



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 20th August 2023—20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### The Queenship of Mary

The word queen normally has connotations of, prestige, control, wealth and dominance. This is in some ways true, after all we do have the picture of a queen on most of New Zealand currency. The structure of earthy monarchy gives the queen a huge potential to use this power to do a lot of good, but the inverse is also possible and this is what we often have to endure. The queenship of Mary is very different, as it is not focused on power. The queenship of Mary, which we celebrate on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of August is primarily one of relationship.

In Israel the queen was not the wife of the king, but the mother of the king. We see this with the relationship with King Solomon and Bathsheba who was his mother. When Solomon becomes the king of Israel, his mother Bathsheba takes up the title of **Queen Mother**. While in this role, the queen has an important role, which is to intercede for the people. And we have a good example in **1 Kings Chapter 2** *"The king stood up to greet his mother and bowed to her."* And then continues, *"What is it, mother?" he asked. "I will not refuse you."* How could a son not greet and revere his own mother, how could he refuse a request from his own mother, the woman who gave him life.

This is very similar to the Queenship of Mary, who is queen because she is the Mother of Jesus. Jesus is the king of heaven, so Mary is **Queen Mother** of heaven. The first Miracle of Jesus was at the wedding of Cana, when at Mary's request Jesus helped the couple who had run out of wine. Mary used her relationship with her son not to grasp power and control but to serve and help others. This continues in heaven. All who turn to Mary with love and devotion, and ask for her intercession, have their prayers relayed to Jesus her Son, who does not *refuse* his loving mother.

The queenship of Mary is something that is important for us to reflect and meditate on. It helps us to think about Heaven, the promise for all faithful Christians. It reminds us of the importance of respect for our earthly parents who gave us life and our Godparents who pray for us. Mary's queenship gives us perspective, as we realise just how transient our life here on Earth is, how earthy power, influence and wealth come and go. The only thing that endures into Eternity is our relationship with God, our relationship with Jesus, and Mary his mother, the Queen of Heaven. Let us be confident in asking for Mary's intercession remembering the words of wise king Solomon *"What is it mother?... I will not refuse you."*



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**JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE RACE NIGHT:** Join us on Friday **September 1<sup>st</sup>** in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway for an evening of fun and help support the work of the JP2 Centre for Life. Tickets are \$60 per person which includes entry and a two-course meal with cash bar available. Book your ticket at <https://jp2.org.nz/community-events/> or contact Theresa on [director@jp2.org.nz](mailto:director@jp2.org.nz) or 022 503 9249 for more information.



**READINGS** (Year A) Isa 56: 1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28

**Response:** *O God, let all the nations praise you.*

Next Week: Isa 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36;  
Matthew 16:13-20

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



*"O God, be gracious and  
bless us and let your face  
shed its light upon us."*

Psalm 67: 1



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



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## PARISH NOTICES

**FRIDAY 11AM MASS AT OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION SCHOOL:** as Our Lady of the Assumption School is no longer using the parish hall we have relocated our **Friday Team Masses** to the classrooms. This is working well and parishioners are most welcome to attend **however if you do so we ask that you please sign in at the office before you go to Mass.** This is so that we know who is on site and in the event of an emergency we know who to check on. Thank you. Janet Cummings, Principal.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON MASS:** will be held at **Sts Peter & Paul church, Halswell on Tuesday 22nd August 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 [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

**TRANSPORT TO WEEKEND MASS:** Is there anyone who would occasionally be able to take someone to their weekend Mass, and also is there anyone who would like a lift. Please contact Janice on 338 8395 or email [pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S MOVEMENT RETREAT:** you are invited to a **Retreat day led by Joanne Hope on Saturday, 16 September 2023, 9.30 am – 4.00 pm at the McFadden's Centre 64 McFadden's Road, Papanui, Christchurch** (entry & parking off Redwood Place). The theme of the retreat will be on the three themes recently mentioned by Pope Francis: the art of accompaniment, a revolution of tenderness, a culture of encounter. The cost of the retreat will be \$55 with food provided and you are invited to **register by 1 September.** Details on how to register are to be found in the pamphlets that are available in the church foyers.

**HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Halswell CWL Movie **Fundraiser** for our At Home Appeal – Diabetes Youth NZ. **"The Miracle Club"** at the Silky Otter, Wigram, **1.15pm Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August.** \$20 per ticket available at Halswell weekend Masses or contact Joy O'Connell 322-7637 or [joy.fsi@xtra.co.nz](mailto:joy.fsi@xtra.co.nz).

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** We will be selling **raffle tickets** for **Fathers Day** at Halswell Masses on weekends of **19/20 and 26/27 August.**

**A CULTURE OF SAFEGUARDING:** in all our parish churches and halls we have notices in the foyers with regard to our obligation to make sure everyone is kept safe. Our parish secretary, Janice, is our parish safeguarding contact. Janice looks after the administration, record keeping of volunteers for police vetting and the database of volunteers. In addition to Janice's role, **the parish needs a local safeguarding representative** who plays a crucial role in ensuring that all parish volunteers, clergy, staff, children, and their parents/caregivers are fully aware of the Church Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. **If you are able to assist the parish in this role would you please make contact with Janice.** I will then follow up with contacting the person/s who have indicated their interest in this role.

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS:** It is a Diocese requirement that all Volunteers attend a safeguarding workshop. If you are a *Volunteer who has not yet attended a Safeguarding Workshop or are an existing Volunteer who has not attended a workshop in the last three years* the next workshops being held in the South are:

**Sacred Heart Addington Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> after 10.30am Mass**

**St Peters Hall, Beckenham, Wednesday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm.**

**St Peters Hall, Beckenham, Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> after 9am Mass**

**Sts Peter & Paul church foyer, Halswell, Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm**

To see where other workshops are being held please go to the Diocese website [WORK-SHOPS | Safeguarding \(cdocsafeguarding.nz\)](http://WORK-SHOPS | Safeguarding (cdocsafeguarding.nz))

These workshops are free. All are welcome - just turn up on the day.

**Weekly Collections 13 August**  
Parish \$2,424 Clergy Fund \$1,212

**Auto Payments July**  
Parish \$11,890 Clergy \$5,945

**Next Special Collection:**  
Maori Education 27 August

**Parish account for donations**  
Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20 Thank You

**Mass Intentions:** Alistair Henderson (Anniv), Doreen Clemens (Anniv), Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz, Iao Aea, Liu & Lesina Tuliatu, Betty Leahy, Ellen Reilly & George Young (Anniv)

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**  
Noel Hoare, Mary Purcell, Betty Leahy, James Moheky



## 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/](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)