



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 7th May 2023 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Henry Vaughan began his remarkable poem “the World” thus:

“I saw Eternity the other night

Like a great ring of pure and endless light

All calm as it was bright.”

Sometimes we think that perhaps we have caught a glimpse of God—of his Might, his Beauty, his Presence or his Love. The glimpse soon fades and we are brought back to our ordinary life with its difficulties and boredoms, its demands and costs. Even so these glimpses can be remembered and cherished. They can become highpoints of our life’s journey.

Such glimpses of the eternal are fleeting and very subjective. It is hard to share them with others. But as a community of faith we have the shared memory of someone who came and walked among us and lived beside us. That Jesus of Nazareth was much more than a momentary glimpse of the Divine. He was God’s own Son—He was God himself and like Thomas we have been able to stutter: “My Lord and my God.”

So if we really want to know what God is like, the best path is to get to know Jesus better—to become aware of his presence, to ponder his words, to cherish his memory and to meet him in prayer and the Sacraments. Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Mary, is by far the best and most powerful and truthful image of God that we could possibly meet. Let us make the most of our opportunities to meet Him.

Vaughan concludes his poem thus:

“This ring the bridegroom does for none provide  
But for his bride.”

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Parish Website  
[Christchurchsouth.org.nz](http://Christchurchsouth.org.nz)



Parish App  
The Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch South



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**IF YOU ARE GOING INTO HOSPITAL:** Most hospitals no longer provide names of Catholic patients to our chaplains. If there is someone from your family going to hospital please advise the chaplain:

**Christchurch Hospital:** Angela McCormick 021702378  
**Burwood Hospital:** Jane Dick 021 572 480  
**Hillmorton Hospital:** Joan Hough 021 501 683  
**Nurse Maude Hospice:** Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438  
**St George’s Hospital:** Christchurch North Parish 03 359 1438  
**Southern Cross:** Cathedral Parish 03 379 1068

If you would like a Priest to come and **anoint you before you go** into the hospital please contact the Parish Office on 03 338 8395.

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



**Response:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

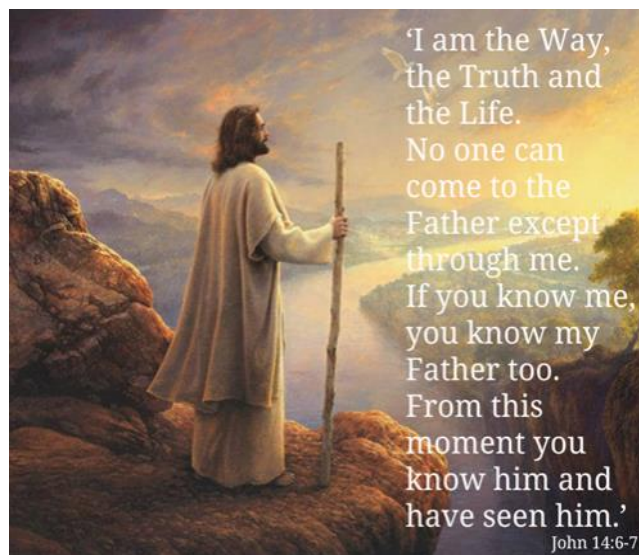
Next Week: (Year A ) Acts 8:5-8, 14-17;  
1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

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

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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 \(chccatholic.nz\)](https://www.cdccatholic.nz) Applications close **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.cdccsafeguarding.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

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

Are you or someone you know thinking about becoming Catholic? RCIA might be the next step. RCIA is the process in the Catholic Church for prospective adult converts to the Catholic faith.

To sign up <https://tinyurl.com/y2sct9kp> or contact Fr Ben D'souza sm [assistantpriest@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:assistantpriest@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

### BASIC HEALING SEMINAR THROUGH SACRAMENTS:

This seminar is being held on **Saturday 20 May at St Teresa's hall**, 10 Puriri Street, Riccarton. Speaker is Sr Melba Serafico, MHNJM, who is a lay missionary and Elder of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Her charism is healing, deliverance and evangelism. After a miraculous healing she has committed herself to full ministry.

Topics that will be covered are call to holiness, kinds and nature of sickness, major blocks to healing. Contact person Perla Andrews. (H) 966 0063 (M) 021 049 3803

**CHRISTCHURCH IRISH SOCIETY:** 75th anniversary **Friday 2nd -Sunday 4th June 2023** held over King's birthday weekend.

On **Sunday 4 June, Mass at 10-30am** to be held Sacred Heart Church. Any inquiries please to Paul Mulvaney ph 03 381-4414. 027 321 4216

**Mass Intentions:** Sr Helen Goggin rsm, Denise Stewart, Leo Frost, Shona Sullivan, Josie Nystad, Thanksgiving, Dec'd members Consedine & Price families, Stephen Cuttance, Cade Lorenzo Bautista, Mary Groves (Anniversary)

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**  
Fr Kevin Foote

### Weekly Collections 30 April

Parish \$2,321 Clergy Fund \$1,160 Seminary \$641

**Caritas Lenten Appeal** cash \$4,144

### Automatic Payments April

Parish \$10,634 Clergy Fund \$5,317

### Next Special Collection:

Peter's Pence Sunday 2 July

### Parish account for donations

Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20 Thank you



**FAMILY FUN BINGO**

Join us for a night of fun and games at our Annual Bingo Night!  
Adults and High School Students: \$5 for 2 cards, additional cards \$1  
Primary School Children: \$1 a card

This event is being organised by the Hoon Hay Catholic Women's League as a fundraiser for their mission station in Fiji. Hope you can come.

DATE: FRIDAY MAY 12TH, 2023  
TIME: 7.30 PM  
LOCATION: OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION HALL, 89A SPARKS ROAD, HOON HAY

JOIN US ALL WELCOME

If you have a Safeguarding concern, please contact the Parish Safeguarding Representative:  
Janice Beban, 03 338 8395  
Email: [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

## 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)