



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

22nd October—29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SYNOD IN ROME OCTOBER 2023 – Part 4 [21-22 Oct]

Communion, mission, participation – three priority issues for a synodal Church



These are the three priorities that were identified for discussion and discernment for the 1st Session of the Synod being held in Rome at present.

Each of these topics is being addressed from the point of view of theology, canon law, as well as from that of pastoral care and spirituality. In the life of the synodal Church, **communion, mission and participation** are articulated, nourishing and supporting each other. It is in relationship with **communion and mission** that **participation** can be understood, and for this reason, it can only be addressed after the other two.

A communion that radiates: how can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?

Synodal life is not a strategy for organizing the Church but the experience of being able to find a unity that embraces diversity without erasing it, because it is founded on union with God in the confession of the same faith.

Co-responsibility in Mission: how can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?

Mission is not the marketing of a religious product but the construction of a community in which relationships are a manifestation of God's love and therefore whose very life becomes a proclamation. "Can I really offer something?" The awareness that in the fullness of mission everyone is needed. A missionary synodal Church has a duty to ask itself how it can recognise and value the contribution that each baptised person can offer in mission. This means the recognition of the variety of vocations, charisms and ministries, the promotion of the baptismal dignity of women, the role of the ordained ministry and in particular the ministry of the Bishop within the missionary synodal Church.

Participation, governance and authority: what are the processes, structures and institutions in a missionary synodal Church?

Participation is essentially an expression of creativity, a way of nurturing the relationships of hospitality, welcome and human well-being that lie at the heart of mission and communion. Authority indicates the capacity to enable others to grow, and therefore it is a service to the uniqueness of each person, supporting creativity rather than being a form of control that blocks it and a service to the creation of personal freedom and not a binding that restrains it. A synodal culture and spirituality are needed, animated by a desire for conversion and sustained by adequate formation. We need integral formation, initial and ongoing, for all members of the People of God.

The basic question that drives and guides the entire process of the Synod is: **"how does this 'journeying together' which takes place today on different levels (from the local level to the universal one) allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to her; and what steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow as a synodal Church?"**

Joanne and Fr Peter

In Part 5 next week we will conclude with comments that have been made by those participating at the Synod

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READINGS (Year A) Isa 45: 1, 4-6;
1 Thess 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

Next Week: Ex 22:20-26;
1 Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40
These are also on the Parish App under **Readings**.



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE: Thursday 2 November 7 pm at Sacred Heart Addington.

You and your family are welcome to join us on this feast of the Holy Souls to remember and pray for those we love who have died. If their funeral was not held in the parish in the last year please feel free to bring a photo or funeral card to add to our 'Memory Wall' for November. if you would like a copy of an invitation to give to your extended family contact the parish office secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz or 338 8395



Parish Website
Christchurchsouth.org.nz



Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
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<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChchSouth/>

PARISH NOTICES

CHANGES IN WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK:

there will be **no 6pm Mass on Monday, 23rd** (public holiday) at **Sacred Heart** and there will be **no 8:30am Mass on Thursday, 26th**, at the **Carmelite Monastery** due to a Funeral Mass being celebrated there at 11am.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON MASS: 31st October at 1.30pm at **Sts Peter & Paul church, Halswell** followed All welcome to join us followed by a cuppa. If anyone would like to be picked up please contact the office on 338 3895

THANK YOU: to all those who have volunteered for ministry at the 9am Mass at Sts Peter & Paul in Halswell. Your generosity of service is very much appreciated.



COLUMBAN CALENDARS: Columban calendars available from the office for \$15.00. Cash only please.



A PATRON SAINT FOR OUR PARISH:

Bishop Michael has invited us to choose a **patron saint for our parish**. He wants us to have three options for him to consider by November 7th. As parishioners you are invited to suggest name/s either as individuals or groups.

Please fill in the form by clicking on the link <https://forms.office.com/r/FCTzE5DVJU> If you do not have access to a computer a copy of the form is available in the foyer of each of the churches. The **closing date is Monday, 30th October**.

From the names received three will be chosen and a **vote will take place at all Masses on the weekend of 4/5 November**. The names will then be submitted to Bishop Michael who will make the final decision on which Saint our parish will be called. Please take note that the current names for our churches and schools will remain the same.

BIKE RIDE FOR PARISHIONERS: On **Sunday, 29th October**, from St Peter's, Beckenham to Sts Peter & Paul, Halswell. The bike ride will leave **St Peter's at 10:15am** and arrive at Sts Peter & Paul around 11am. All are welcome. For any further information please contact Therese Fisher theresejp@gmail.com

ST. LOUIS-MARIE DE MONTFORT'S: 33-Day Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus Through Mary. An opportunity to gather **every Saturday** for those interested in



following St. Louis-Marie de Montfort's 33-day preparation for total consecration to Jesus through Mary on **Friday, the 8th of December**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Each Saturday, Monica Lee will provide some reflection on the vital role of Mary in our spiritual life. Monica Lee is a consecrated virgin for the Catholic Diocese of Christchurch. She has completed a diploma in catechetics through the University of Notre Dame and is now working towards a Master of Arts in Theology through the Franciscan University of Steubenville. **Cost:**

no cost. **Date and Time: 9.45am – 11.15am, every Saturday** from the 28th October until the **2nd of December**. The 28th of October is an information session. **Venue:** Sacred Heart hall, Addington **RSVP or for any enquiries please contact Alex Chia, achia@cdoc.nz**.

Weekly Collections 15 October
Parish \$2,228 Clergy Fund \$1,114

Automatic Payments September
Parish \$11,054 Clergy \$5,526

Next Special Collection:
Mission Sunday 29th October

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

"Let us run to Mary, and, as her little children, cast ourselves into her arms with a perfect confidence." - Saint Francis de Sales

Mass Intentions: Reginald & Yvonne Lynskey, Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz, James Breen, Rosemary & Bud Grose, Michael Price, Margaret & Patrick Consedine

Please Pray for Recently Deceased:
Peter Saville



○ sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
Psalm 96:1



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 9.00am

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