



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 10th September—23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### CARE OF CREATION

3 September – 4 October 2023



A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

The theme for 2023 is “Let Justice and Peace flow like a river.” Inspired by the prophet Amos who cries out “But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!” (Amos 5: 24) and so we are called to join the river of justice and peace, to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity.

Pope Francis’s message is an invitation for us all to join the “mighty river” of prayer and action for our common home. He invites us to “heed our call to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation.” Pope Francis proposes to “transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies”. We are urged to live the ecological conversion that consists in renewing “our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator.”

Pope Francis invites us to celebrate the Season of Creation as a moment for “ecological conversion.” Take a moment for prayer in “the great cathedral of creation to honour the great Artist” who created this stunning planet and spectacular cosmos. We are invited to celebrate with a renewed awareness of the inseparability of Creation and Redemption. Throughout September, let us find ways to lift up the season’s theme and its symbol of a mighty river within our communal prayer.

May the Holy Spirit move our whole Church to speak out with and for communities and creatures most impacted by the ecological crisis, joining the mighty river of justice and peace.

We are invited to join the river of justice and peace on behalf of all Creation and to converge our individual identities, of name, family or faith community, in this greater movement for justice, just like tributaries come together to form a mighty river. As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice.

Pope Francis has announced that he intends to publish a second part to the encyclical letter he wrote, *Laudato Si* (2015), on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi.



*Let Justice and Peace flow like a Mighty River*

(from various sources – Fr Peter)

**READINGS** (Year A ) Ezekiel 33: 7-9;  
Rom 13:8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

**Response:** *O that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.*

Next Week: Eccl 27:30-28:7;  
Rom 14:7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35  
*These are also on the Parish App under Readings.*



**9AM MASS AT HALSWELL:** I have received confirmation from Bishop Michael that the parish can have an additional 9am Mass due to the closure of Our Lady of Assumption church at Hoon Hay. The decision has been made to have this Mass celebrated at Halswell. **The 9am Mass at Sts Peter & Paul church, Halswell, will begin on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October.** I will send out a letter next week to all those involved in liturgical ministries to find out the availability of parishioners to assist at this Mass. With thanks – Fr Peter



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The Catholic Parish of  
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## PARISH NOTICES

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON MASS:** will be held at **Sacred Heart church, Addington on Tuesday 26th September 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)

**SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS:** The next workshop being held in the South is at **Sts Peter & Paul church foyer, Halswell, Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> 1.30pm**.

**WYD - PILGRIMS SHARING EVENING:** The pilgrims that attended World Youth Day from our Diocese are keen to share their experience.

They are hosting an evening on Tuesday the **12th September, 7.30pm at the St Teresa's Parish Hall Riccarton**. This is an open invitation to anyone who would like to hear about the pilgrimage and the impact it has had.

After the presentation, you are welcome to stay for a light supper and cup of tea. For more information, please contact Grace at [gchallies@cdoc.nz](mailto:gchallies@cdoc.nz) or Stephani at [youngadults@christchurchwest.org.nz](mailto:youngadults@christchurchwest.org.nz)

**HOON HAY CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Hoon Hay CWL Fundraiser for our At Home Appeal Diabetics Youth NZ. **PMH Show West N Jest 2—Wednesday 4th October** at Rising Home Theatre, Opawa. \$25.00 each table of 6 people \$150.00. Contact Anne Siave, 0279635400. No door sales.

**ANNUAL SECONDHAND CATHOLIC BOOKSALE:** St. Augustine's Bookshop is holding it's first annual Catholic Secondhand Book Sale at **Christ the King church Center (90 Greers Rd, Burnside) on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th of September between 10am-4pm**. There will be well over 1,500 Catholic books for sale. EFTPOS will be available. If you have any Catholic books to donate beforehand, please drop them off at Christ the King or ring Dan on 022 1751 789. Proceeds will go to John Paul II Centre for Life.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL:** are currently receiving a high number of requests for warm blankets and clothing. If you are able to donate, please drop them off to the Parish office at 70 Spencer Street Addington. Contact person Pat Watson on 027 342 7401.

**HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE:** Results for the Fathers Day raffle.

1. Jo-Ann O'Loughlin
2. Jenny Clarke
3. Paul Christenhusz
4. David Taylor
5. Paul
6. Alison Murphy
7. Father Barry Malone

**JAM 23 - JESUS AND ME:** "JAM'23 - Jesus and Me," is an event by Jesus Youth Christchurch which aims to foster a stronger spiritual connection among children aged 5 to 10. It is happening on **30 September, 2023**, at the Te Hapua: Halswell Centre, Hao Hall. We're starting at **9:30am and ending at 3:30pm**.

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT: Friday 27 October, 7.30pm.**

This year the theme is 'Through the Decades'. Follow this link for more information and to buy your tickets.

<https://events.humanitix.com/st-peter-s-school-quiz-night-2023-through-the-decades>

Strictly limited numbers. Raising money for our astro-turf to replace our court.

"Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord..."  
Psalm 96:1-2



**Weekly Collections 3 Sept**  
Parish \$2,131 Clergy Fund \$1,066

**Automatic Payments August**  
Parish \$12,338 Clergy \$6,169

**Next Special Collection:**  
Mission Sunday 29th October

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

**Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions:** Bill Jenner, Mary de Leijer, Catie Jackson, Les Maloney, Rosemary & Bud Grose, Margaret Regan, Owen Brownlee, Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz, Ngaire Sullivan, Steve Brown

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**  
Owen Brownlee, Margaret Regan, Józef Kubiak, Ngaire Sullivan



## 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)