



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

19th March 2023— 4th Sunday of Lent

St Joseph and the Holy family

'The family is the most important wealth of a nation, and the foundation of the society' This short quote from Pope Francis says a lot about the importance of families. It is the family that is the wealth of a nation and therefore what a nation should protect. It is more important to protect and invest in families to ensure that they have all the support that they need to thrive, rather than investing in good roading, or other infrastructure. At the end of the day, the roads, pipes, electricity and everything else would be useless if there were no families to use them.

The family is therefore crucial to the life and growth of the country but also the life of the Church. The family is also the basic unit of the Church. If we imagine the Church to be a tall tower made of millions of bricks, each brick is a family. If the bricks are not strong, the tower is weak. If the bricks are strong, then the tower is strong and can endure for centuries. The Church is dependent on strong families, without which the church can't flourish.

Unfortunately, families in today's world face more struggles than ever with globalisation, technology and a myriad of other pressures. Families need support from each other, but they also need God's grace and help to persevere in the good, and to grow in their faith. St Joseph plays an important role in the protection of families, and he is constantly praying for families.

When God sent his Son to Earth, he sent Jesus into a Family. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are known as the Holy family, but this doesn't mean they had it easy. This family had many struggles. They were very poor; Jesus was born in a stable, they couldn't afford a lamb to sacrifice in the temple, so they offered two pigeons. They were refugees, outcasts, living in a foreign country, language and culture when they were forced to flee to Egypt. Through these struggles, and many more, God chose St Joseph to be their protector. Walking to Egypt was a long and dangerous journey with thieves during the day and wild animals at night. Egypt was also hostile to Jews, as they had a memory of what happened at the Red Sea. Joseph was ready to defend his family from these and any other danger. Today St Joseph is still the protector of families and defends families with his prayers of protection. He hears our prayers and presents them to Jesus, whom he protected as an infant. Monday is the feast of St Joseph and March is the month of St Joseph. Let us pray for his protection, especially over all the families in our parish. This prayer was written by Pope Francis for the year of St Joseph.

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph,
show yourself a father to us too,
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend our families from every evil. Amen.*
St Joseph - Pray for us

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READINGS (Year A) Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13,
Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.*

Next Week: (Year A) Ezek 37:12-14;
Roms 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

These are also on the Parish App under
Readings.

PLANNED GIVING RENEWAL:

This weekend a Planned Giving leaflet will be available at each Mass. **If you have not already received this via email**, we ask you to take one home and give it your prayerful consideration.

Completed forms can be handed in to the office or placed in an envelope in the collection basket.

The form is also available **on our website**
[Planned giving | Catholic Parish of Christchurch South](#)

If you have any queries, please contact Judy at the office. Thank you

Do you want to build your faith this Lent?
Check out formed.org watch.formed.org



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Christchurchsouth.org.nz



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PARISH NOTICES

MASS OF ANOINTING: will be held at **Sacred Heart church, Addington on Tuesday 21st March at 1.30pm** followed by a cup of tea. If anyone would like to be picked up please ring the parish secretary on 338 8395 or email Joanne Hope pastoralcoordinator@christchurchsouth.org.nz

ADORATION AND CONFESSION. Join us this Lent for Adoration and Confession **7.00pm—8.00pm**

Sts Peter & Paul Church, **Thursday 23 March**
Halswell

Sacred Heart Church, **Thursday 30 March**
Addington



STATIONS OF THE CROSS:
Come and join us at Our Lady of the Assumption, Hoon Hay on **Fridays at 6pm.**

GOLDEN CATHOLICS: Friday 31 March 2023, 11:00am Mass and discussion. 12:30pm Light Lunch. St Bede's College Chapel. Speaker Fr Michael Mahoney SM, South Westland Parish Priest, is our first guest speaker for 2023. Fr Michael will give an insight into the life and faith of a people and culture in a semi-desert outback of Brazil. For catering purposes **RSVP by 27 March: 03 366 9869 or receptionists@cdoc.nz**

TAKING COMMUNION TO THOSE WHO ARE HOUSEBOUND OR SICK:

Two formation sessions are being run Wednesday **22nd and 29th March, 10.00-12.00 (Please note change of dates)** at



St Peters parish centre, 11 Fisher Avenue, Beckenham. If you would like to discuss whether this is something you could do, please contact Joanne Hope pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz or leave your contact details with Janice ph 338 8395.

CAN YOU HELP? We have a 90 year old parishioner who is looking for a ride to Sunday Mass at Hoon Hay from Westmorland. If you can help can you please contact Janice at the office on 338 8395.



CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE HALSWELL: Lotto results for Week one

Winner – No 9 – Helen Hutching
Runners up – No 8 – Mericel Malonzo
 No 10 – Judy Honey
Thank you Helen Hutching

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

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-2024:

These are available in the church foyer for those on our list. Please take your **NAMED** set. Thank you

Parish Collections 12 March

Parish \$2,683 Clergy Fund \$1,342

Automatic Payments February

Parish \$9,584 Clergy Fund \$4,792

Next Special Collection:

Good Friday – for Holy Places

Parish account for donations

Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20 Thank you

A CULTURE OF SAFEGUARDING: St Mary's Pro Cathedral, Manchester St. Venue: Assisi Lounge

Tuesday 28th March at 1pm, or Wednesday 29th March at 7pm

Who is required to attend: Leaders and volunteers from any parish. Volunteers who have not yet attended a Safeguard Workshop. If you have not been to a Safeguarding Workshop in the last two years it is recommended that you attend this new and updated safeguarding workshop.

Attending these safeguard workshops is a requirement of volunteering/ministering in every parish in our Diocese.

Leaders, please encourage all volunteers you are responsible for to meet this safeguarding training requirement.

You do not need to RSVP, just turn up and sign in.

Mass Intentions: Rosemary & Bud Grose, Len Sullivan & Heather Boaz

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:

Marie Gardener, Trevor Gibbs, David Wilson



**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