



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 17th September—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Documents in the Catholic Church

Some of us may have remembered the Second Vatican council. At its conclusion it would have taken months if not years for all the documents to be translated, edited, published, printed and then sent to Catholics in New Zealand parishes all over the world.

Today when Pope Francis says something, we can watch it live on our phone and then read the transcript soon after. Many people would read on their tablet instead of a book. There are many positives, but also a couple of downsides. One being that the media can place undue emphasis on one part of what the Pope says and ignore the rest of the document. This is especially if the reporter is not Catholic and doesn't understand how the Church works. They don't realise that not everything that the Pope says has the same weight. An official published document is different to a homily and different to a comment while walking to the car.

In the Catholic Church, documents are categorized into different levels or types based on their authority and significance. These levels indicate the degree to which a document is binding on the faithful, as well as the level of infallibility. There are a few main types.

An **Apostolic Constitution** is the highest level of church documents and is issued by the Pope himself. They are considered *infallible* and *binding* on all members of the Catholic Church. An example is "*Veritatis Splendor*" issued by Pope John Paul II.

An **Encyclical** is a letter written by the Pope on matters of faith and morals. They are not considered infallible; they are *authoritative* and provide guidance to the Church on important issues. Encyclicals are *binding* on the faithful and are meant to be taken seriously. Examples include "*Laudato Si*" by Pope Francis and "*Humanae Vitae*" by Pope Paul VI.

An **Apostolic Exhortation** is a document issued by the Pope to encourage the Church to undertake a particular course of action or to reflect on a specific topic. They are not considered infallible, but they are *authoritative* and should be taken seriously. An example is "*Evangelii Gaudium*" by Pope Francis. An **Apostolic Letter** by comparison is typically less formal documents issued by the Pope, often to address specific issues or to make announcements. They are authoritative but not necessarily *binding* on all matters of faith and morals.

There are many other levels and types of letters, decrees and documents that are issued by the Pope or by the Vatican offices, but they are less common. It is good for us to keep this in mind when reading these documents, so we know how much we are bound to it and the level that we are expected to accept it and put it into practice in our lives.

Fr Ben D'souza sm  
Assistant Priest

"I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved  
you." John 13:34

**READINGS** (Year A ) Eccl 27:30-28:7;  
Rom 14:7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

**Response:** *The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.*

Next Week: Isa 55:6-9;  
Phil 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16



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

### INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN ART EXHIBITION:

Daniel Ho will exhibit some Christian Art which may be purchased;

**Sacred Heart, Addington**  
23 Sept (Sat) - 24 Sept (Sun)

**Sts Peter and Paul, Halswell**  
30 Sept (Sat) - 1 Oct (Sun)

For enquiries:  
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Parish App  
The Catholic Parish of  
Christchurch South



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

## 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)

**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 .

**9AM MASS AT HALSWELL:** as from Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, there will be 9am Mass at Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell.

We need to find parishioners who are willing to assist at this Mass:

Sacristans  
Greeters  
Proclaimers of the Word  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion  
Organists/Musicians

If you are able to assist with any of these liturgical ministries would you please contact Janice at the parish office by 20th September – thank you

**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. **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.** Follow this link to buy your tickets. Strictly limited numbers.  
<https://events.humanitix.com/st-peter-s-school-quiz-night-2023-through-the-decades>

**VALUE YOUR VOTE – ELECTION 2023:** Does your local MP/candidate support palliative care? The Family First organisation has produced a pamphlet that allows you to see how each current or past MP seeking re-election has voted on important social issues.  
<https://www.valueyourvote.org.nz/>



**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.** Proceeds will go to John Paul II Centre for Life.



**FORMATION FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY**  
We are ready to form our parish Ministry of Accompaniment and Consolation . We are seeking pastorally-minded parishioners to join us for four formation sessions

**Four Wednesdays in October**  
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th  
1.00pm - 3.00pm

Sacred Heart Hall meeting room,  
70 Spencer Street, Addington  
Contact Joanne Hope  
[pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

**ST THÉRÈSE ROSE PETAL EVENING:** “An evening of prayer with St Thérèse of Lisieux” Saturday **7th October**, from **5:30pm at the Community of the Beatitudes**. Potluck dinner to follow. All welcome! 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield, North Canterbury. For more information contact Thomas at 022 506 2538 or [thomas@beatitudes.nz](mailto:thomas@beatitudes.nz)

**Weekly Collections 10 September**  
Parish \$2,226 Clergy Fund \$1,113

**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

**Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions:** Melecio, Salud, Emeterio, Gloria, Dioneria, Grace, Ertrella, Prorpero, Caridad Andres (anniv), Marco Lee, Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz (anniv), William (Bill) Jenner, Manolito Panganiban Jr

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:**  
Robert Consedine, Caridad Andres, Heather Boaz

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**  
Ngairé 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)