



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

19th February 2023—7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lent—A time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving

This week we begin our transition to the season of Lent, a special time of fasting and prayer that helps us grow closer to God.

Lent is a reminder for us to accept - without watering down - the words of Jesus in scripture: "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me" (Lk 9: 23).

Self-denial and discipline in general are not popular in the times in which we live. Almost everywhere one looks they can see individuals giving themselves over, with little restraint, to their own personal desires. We all suffer with the negative impacts of this self-centredness in our society, especially in the form of marriage and family breakdown and other forms of social decay.



Lent is a chance for us to turn away from such self-centredness and turn our hearts back toward God and his infinite mercy (Joel 2:12-18). We can do so by fasting, and other acts of self-sacrifice. Many of you will know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in many other ways, such as through almsgiving to the poor or taking on extra times of prayer. Lent is also a wonderful time to experience God's mercy by partaking in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

In closing, the words of our late Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI seem a fitting encouragement for us to make a good Lent:

"Enlivened by a strong commitment to prayer, determined to make a greater effort of penance, fasting and loving attention to our brethren, let us set out towards Easter accompanied by the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church and model of every authentic disciple of Christ"

May you have a fruitful and blessed Season of Lent.

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Love your enemies

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you will be sons of your Father in heaven

Matthew 5:44-45 NRV

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

Response: *The Lord is kind and merciful.*

Next Week: (Year A) Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7;
rom 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

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



Ash Wednesday Masses

February 22, 2023

8.30am Carmelite Monastery

9.00am Sacred Heart

9.00am Our Lady of the Assumption

7.00pm Sacred Heart

7.00pm Sts Peter & Paul

Do you want to build your faith this Lent?

Check out [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) [watch.formed.org](https://www.watch.formed.org)

PARISH NOTICES

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

CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE CARMELITE NUNS ARRIVING IN CHRISTCHURCH: On

Tuesday 21st February it will be 90 years since the Carmelite Nuns arrived in Christchurch. Our 8:30am Mass that day will be a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate this anniversary, followed by refreshments. All welcome!



SYCAMORE FAITH SERIES DURING LENT AT CARMEL: Join Sr Lauren for the Catholic faith series 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 All welcome!

MASS FOR SENIOR PARISHIONERS : will be held at **Sts Peter & Paul church, Halswell** on **Tuesday 21st February 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 
pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz

FIRST RECONCILIATION / FIRST HOLY COMMUNION : Registrations for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion **closes on 1st March**. 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 21st February, 7.30pm-8.15pm**, at *Our Lady of the Assumption church (170 Hoon Hay Road.)* **Spaces are limited.**

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.*

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE HALSWELL: will be running another one of their Lotto raffles during March and the tickets will be on sale before and after the Masses at Halswell on the weekend of **25/26 February**.

Parish Collections 12 February
Parish 2,096 Clergy Fund \$1,048

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: Juliana Enriquez, Maria Leonora Daluran, Nestor Villasquina, Juliana Herrera, Steve Allen, Judy McCashin, Personal Intention, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz

Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time: Joan O'Laughlin, Blair O'Connor & other 2011 Earthquake victims

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:
Bill Jenner, Jan Shephard 

CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP: Meetings of this group will recommence on **Wednesday 22 February**. For further details, please contact Paul; pjcsmc@gmail.com or 0211518154. 

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 with the date of donation, the amount, your phone number and your email/postal details. Thank you.

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