



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

9th July 2023—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Gather as the Body of Christ

The suddenness of the closing of Our Lady of Assumption Church came as a shock to us. To the people for whom this is your church and has been integral to your parish life over many years, its closing will have evoked a range of feelings. Church buildings are so closely connected to the community that gathers in them for worship.

Communities have a life of their own. They have distinctive histories and memories and stories and customs and relationships that see us through tough times and help us make sense of who we are.



While our church buildings have been a key part of our faith histories, it is the community, the Sacraments, the gathering for Sunday Eucharist, and everything that has happened in-between, that has shaped us into the Body of Christ. The church is where we experience being Church: in receiving the Word and the Body of Christ, we become the Word and the Body of Christ.

Pope Francis has a hope for Christian communities in which 'space is enlarged, where everyone feels at home, where pastoral structures and means foster ... the joy of being and feeling co-responsible'.

I pray that, wherever you celebrate Eucharist, you will feel at home, and that your presence will help foster the 'joy of being and feeling co-responsible' I pray that that your sense of belonging will not be dependent on the adequacy of the welcome at the door, but rather on your confidence that none of you/us is a 'visitor' at Mass. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ by nature of our baptism, at home in the Church which is Christ.

The liturgy is not only an expression of community, but an opportunity to grow a new community of disciples. This is where co-responsibility comes in. The mingling of parishioners from the four corners of the parish expresses that tension, described by Thomas O'Loughlin, between 'a sense of community defined by origins, and that of a community defined by a common hope and destiny'.

He uses the analogy of food and table: 'Table is history, food is future. Every gathering at a table is an expression of history – it is common past experiences that have brought us there, but eating food is an expression of our needs for the future; energy to take us further along an as-yet untrodden path'.

May our participation in the Eucharist continue to nourish us all along that 'as-yet untrodden path'.

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FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 16 JULY

The Carmelite Sisters invite you to celebrate Mass on this Feast day at the Carmelite Monastery, **16th July at 2pm**, followed by refreshments. The celebrant will be Monsignor Rick Loughnan. All welcome.



READINGS (Year A) Zech 9:9-10, Roms 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

Response: *I will praise your name forever, my King and my God*

Next Week: Isaiah 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



Parish Website
Christchurchsouth.org.nz



Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChchSouth/>

PARISH NOTICES

AFTERNOON MASS Wednesday 19th July, 1.30pm at Sacred Heart Church, Addington 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 pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz

LECTIO EUCHARIST 10 WEEK SERIES:

Discovering the Mass in the Bible. Come and join us **Thursdays from 7pm-8.30pm starting 20th July** and finishing 21 September at Sacred Heart hall, Addington. Supper, video, small group Discussions. Register online <https://forms.office.com/r/T10ZzbGnv5> or by contacting the parish office. See our website for more information <https://christchurchsouth.org.nz/upcoming/>

HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Week 2 Lotto Results

Winner – 10 Des Moller
Runners up – 9 Helen Hutching
11 Colleen Torrence

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*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28*

Weekly Collections 2 July
Parish \$1,904 Clergy Fund \$952

Automatic Payments June
Parish \$11,602 Clergy \$5,801

Peter's Pence: \$450

Next Special Collection:
Maori Education 27 August

Parish account for donations
Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20

Thank You

FORMATION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

Volunteers who are currently rostered as a EMHC have been invited to attend **TWO** formation sessions. Attendance at both a **Session 1** and **Session 2** is required.

**Session 1 Tuesday, 11 July at 1:30pm or
Wednesday, 12 July at 7:30pm**

**Session 2 Tuesday, 18 July at 1:30pm or
Thursday, 20 July at 7:30pm**

The **venue will be Sacred Heart church** and **each session will be for one hour**

FOUND at Sacred Heart Addington—a small silver pill box. Please claim from the office.

A PRAYER TO HONOUR AND CELEBRATE MATARIKI

On Friday, 14th July, our country celebrates MATARIKI. Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars, that rises in midwinter and for many Maori, heralds the start of the New Year.

"E te Atua, God of all Creation,
open our hearts to the wonder of our world,
to your Incarnation throughout creation
and to Your presence with and in us now.

Let this winter
be a time for planting,
for hoping and waiting,
for opening our hearts and
minds.

Let us walk lightly on our
earth,
taking only what we need
to leave plenty for those who
will follow.

May the bright light
of Matariki
surround and guide us
this whole year through.
Amene."



Mass Intentions:

Alexander Powell, Shona & Len Sullivan, Rosie & Bud Grose, Maureen & Bob Purdie, Jean Scanlon

Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:

Alexander Powell, Jean Scanlon



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

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](http://www.sacredheartchch.school.nz)

St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,

www.saintpeters.school.nz