



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 6th August 2023—The Transfiguration of the Lord

### Mountains and Valleys

I'm no mountaineer, although, for many years, Chris has dragged me up some of the slopes in the Craigieburn range. I'm never very enthusiastic initially, but the feeling of exhilaration at the tops is wonderful: the relief at making it and those 360 degree views! (The sandwiches always taste great at that altitude too). But then there's the descent, while trying to protect my wonky knees.



In the Gospel today, Jesus leads Peter, James and John high up a mountain, and there they experience Jesus, and his relationship with God, in a new and glorious way. He is transfigured and they are transfixed. They don't want to leave. Why would they? They were enraptured. But as we all know, those mountain-top experiences are fleeting. Maybe there are some who are able to live their entire lives as a long retreat, as one sublime, uninterrupted, spiritual encounter with the Divine – but I'm not one of them. We all eventually have to go back down, as Jesus did.

We need to find God in the valleys too. And rather than lament the infrequency of those mountain-top moments, we need to look closer to home for the presence of God in the ordinariness of our daily lives; when we're having a coffee, mowing the lawns, or rushing to pick up kids, or juggling work, home, and sport. But especially during the pain of loss, and in our disappointments and struggles, and, these days, when we're following the news. That's when we most need to feel God's reassuring touch on our shoulder saying 'Stand up, do not be afraid'.

So we cultivate our faith with prayer and scripture and sacrament and our Christian community, and an openness to God's love in the mundane and the messy. May it be our sight which is transfigured, so that we can see and experience in the world the sacredness of life, and the love God has for us all.

And if we occasionally catch a glimpse of the face of God, may it be for us, as it became for Peter 'a lamp for lighting the way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in (our) minds'.

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Christchurch South



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

#### CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2023:

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is now open. An information night for parents will be held on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 7pm-8pm, at Sacred Heart church, Addington.**

**This is also the final date to register for the 2023 confirmation programme.**

[Click here to register for the Confirmation Programme](#)

#### FORMATION FOR GREETERS AND SACRISTANS:

Volunteers who are currently rostered as a Greeter or Sacristan have been invited to attend a formation session on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30pm–2.30pm** at Sacred Heart church, Addington. If anyone is interested in either of these ministries please feel free to attend.



**READINGS** (Year A) Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9

**Response:** *Lord, I love your commands*

Next Week: 1Kings 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Matthew 14: 22-33

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



## PARISH NOTICES

### FORMATION FOR NEW MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND:

will be held on **16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**August from 10am to 12 pm**

**at Sacred Heart hall, Addington.**

If you looking for a way to make a difference in someone else's life and have an hour or two a week to devote to this ministry, please contact Joanne Hope for more information or 027 200 4657 or email [pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz)



### 2024 OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION SCHOOL ENROLMENTS:

Placements for 2024 enrolments will be allocated at the end of this term. If you would like to enrol for 2024, please complete your enrolment as soon as possible by completing a [pre-enrolment form](#) and returning it to the school office, together with a copy of your child's birth certificate and a preference certificate which can be filled in 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.

### TRANSPORT TO WEEKEND MASS:

Joanne would be keen to hear from people who would occasionally be able to take someone to their weekend Mass, and also from anyone who would like a lift. Please email [pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz) or contact Janice on 338 8395

### MOVIE FUNDRAISER: SVDP Beckenham—

Sounds of Freedom **Sunday 27th**

**August AT 7pm.** \$25 per ticket.

Please deposit into SVDP Beckenham

02 0800 0151624 000 reference

"Movie"



### CHANGE OF DATE: CUP OF TEA AFTER

**10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON: 13th**

**August 2023.** Come over for a coffee / tea and a chat after Mass.



### FILM SCREENING:

To prepare for the Season of Creation (1 Sept-4 Oct), the Laudato Si' Group is offering a screening of "Rohe Kōreporepo The Swamp the Sacred Place" by filmmaker, Kathleen Gallagher at Lumiere Cinema, Christchurch Arts Centre, **4.00pm, Sunday, 6 August**, followed by Q&A . Book online at Lumiere Cinema or phone 03 365 0066.

Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration.

**A CULTURE OF SAFEGUARDING:** The Church is striving towards a culture of safeguarding where all are safe from harm and abuse and where every person is encouraged and enabled to enjoy the fullness of life in Jesus Christ through nurturing, supportive and protective endeavours of the Church community, both individually and collectively.

In order to create a culture of safeguarding we need to build a culture of trust, openness, transparency, responsibility & accountability. If you are a volunteer and you have not yet attended a safeguarding workshop within the last 3 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**

It is a Diocese requirement for all Volunteers to attend a workshop. To see where other workshops are being held please go to the Diocese website [WORKSHOPS | Safeguarding \(cdocsafeguarding.nz\)](#) These workshops are free. All are welcome - just turn up on the day.

**CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH SAFE GUARDING CONTACT:** If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Parish Secretary Janice Beban [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz) or phone 338 8395

### Weekly Collections

Parish \$2,440 Clergy Fund \$1,220

### 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:** Wilhemia, Shona & Len Sullivan, Bud & Rosemary Grose, Tony Smith (anniv), Domini O'Regan (anniv)

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries**

**at this time:** Tony Smith, Domini O'Regan

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**

Peter Grant, Lorraine Hastie



## 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)