



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

4th June 2023— Trinity Sunday

The Trinity of Love

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In this short prayer, we mark the sign of our redemption; the Cross, as well as an affirmation of the triune God in who we place our hope. It is a reminder of our baptism, when we were baptised into the death and resurrection of Christ.

But this simple prayer is also a summary of our Trinitarian belief. We don't say 'in the names of' but in 'The name of' and this is the first lesson our parents teach us in this prayer, that there is just one God. The God *who is*, as he reveals his name to Moses in the burning bush. This is who we worship, one divine being. Yet there are three divine *persons*; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. This is different to our human understanding of person; which is someone with hands, legs, eyes, nose, and so on. When we are talking about the trinity, a divine *person* is a relation, or a relationship. But God reveals himself to us not just in any relationship but the most fundamental, the most intimate relationship; a familial relationship. God reveals himself as the love between a Father and a Son and that perfect love is the Holy Spirit.

We know all this of God not because we researched it, or observed it, or found it, but because God shows us, because God reveals it to us, his loved creation. But because we are creatures we can never fully know or understand God. It is not possible for a creature to fully know its creator, any more than a car can understand a mechanic. Yet God still reveals himself because, it is in the nature of God to love and be loved, to know and to be known. In the Trinity, the Father knows the Son and the Son is known by the Father, and in response to this intimate and full knowledge, there is also a great and perfect divine love, which is the Holy Spirit.

God does everything with good intentions, even though we often only see it with hindsight. God reveals himself as a trinity, as relationship so that we too may enter into this relationship. This is the relationship that we are invited into by our baptism. To be fully known, warts and all, by God and to be fully loved by the same God who knows us. And the natural response of being loved is to love God in return.

Unfortunately, we can only love what we know. We don't go up to a stranger and say we love them, we would normally at least ask for their name first. And the more that we know, the more that there is for us to love. The same with our God, the more we know, the more we learn, the more we can love and allow ourselves to be loved. The best place to start to get to know our God is by praying with the Bible. Where we see how God loved His Saints, and how they loved him in return and how this love changed their lives and renewed them.

I will leave you with a passage from Chapter 14 of the Gospel of John to reflect on the Trinity, and to let yourself be known and loved by God and have a greater desire to know and love Him in return

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father....Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

Fr Benedict D'souza sm

Assistant Priest

Batter my heart, three-person'd God, for you
As yet but knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend;
That I may rise and stand, o'erthrow me, and bend
Your force to break, blow, burn, and make me new.

-John Donne

READINGS (Year A) Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13;
John 3:16-18

Response: *Glory and praise forever.*



Next Week: (Year A) Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1
Cor 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

These are also on the Parish App under Readings.

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART
OF JESUS:** Friday 16th June, Sacred Heart
Church, Addington

6pm Adoration & Confession

7pm Mass



Parish Website
Christchurchsouth.org.nz



Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
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PARISH NOTICES

FORMATION FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

June - July

PROCLAIMERS OF THE WORD (Readers)

Session 1 will be on Tuesday, 13 June at 1:30pm
or Thursday, 15 June at 7:30pm

Session 2 will be on Wednesday, 21 June at
1:30pm or Thursday, 22 June at 7:30pm

The venue will be Sacred Heart church and each session will be for an hour. These sessions will be for those of you who are already Readers and for those who are coming into this ministry.

I would ask you please to notify Janice which sessions you will be attending by Tuesday, 6th June. You can either do this online <https://chchsouth.elvanto.com.au/form/8cd7af21-49e9-425a-aa47-00f789d91f81> or by emailing/phoning Janice secretary@christchurch.org.nz /3388395.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be 2 sessions for you to attend with an option of a day time or evening time session:

Session 1 will be on Tuesday, 11 July at 1:30pm
or Wednesday, 12 July at 7:30pm

Session 2 will be on Tuesday, 18 July at 1:30pm
or Thursday, 20 July at 7:30pm

For those who are coming into this ministry for the first time there will be a Session 3: Tuesday, 25th July at 1:30pm or Wednesday, 26th July at 7:30pm

The venue will be Sacred Heart church and each session will be for an hour. These sessions will be for those of you who are already Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and for those who are coming into this ministry. I would ask you please to notify Janice which sessions you will be attending by Tuesday, 20th June. You can either do this online <https://chchsouth.elvanto.com.au/form/4bbefb8e-2865-42aa-8f8f-df8b8b23be67> or by emailing/phoning Janice secretary@christchurch.org.nz /3388395.

FREE ASSISTED LIFT LAZY BOY CHAIR: A family has an Assisted Lift Lazy Boy chair to give away for free. If you are interested please phone Tim on 0211545695.

CUP OF TEA TODAY AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON 4th June: Come over to the hall for a coffee/tea and a chat after Mass.

Parish Collections 28 May

Parish \$2,437 Clergy Fund \$1,218

Next Special Collection:

Peter's Pence Sunday 2 July

Parish account for donations

Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20 Thank you

THIS WEEKEND we welcome Bishop Michael to our parish. Bp Michael will be the celebrant for Mass at **5pm Vigil Sacred Heart, 9am Sunday at St Peter's and 10:30am Sunday, Sts Peter & Paul.**

GATHERING OF PRIESTS FROM THIS DIOCESE who are active in parishes will be taking place at Hanmer Springs from **Monday, 5th June – Thursday, 8th June.** As the priests gather with Bishop Michael would you please keep us in your prayers – thank you. The weekday Mass timetable will remain the same except there will be **no 11am Mass at St Peter's on Thursday 8th June.**

MASS INTENTIONS: Envelopes can be placed in the collection basket OR through the front door of the office. Donations received go to the Society of Mary missions.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR KIDS CATHOLIC - Come and hear Dean Mischewski, give top tips regarding Catholic parenting. This is an event organised by the John Paul II Centre for Life. **Thursday 8 June at 7pm at Sacred Heart church, Addington.**

ACCOMODATION WANTED: 18 year old female student from Ashburton, studying art full time at Yoobee, is looking for board or flat with young catholic adults from July. Contact Karen Meehan 0273242902

DEVOTION TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS: The Chaplet of the Precious Blood of Jesus and Rosary to the Blessed Virgin Mary will be held every **Saturday at 3.30pm at Sacred Heart church, Addington** starting on **Saturday 10th June.** All welcome. Contact person Perla Andrews. (H) 9660063 (M) 0210493803

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions: Maureen Whiting, Vicente, Jorge, Primo, Graciana, Cesaria, Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz, Ryan Adamson (anniv), Rosemary & Bud Grose, James Tan, Teodora, Violeta, Regalada & Lorna, Pat O'Loughlin (anniv), Vitaliano Alferez Jr

Please Pray for Recently Deceased: Sister June Walsh RNDM



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