



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

3rd September—22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Let Justice and Peace Flow



Spring at last! And while, this week, I would prefer to reflect indulgently on daffodils and choosing seed for the veggie garden, the NZ Bishops hit us with Social Justice Week and the ecumenical Church with the Season of Creation.

The theme of Social Justice Week this year is ‘Peace begins with you’. I don’t know why I should be so resistant to this message. I think peace should start with the Putins of this world. But, of course, if I just believe that it starts (and ends) with them, then why would I be surprised when warmongers think that peace is someone else’s responsibility too? So I’ll need to give this more thought, maybe with the help of the Caritas resources, to help me connect the dots: how building peace in our hearts and personal lives, can overflow into peace in our relationships, communities, our work, and creation. The Bagshaws, whose son was killed in Ukraine recently, provide us with a pretty graphic example of this, don’t they? – how personal peace can lead to forgiveness, yet not dilute the demand for peace, justice and accountability.

Pope Francis also asks us to heed the call ‘to stand with the victims of environmental and climate injustice, and to put an end to the senseless war against creation’. He too suggests we use this Season of Creation to start with our own heartbeat, ‘and the maternal heartbeat of creation and the heartbeat of God’ and resolve to transform our hearts, our lifestyles, and the public policies ruling our societies’.

So looks like there’s no getting round it, is there? Everything is connected. We can’t abdicate our responsibility for peace and justice and the condition of the planet. There is lots we can do. To start with, I need to stop believing it is always someone else’s problem. I’m still going to enjoy the daffodils this spring, and get some seeds underway, but I’m also going to look up some of the wonderful resource material on the Caritas and Season of Creation websites and see what else I can do.

[Season of Creation](#)

[Social Justice Week — Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand](#)

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READINGS (Year A) Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2;
Matthew 16:21-27

Response: *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

Next Week: Ezekiel 33: 7-9; Rom 13:8-10;
Matthew 18: 15-20

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 Website
Christchurchsouth.org.nz



Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



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

PARISH NOTICES

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS: 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.

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 together with the Pope to celebrate Mass and our Catholic faith.

Marian College Principal Mary-Lou Davidson, 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

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

BLOKES CUPPA: A chatty coffee morning tea for men of the parish. This **Thursday 7th September** (and every 1st Thursday of the month). No obligations. **10-11.30** am at Sacred Heart Hall, 70 Spencer St. Addington. All welcome.



CUP OF TEA AFTER 10.30AM MASS AT ADDINGTON: 3rd September 2023 Come over for a coffee / tea and a chat after Mass.



CHRISCHURCH SOUTH PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP: will meet at **Nazareth House** for **10am Mass on Thursday 7th September followed** by morning tea. Everyone welcome. For further information please contact Theresa on 338 9876.

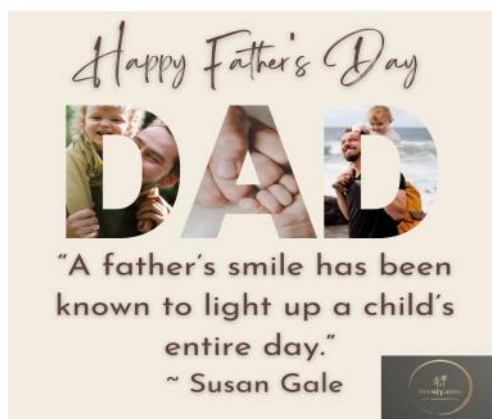
2024 OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION SCHOOL ENROLMENTS: To enrol for 2024, please complete a [pre-enrolment form](#) and return it to the school office, together with a copy of your child's birth certificate and a preference certificate which can be filled out on the Parish [website](#). Once the form is received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

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 and they will sell out. Raising money for our astro-turf to replace our court.



Weekly Collections 27 August
Parish \$2,507 Clergy Fund \$1,253
Maori Ed \$370

Next Special Collection:
mission Sunday 29th October

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

Mass Intentions: Mass Intentions: George & Cathy Young (Anniv), Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz, Raquel Panganiban, Shuji Kawata, Joe O'Neill, Dec'd of Harrison & O'Neill families, Rosemary & Bud Grose

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



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