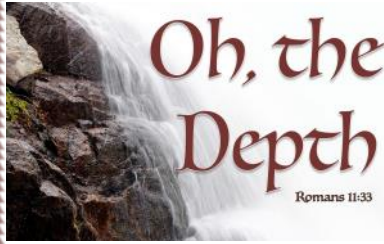




Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

27th August 2023 – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

How rich are the depths of God!



Romans 11:33

The second reading at Mass today is a gentle reminder that for all the things that we know about God God remains a deep and profound mystery. No expression of faith no intricate explanation can ever hope to capture fully the reality of God. God is beyond anything we can think or say about Him!

The greatness of God can be glimpsed in his Creation in its vastness, age and complexity. Sometimes the beauty of creation nudges us to wonder and even get a glimpse of the Creator. But

we know God is much more than this.

And yet our faith tells us that this God stooped down towards us and His Son became one of us— "like us in all things but sin" - Jesus did not just appear to be human he was really human and like us had to be conceived and born and needed to grow physically, emotionally and intellectually. He experienced the limitations of his own body, of his culture, of his education and of his environment. Only gradually did those who came to know Him realise that he was really the Son of God.

What a set of contrasts! The all powerful in a human body. The all knowing in a limited culture. The eternal united with something that was born and came to die.

God is not something we can think up for ourselves. Our imagination can take us only so far. What we have is Jesus, the word of God, who brings the Mystery of God's very self into our awareness. God is not ours as our achievements are ours or our possession are ours. But we can be God's by our openness to the Lord, our faith in his loving providence and in our option to be part of his Kingdom.

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AN INVITATION TO GOLDEN CATHOLICS:

Christ the King church at 11 am, Friday 8 September. Join together for Mass before travelers share their experiences of the pilgrimage and time spent with young people worldwide.

Bishop Michael will explain how valuable World Youth Day was in bringing young people of the Diocese together with the Pope to celebrate Mass and our Catholic faith. We are also hosting Marian College Principal Mary-Lou Davidson, who will provide an update on the *Marian College Campaign*.

A light lunch to follow - numbers are limited, please **RSVP** (with any dietary requirements) by **4 September**. Telephone the Diocesan Office at 03 366 9869. Email your name and number to receptionists@cdoc.nz

JOHN PAUL II CENTRE FOR LIFE RACE NIGHT: Join us on Friday **September 1st** in the Silks Room at Addington Raceway for an evening of fun and help support the work of the JP II 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 or 022 503 9249 for more information.



READINGS (Year A) Isa 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20

Response: *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

Next Week: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



MASS FOR VOCATIONS:

Saturday **2 September** will be a Mass for Vocations at **9am at Sacred Heart**

Please join us on this day to pray for young men and women discerning a calling to serve the Lord.



PARISH NOTICES

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:

St Peters Hall, Beckenham, Sunday September 3rd after 9am Mass
Sts Peter & Paul church foyer, Halswell, Wednesday September 13th 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.

CUP OF TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON: 3rd September 2023 Cup of tea after the 10.30am Mass at Sacred Heart, Addington. Come over for a coffee / tea and a chat after Mass.

2024 OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION SCHOOL ENROLMENTS: To enrol for 2024, please complete a [pre-enrolment form](#) and return it to the school office, together with a copy of your child's birth certificate and a preference certificate which can be filled out on the Parish [website](#). Once the form is received by the Parish office you will be rung to arrange a time to meet a Priest.

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.

ROSTERS: If you would like to see if you have been rostered, rosters are now loaded up onto the Parish App. A copy of the roster is also put onto the notice board in the foyer.

To download the App got to the App Store on your Apple or Android device and search "**ChurchAppsNZ**". Then search "**The Catholic Parish of Christchurch South**". If you would like help downloading the App feel free to contact the Secretary on 338 8395.



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.

Weekly Collections 20 August
Parish \$2,108 Clergy Fund \$1,054

Next Special Collection:
Maori Education 27 August

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

Thank You

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions: Alistair Henderson (anniv), Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz, Raquel Panganiban, Vincenzina Damiano (anniv), Rosemary & Bud Grose, Lino dos Santos (anniv), Margaret Earl, Noeline White, Tony Loftus, Owen Brownlee, Margaret Regan



Please Pray for Recently Deceased:
Owen Brownlee, Margaret Regan

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

St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,
www.saintpeters.school.nz