The cost per Term for one child is \$130. Thank you.

**SYCAMORE FAITH SERIES DURING LENT AT CARMEL:** Join Sr Lauren for the Catholic faith series from the UK called Sycamore to explore at a deeper level what we believe and explore questions like: How can we find happiness? What's the meaning of life? Is there a God? Does prayer make a difference?

Join us for the Saturday 8.30am Mass at Carmel followed by cuppa, clip and discussion - beginning 25th of February for 6 weeks. Free to attend, just bring an open heart.

To register contact Sr Lauren on 027 424 6045 or [laurenbutler76@gmail.com](mailto:laurenbutler76@gmail.com) All welcome!

**ST VALENTINE'S DAY MASS: Tuesday 14 February** at St Mary's Pro-Cathedral at 6.30pm. All welcome.

**CYT SPORTS DAY: March 26th 11-3pm** at St Joseph's School Papanui. To register click on the link <https://tinyurl.com/ytauv53m>

**AUCKLAND FLOOD APPEAL:** Bishop Michael has launched an Auckland Flood Appeal to provide support to those in Auckland who have been severely impacted by the recent flooding and its effects. If you would like to support the Appeal, please donate to our fundraising account: **03 0802 0948733 22** with the following information

**Particulars:** Your surname and initials.  
**Code:** AKL. **Reference:** Your Phone Number.

If you would like a receipt issued to you, please email: [giving@cdoc.nz](mailto:giving@cdoc.nz) with the date of donation, the amount, your phone number and your email/postal details. Thank you for your generosity in helping those that are struggling as a result of this horrific event.

Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,  
who walk according to the law of the Lord.  
Blessed are those who keep his statutes  
and seek him with all their heart  
Psalm 119:1-2



## 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)