



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

12th November—32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Five Wise Virgins

Let's face it. Some people are more organised than others. However, there is a degree of organisation that we all seem to need in order to fulfill the various responsibilities that we have received.

But for all our organisation, forethought and planning the unexpected and unforeseen is always happening. Life does not always go according to our brilliant and generous plans!



So it seems that authentic Christian life is a combination of wise planning and of adaptation to the unforeseen and unexpected even the disastrous.

I have always found it helpful to value the element of surprise in the Christian journey. Our God is a God of surprises. God comes not necessarily according to our expectations or even our pious hopes. Surprise can often be a reaction to the perceived grace of God.

So the wisdom of the wise virgins is not just a cautionary tale to help us prepare for a holy and happy death. It is an invitation to be a little more organised for the sake of God's plans for us but also to be flexible when our plans don't seem to coincide with God's plans.

"Father, give us this day our daily bread."

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PATRON SAINT FOR OUR PARISH:

Thank you to all the parishioners who participated in the "straw vote" last weekend. The following was the result:

Mary, Queen of Peace	395
St Michael the Archangel	229
St Joseph	151

A letter has now been sent to Bishop Michael and we await his decision.

Father Peter

CONFIRMATION MASS: On **Sunday 19th of November** Bishop Michael will be celebrating Mass for the Confirmation of young people in our parish. You are all welcome to join us for Mass at **2.30pm at Sacred Heart Church.**

HOON HAY PARISHIONERS: On **Saturday, 25th November, at 11am, a Rite of Thanksgiving** will be celebrated at Our Lady of the Assumption church, Hoon Hay. The present church was opened on 25th November 1956 and closed on Sunday, 18th June 2023. Practical details for the day can be found on the Catholic Parish of Christchurch South website: <https://christchurchsouth.org.nz> under the heading "OLOA Rite of Thanksgiving"

In Every Thing
give Thanks

MASS OF ANOINTING: will be held at **Sacred Heart church, Addington on Tuesday 21st November 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

READINGS (Year A) Wis 6:12-16;
1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

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

Next Week: Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31,
1Thess 5:1-6, Mathew 25:14-30



These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



Parish Website
Christchurchsouth.org.nz



Parish App
The Catholic Parish of
Christchurch South



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

PARISH NOTICES

NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE: Every year, hundreds of people come together in Wellington City to stand up and march for the sanctity of life and advocate for the rights of the unborn. This is a powerful opportunity to make our voices heard and to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. Gather with us at the March for Life 2023 at the **Civic Centre, Wellington at 1pm on Saturday 2 December**. Let us unite as a country to defend the dignity and value of every human life, from conception to natural death. <https://cdoc.nz/news-events/event-march-for-life>



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



RINGS FOUND: at Sts Peter & Paul church, Halswell last month. Please contact Paul, the Sacristan at Halswell.

*My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God Ps 63*

HOME TO RENT: A family from St Peter's school is looking for a home to rent. Please ring Joby on: 022 1035745. They require a 3 bedroom home in the Beckenham, Spreydon, Hoon-Hay, Opawa or Waltham areas.

INVEST IN CHRISTMAS JOY: A Catholic Development Fund **Christmas Club Account** allows you to enjoy the **peace and joy** that the birth of Jesus brings without the unnecessary stress at what is often a busy and expensive time of year. Your savings are available from 1 December in time for **Christmas celebrations** or even **summer holiday** expenses, and your account will earn interest for you while doing good within our community. **CDF – INVEST IN GOOD** : 0800 403 863 www.cdf.org.nz

NEXT SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS via ZOOM Online: Wednesday December 6th at 1pm and 7pm –1.5-hour duration
Safeguarding Workshop - 1pm - 2.30pm
Safeguarding Workshop - 7pm - 8.30pm
To register email Clodagh Ward on cward@cdoc.nz An invite to the Zoom workshop will be emailed to you the day before the workshop.

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



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2023: Join Us in Making a Difference **Sunday, 19 November** marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls us to action. Pope Francis has instructed us this year, "Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4:7).

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Commitment Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand works tirelessly to empower communities. They partner with organisations around the world to build thriving lives by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice. Their mission aligns with Pope Francis' call to make a positive change in the world. Get Involved! Consider what you can do to recognise the World Day of the Poor 2023. Together, we can create a more just and compassionate world. Find out more about World Day of the Poor and the work of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand! Caritas Website: caritas.org.nz

Collections 29 October

Parish \$2,107 Clergy Fund \$1,054

Automatic Payments October

Parish \$11,887 Clergy \$5,943

Collections 5 November

Parish \$2,294 Clergy Fund \$1,147

Next Special Collection:

Diocesan Clergy—Christmas Day 25th December

Parish account for donations

Westpac 03-1592-0207148-20

Thank You

Mass Intentions: Shona & Len Sullivan, Manansala, Louise, Louis, Lance, Frederick, Daisy and others, Marlene Leonard, Dante Sr, Emilie, Maribeth, Henry III, Elizabeth, Maureen Family, Ian Walsh, John Walsh, Francis Teague, Mary Parsonage, Marlene Leonard, Pauline Daly, Tom & Doris Story, Margaret & Arthur Regan, Mick Ryan (Ireland)

