



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

8th October—27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SYNOD IN ROME OCTOBER 2023 – Part 2 [7-8 Oct]

The consultation of the People of God started with this basic question:



“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?”.
[no. 2 of Preparatory Document]

PARISH and DIOCESAN PHASE - October 2021 - February 2022

The objective of this phase was to consult the People of God so that the synodal process was carried out through listening to all of the baptised. This consultation concluded with a pre-synodal meeting, which was the culmination of diocesan discernment. In the Southern Hemisphere, this process took place between October 2021 and February 2022 with responses invited up until 12th December 2021.

NATIONAL / CONTINENTAL PHASE - February - April 2022

At the conclusion of the Diocesan phase, each local Church submitted their contributions to their local Bishops’ Conference. A period of discernment began for the Bishops gathered to listen to what the Spirit had inspired in the Churches entrusted to them. Their synthesis was sent to the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops along with the contributions of each of the local Churches. Each local Bishops’ Conference synthesis was fed into a pre-Synodal Continental gathering before March 2023.

UNIVERSAL PHASE - September 2022 - October 2023

The documents from the seven continents became part of the ‘*Instrumentum Laboris*’, or ‘working document’ for the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023. The contents of this document is what is being used for the first session of the Synod.

If you wish to read the working document ‘*Instrumentum Laboris*’ please click here:

https://www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/common/phases/universal-stage/il/ENG_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS.pdf

The journey leading up to the beginning of the Synod on 4 October has made it possible to identify and share the particular situations experienced by the Church in different regions of the world:

- The reality of too many wars
- The threat represented by climate change
- The cry to oppose an economic system that produces exploitation, inequality and a throwaway culture
- Cultural colonialism that crushes minorities
- Situations of persecutions
- Aggressive secularization
- Various forms of abuse including sexual abuse and the abuse of power, conscience and money

These are all open wounds that have yet to be fully addressed. The Synodal Assembly will be asked to listen deeply to the situations in which the Church lives and carries out its mission. At the heart of this process is the acceptance, both personal and communal, of something that is both a gift and a challenge: to be a Church of sisters and brothers in Christ who listen to one another and who, in so doing, are gradually transformed by the Spirit.

Joanne and Fr Peter

In Part 3 next week we will include details as to who is at the Synod

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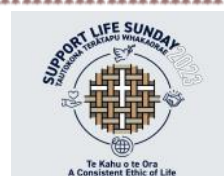
<https://www.facebook.com/CatholicChchSouth/>

READINGS (Year A) Isa 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Response: *The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel*

Next Week: Isa 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14

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



PARISH NOTICES

BIKE RIDE FOR PARISHIONERS: On **Sunday, 29th October**, you are invited to bike 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. The bike riders will join with the parishioners at the 10:30am Mass for morning tea. All are welcome. For any further information please contact Therese Fisher theresejp@gmail.com



BELIEVE—REFLECTIONS OF THE CREED.

Join us for a six-week course on Zoom commencing **Tuesday 10th October at 7.30 p.m.** More details, a short sample of the course and registration here: [Believe | FDM](#)
Contact Graeme Scott 021 413 659

Faith Development Ministries

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



THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL: thanks all those who donated blankets, after our last appeal. The clothing bin, situated at Sts Peter and St Paul church, Halswell, remains for any further donations. Thank you.

PRAYERS FOR HEALING - FR JOHN REA SM:

Lamb of God Community are delighted to bring two healing meetings on Saturday **4th November**, 7.30-9.30pm and Sunday **5th November**, 2-4pm at the Lamb of God Centre, 21 Thames Street. All are welcome. Enquiries to John Murray, 021 280 4516 or lambogodchristchurch@gmail.com

HOMESTAYS REQUIRED FOR CULTURAL STUDENTS:

Canterbury College is looking for families to host a 15 or 16 year old student from Japan for three weeks starting from the 28th of November. Text your email address to 0211815678 or email info@cancan.com for an information brochure if you are interested.

VOCATION & DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR MEN: A retreat is being held from **3rd-5th November** at Sister Eveleen House in Sumner for men who are open to the possibility of a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life. The retreat will explore various aspects of discernment and prayer and will include talks, prayer, Mass, Adoration and more.

It begins at 7pm on the Friday and concludes on the Sunday after lunch. Places are limited. Please contact the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell, on 366 9869 or by email: moconnell@cdoc.nz for more details and to register.

Pope Francis and 'Laudato Deum': "Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter Laudato Si', when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point". (LD #2)

Thus begins "**Laudate Deum**" (*Praise God*), Pope Francis' new exhortation, released on 4 October, continues Laudato Si's message. The Pope reviews the scientific data and the undeniable evidence of the climate crisis while appealing to "all people of good will" to act urgently because, "**there are no lasting changes without cultural changes, without a maturing of lifestyles** and convictions within societies, and there are no cultural changes without personal changes." (LD #70) Laudate Deum can be found online: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Weekly Collections 1 October

Parish \$2,071 Clergy Fund \$1,036

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: Seren Loay, Creo, Felipe, Monina and others, Shona & Len Sullivan, Heather Boaz & Clare Sullivan, Rosie & Bud Grose, Remedios, Eustaquio, Cesaria, Basilio, Cipriana, Sofronio, Patricia Murphy



Please Pray for Recently Deceased:

Patricia Murphy, Michael Burns, Lilly Cooke (mother of Eddie Cook)

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.](http://www.sacredheartchch.school.nz)

[school.nz](http://www.sacredheartchch.school.nz)

St Peter's, Ph 332 7598,

www.saintpeters.school.nz

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving. Phil 4:6