



# Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

## 29th October—30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### SYNOD CONCLUDES IN ROME 29 OCTOBER 2023 – Part 5

#### Comments from those who have participated in the Synod



**Pope Francis:** “The blessing and welcoming gaze of Jesus prevents us from falling into some dangerous temptations: of being a rigid Church, which arms itself against the world and looks backward; of being a lukewarm Church, which surrenders to the fashions of the world; of being a tired Church, turned in on itself. This is the primary task of the Synod: to refocus our gaze on God, to be a Church that looks mercifully at humanity.”

**Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich** ( Archbishop of Luxembourg) : “all the baptised are called and have the right to participate in the mission of the Church, all have an irreplaceable contribution to make. Each of us is the bearer of a point of view that is essential, but to address the themes effectively, we are also called to realise our own partiality. But men and women receive the same baptism and the same Spirit. The baptism of women is not inferior to the baptism of men. How can we ensure that women feel they are an integral part of this missionary church?”

**Sr Liliana Franco Echeverri** (president of Latin America’s religious superiors): “In most parishes and dioceses around the world, the Church has a woman’s face, at least when looking at those gathered for Mass, joining parish groups, teaching religion and helping the poor.”

**Professor Renée Köhler-Ryan** (National Head of School Philosophy and Theology at Australia’s University of Notre Dame): “As a woman, I’m not focused at all on the fact that I’m not a priest. I think that there’s too much emphasis placed on this question. And what happens when we put too much emphasis on this question is that we forget about what women, for the most part throughout the world, need.”

**Grace Wrakia** (representative of the Bishops’ Conference of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands): “For many years, we have been listening and now we would like to speak. And we would like you to listen.” Grace made comment that the Bishops’ Conference of Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands, with 23 dioceses and a population of 8 million, 25% of whom are Catholic, faces the challenge of diversity with over 1,000 tribes and more than 800 languages. She underlined the importance of everyone having a say in decision-making, reflecting the communal nature of synodality in their region.

**Cardinal Joseph William Tobin** (Archbishop of Newark): The true beauty of the Catholic Church “becomes evident when its doors are open and welcome people. We hope that the Synod will help us open them even more. In a Church in which we see ourselves as brothers and sisters,” he said, “there is room for everyone.”

**Fr Ormond Rush** (Australian theologian): Speaking about discernment, the theologian told Synod members they should strive to see with the eyes of Jesus. He also warned them of “traps” where they could be “drawn into ways of thinking that are not ‘of God’”. These traps could lie in being anchored exclusively in the past, or exclusively in the present, or not being open to the future fullness of divine truth to which the Spirit of truth is leading the Church,” he said. “Discerning the difference between opportunities and traps is the task of all the faithful – laity, bishops, and theologians – everyone.”  
Joanne and Fr Peter

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#### READINGS (Year A)

Ex 22:20-26;  
1 Thess 1:5-10;  
Matthew 22:34-40

**Response:** *I love you,  
Lord, my strength*

#### Next Week:

Malac 1:14-2:2,8-10;  
1 Thess 2:7-9,13;  
Matthew 23:1-12

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

**A SYNODAL CHURCH:** What does the synodal way have to do with us and parish life here in South Christchurch? Reflect on this question: ***A synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today in the Catholic Parish of Christchurch South? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our “journeying together”?*** You are invited to come and share your reflections, listen to one another and follow the voice of the Spirit as we ‘contribute together to build the Church where everyone feels at home, no one is excluded’ (Pope Francis).  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November either at Sacred Heart Hall 1.30pm or St Peters at 7.30pm.** Please rsvp by 6th November to Joanne at [pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:pastoralcare@christchurchsouth.org.nz) so we know how many facilitators are needed.



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[Christchurchsouth.org.nz](http://Christchurchsouth.org.nz)



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## PARISH NOTICES

### MASSES THIS WEEK:

#### ALL SAINTS DAY (Wednesday, 1st November)

8:30am Carmelite Monastery  
9:00am Sacred Heart

#### ALL SOULS DAY

##### (Thursday, 2nd November)

8:30am Carmelite Monastery  
9:00am Sts Peter & Paul  
11:00am St Peter's  
7:00pm Sacred Heart



**TUESDAY AFTERNOON MASS: 31st October at 1.30pm at Sts Peter & Paul church, Halswell.** All welcome to join us followed by a cuppa.

### 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 on 338 8395 or [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

**CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH PARISH FRIENDSHIP GROUP:** will meet at *Nazareth House* for **10am Mass on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November followed** by morning tea. Everyone welcome. For further information please contact Theresa on 338 9876.

**ALTAR SERVERS FOR ST PETERS:** We are looking for new altar servers for St. Peters! If you would like to serve the church in this special ministry, we would love to have you! Altar servers assist the priest in the spirit of the Liturgy in various ways. This ministry allows the youth of the parish to become involved and contribute to the Liturgy of the Mass by serving others. Altar servers must have received the Sacrament of Baptism, Reconciliation and First Communion to participate in this ministry. There will be a couple of training sessions in February after Sunday Mass. If you are interested in joining this ministry, please get in touch with either Antje - [antjeduda@web.de](mailto:antjeduda@web.de) or Janice at the parish office [secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz](mailto:secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz)

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**KEEP  
CALM  
AND BECOME  
ALTAR  
SERVER!**

### 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 this 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.

### CUP OF TEA NEXT WEEK AFTER 10.30am



**MASS AT ADDINGTON: 5th November 2023.** Come over for a coffee / tea and a chat after Mass.

**BLOKES CUPPA:** A chatty coffee morning tea for men of the parish. This **Thursday 2nd November** No obligations. Gold coin donation. **10-11.30 am** at Sacred Heart Church Hall, 70 Spencer Street, Addington. All welcome.



**Weekly Collections 22 October**  
Parish \$2,209 Clergy Fund \$1,105

**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

**Mass Intentions:** Michael C. Lopez, Harry Lockington (Anniv), Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz, Beatriz Dumandan (Anniv), Rosie & Bud Grose, Cheng family, Tamara Marcijasz (Anniv), Frances Nolan, May Chenery

**Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time:** Harry Lockington, Beatriz Dumandan, Tamara Marcijasz

**Please Pray for Recently Deceased:**  
Peter Saville, Veronica Wiki, Mary Parsonage



## 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/](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)