



Catholic Parish of Christchurch South

26th November—Christ the King

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Forgive me for being uninspired by many of the expressions of power and authority we see in the world today.

Those who appear to have the most power or influence seem to be the least likely to use them for the good of humanity or the planet. Human models of royalty and dominion seem to have little to say to us about the sovereignty of Christ which we celebrate this weekend.

It is obvious from the choice of readings for today, that the power and authority of Christ the King of Creation, are the power of love and the authority of service.

Christ is the shepherd with the smell of the sheep on him, who provides good pasture for his sheep, shows them where to rest, brings back the lost, bandages the wounded and makes the weak strong. In Matthew's Gospel, there's Christ the judge, who identifies with the weakest, the neglected and the least. 'I tell you in so far as you did this to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me'

This is less about the power of the almighty or a ticket into an otherworldly kingdom, than about an invitation to understand that the reign of God is among us and within us. It invites us to an openness to hear the call to be co-creators of the kingdom; to place ourselves in the shoes of the other, and to encounter Christ in the lost, lonely and unloved. We pray that the love of Christ reigns in our hearts so that the power of love may reign in the world.

We might also share the sentiments of William Gladstone, expressed over a century ago: 'We look forward to the time when the Power of Love will replace the Love of Power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace.'

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*Join us this Advent for
Adoration and
Confession
7:00pm - 8:00pm*

- St Peters Church, Beckenham Thursday 7 Dec
- Sts Peter and Paul Church, Halswell Thursday 14 Dec
- Sacred Heart Church, Addington Thursday 21 Dec

**MORNING TEA
FOR ALL PAST
PARTICIPANTS
OF RCIA:**

If you went through RCIA in our parish, or have been received into the Church in the last few years, you are invited to a morning tea. **3 December** after the 10:30 Mass at **Sacred Heart Church, Addington.**

READINGS (Year A) Eze 34: 11– 12, 15– 17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28, Mathew 25:31-46

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want.*

Next Week: (Year B) Isa 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

These are also on the Parish App under Readings.



PARISH NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS: to those who were confirmed last Sunday by Bishop Michael Gielen. Thank you to those who helped with the planning and catechesis and also to the parents and families in preparing the children. Your help is very much appreciated.



HALSWELL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale in the Church foyer before and after Mass **25/26 November, 2/3 and 9/10 December**. Tickets \$2 each or \$10 for a book of 6 tickets. Some lovely prizes and you have to be in to win!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HALSWELL/HOON HAY: Christmas Grocery Appeal. We are collecting Christmas grocery items to help make up Christmas hampers for families who find it tough over the Christmas period. Donations of Christmas puddings, Christmas mince pies, chocolates, tinned fruit, fizzy drink, juice, biscuits, plus general grocery items will be gratefully received. Donations can be left in the basket in the foyer of Halswell Church.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING CONTACT: If you have any questions or concerns please contact Janice Beban on 338 8395 or email secretary@christchurchsouth.org.nz

NEXT SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOPS: Wednesday December 6th at 1pm and 7pm – 1.5-hour duration – **via ZOOM Online**

Safeguarding Workshop - **1pm - 2.30pm**

Safeguarding Workshop - **7pm - 8.30pm**

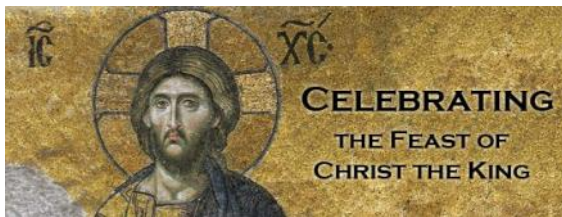
to register email Clodagh Ward on cward@cdoc.nz **An invite to the Zoom workshop will be emailed to you the day before the workshop.**

Who is required to attend: Volunteers who have not yet attended a Safeguard Workshop and existing Volunteers who have not attended a workshop in the last three years.

These safeguarding workshops are a requirement of volunteering/ministering in every parish and catholic entity in the Diocese.

VOCATIONS GROUP FOR MEN: A monthly Vocations Group is starting up for men open to discerning a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life. Each meeting will involve some dinner, a talk, fraternity, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Night Prayer. The first meeting is being held on Wednesday **December 6th at 6.30pm** at the Diocesan Offices, 9 Washington Way. Contact the Vocations Coordinator, Matt O'Connell, for more information on: moconnell@cdoc.nz

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: 9th December 2023: The Community of the Beatitudes warmly invites you to celebrate our annual Festival of Lights at the Sanctuary of Fourvière. This will take place on **Saturday 9th December**, following the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Bishop Michael Gielen will celebrate Holy Mass at the Shrine of Mary, Mother of the Light. **Mass will begin at 6pm.** Please bring a picnic to enjoy afterwards. A spit roast lamb with hangi vegetables will be available for sale, along with coffee and drinks in the Pilgrim Shelter. At dusk there will be a candlelit procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Shrine where there will be adoration under the stars until benediction at dawn. The Beatitudes Community is looking forward to welcoming you to the Sanctuary, located at 67 Leithfield Rd, Leithfield. For more information, contact Thomas at thomas@beatitudes.nz or phone 022 506 2538.



Mass Intentions: Rosemary & Bud Grose, Leonardo Damiano, Heather Boaz, Shona & Les Sullivan, Brett-Turner families

Please Pray for all those with Anniversaries at this time: Leonardo Damiano

Please Pray for Recently Deceased: Fr Paul Shannahan sm



How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

Rev5: 12, 1:6

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

Weekly Collections 19 November

Parish \$2,440 Clergy Fund \$1,220

Next Special Collection:

Diocesan Clergy—Christmas Day 25th December

Parish account for donations

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