



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

30th April 2023 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Vocations Sunday

Each year when the Gospel at Sunday Mass is of Christ The Good Shepherd, we spend the week praying for vocations to the Priesthood. A vocation is something that is very misunderstood in today's world because they see the Church as just another 'corporate organisation'. In the work place, if I want a promotion that I feel called to apply for, I work hard, I upskill and apply for a promotion. And if I'm not promoted, then it's an injustice, my boss is prejudiced and I complain to HR. This is how the world sees priesthood; a promotion. But the priesthood is much deeper, it is God's call; a vocation.

'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.'

There is a reason that the Church calls the priesthood a **vocation**. A vocation is a calling from God. Not everyone can be a nurse or doctor, there are certain skills and gifts that God gives to people who serve in the medical profession. The same with the priesthood. It is God who blesses certain men with skills and gifts and then calls them to follow Him as priests.

'take up your cross and follow me'

At the heart of the call to be a Priest, is a call to follow Jesus, his life, his works, his very person. Jesus who was born in a manger, was a refugee in Egypt, was obedient to Mary and Joseph, who had nowhere to rest his head, who spent the night in prayer, who followed the commandments, who was arrested, crucified and rose from the dead. The priesthood is not an ideology or a way of life, it is imitating a person, it is Jesus Christ who priests imitate. It seems like a tall order, if not impossible. And it is impossible without the grace of God which priests receive through the Sacraments.



The priests in this Parish are Marist. Our call to follow Christ is intimately linked to Mary, who was the first and greatest disciple. We imitate Mary who responded to God's call with a resounding YES! But Mary does not want this attention. She directs all those who came to her, to her Son Jesus. The shining example of Marist priesthood is St Peter Chanel, whose feast we celebrated on Friday. St Peter Chanel left his family, friends, his home to go on a perilous 6 month voyage by sailboat to the opposite side of the world, not exactly a promotion. His motto *'Aimer Marie et faire l'aimer'* – **'to love Mary and bring others to love her'**. This was his motivation as he struggled to learn the language, as he struggled to make friends, as he lived in a corner of the Chiefs house and then in a small shack they constructed. This was where he was killed for his faith on the 28th of April 1841. Today, Marists rely on the heavenly intercession of St Peter that more young men be inspired to follow Christ as Mary did and to take up her name and be called Marists.

St Peter Chanel, *Pray for more us.*

Fr Ben D'souza sm
Assistant Priest

READINGS (Year A) Acts 2:14, 36-41;
1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10: 1-10

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

Next Week: (Year A) Acts 6:1-7;
1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12



These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



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Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



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PARISH NOTICES

VACANCY: Catholic Parish of Christchurch South - Coordinator of Sacramental Ministries.

A vacancy exists on our Parish Staff with a key focus of coordinating teams of volunteers to assist in the *Sacramental ministries* within our parish.

This role requires a special combination of experience, skill, and personal qualities. Applicants will demonstrate a personal faith commitment, relevant pastoral experience and a desire to be on mission.

More information including the position description and application form can be downloaded on the diocesan website:

[Employment Vacancies - Catholic Diocese of Christchurch \(chchcatholic.nz\)](https://www.catholic.org.nz/employment-vacancies) Applications close **Friday 12th May 2023.**

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS: are available throughout the Diocese. If you have not had a refresher for 2 years or more please check out the Safeguarding website for scheduled dates. <https://www.cdocsafeguarding.nz/copy-of-police-vetting-1>

The next workshops in the South are as follows:
St Peters , Beckenham Sunday 7th May
10.00—11.30am (*this workshop has been set up for those involved in children's ministries but everyone is welcome*).

Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell Tuesday 9th May
1pm—2.30pm or 7pm—8.30pm

Sacred Heart, Addington Wednesday 17th May
10..30am—12 Noon or 7pm—8.30pm

CUP OF TEA SUNDAY AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON 7th May:

following the 10.30am Mass at Sacred Heart, Addington. There will be a cup of tea in the hall. Come over for a coffee/tea and a chat after Mass.



CHRISCHURCH SOUTH PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP:

will meet at Nazareth House for 10am Mass on **Thursday 4th May** followed by morning tea. Everyone welcome. For further information please ring Theresa on 338 9876.

CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL COLLEGE OPEN EVENING:

Looking for an Intermediate or High School for 2023? Catholic Cathedral College takes enrolments from Year 7 through to Year 13. We invite you to come to our Open Evening, **Thursday 1st June, 2023.** There will be two tours of the College, starting with the Principal's address, at 4.30pm and 6.30pm.

There will also be an information evening for prospective parents, on Tuesday 16th May at 6pm at the College. Feel free to come along and have any questions answered. 62 Ferry Road, Christchurch central. Parking on site.

www.cathcollege.school.nz or enquiries to admin@cathcollege.school.nz

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

Mass Intentions: Dorothy Ida Dry, Sallyanne N Consedine, Rosemary & Bud Grose, Shone & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz, Emiliana & Amorsolo Laguilles

Please pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time: Anton Marcijasz , Gerard Purcell

Weekly Collections 23 April

Parish \$2,225 Clergy Fund \$1,113

Automatic Payments March 2023

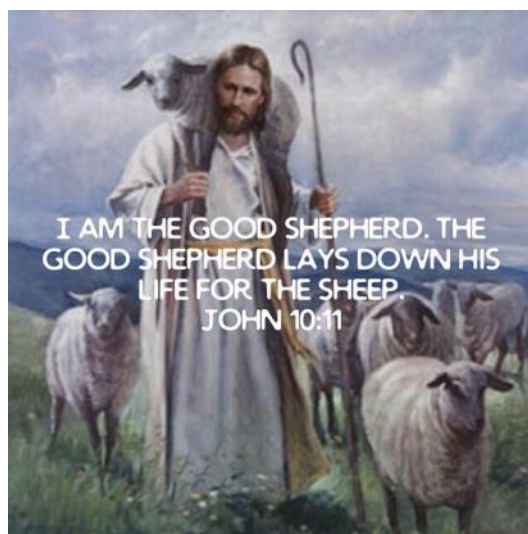
Parish \$11,637 Clergy Fund \$5,819

Next Special Collection:

For the Seminary, Vocation Sunday 30 April

Parish account for donations

Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20 Thank you



A DAY WITH MARY: "A Day with Mary" will be held at Our Lady of Victories, Sockburn on **Saturday 13th May from 9.00am to 3.00pm**, For further details contact Ron on 022 0970 627.

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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