

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.*

*It is he who forgives all your guilt who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.*

*The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.*

*As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.*

ROSTERS NOW READY - Please collect **Sunday Morning Tea, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Prayers of the Faithful** rosters from the table at the back of the church.
Thank you

27th February, 2011

<i>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am	7.00pm
ALTAR SERVERS	Caitlin Campbell, Louis Andrews	Joshua Kelly, Dominic Sullivan
PROJECTIONISTS	Mary Anne Miller	Rory Smith
PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS	Pullar Family	Tony Shaw & Family
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	V Brownlee, J Morrison, B Morrison	P Consedine, M McCormick, H Potter
READERS	K Searle, M Stribling	Cook Family
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Tony Shaw	
GREETERS & COLLECTORS	J Maguire	Emily Maguire & family
ENVELOPE COUNTERS	Counter: Anne Siave	Banker: Wendy Clarke
SUNDAY MORNING TEA	Henry Siave	
CHILDRENS LITURGY	Jeannette Kwant	
FLOWERS (February 26th)	Eileen Bolch, Trish Conner	
CHURCH CARERS: (February 26th)	Irene Maguire, Mary Silva, Jane Norton, Carmen McIntyre	

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NEW PARISHIONERS We welcome you to our Parish!

Please make yourself known to us by completing the form below and leaving it in the collection basket. May you find friendship, warmth and Catholic fulfillment in our community.

Name:

Phone No: **Email:**

Address:

MASS TIMES

Sunday observance

Sunday 9.00am & 7.00pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 8.30 am
Tuesday: 8.30 am
Wednesday: 8.30 am
Thursday: 8.30 am
Friday: 11.15 am
Saturday: 8.00 am

A Funeral Mass will take the place of the scheduled Weekday Mass.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

No Friday
Adoration (25th February)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday
11.00am – 11.30am
Anytime by appointment

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH
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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - (20th February, 2011)

A Reflection on Priestly Life taken from Father Paddy Cahill's 2007 reflections booklet . . .

Yesterday I had an outpatient's appointment at the hospital. As usual I find that the people you meet either know you and have heard of you simply because you are a priest. Tomorrow I will be celebrating forty-nine years of priesthood. I call to mind the cold winter days when I was ordained in the Cathedral and offered my first Mass in the old Church here at Sacred Heart. As I look back I wonder where all the years have gone, and although there are many things I have forgotten there are many memories that remain very vivid. But above all is the friendship of people who have encouraged and supported me during these years.

Through the years I have seen many changes in the Church as well as in society. But in the ups and downs of life, accepting that my faith is my most precious gift, my priesthood has been a prized gift. When you reach my age you hope that like parents seeing themselves in their children I would see young men filled with energy and fervour ready to take my place in shepherding the people of God. Sadly that is not happening at this time. But with faith in the good Lord I know all things will work together for good and His plan will work out in His way and His time.

Some people may think it is a lonely life but that is not my experience. First of all the heart is open to God and each day begins with time spent with God in prayer which is essential.

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Our Parish is part of the **Christchurch South Pastoral Area** comprising the parishes of Addington, Akaroa, Beckenham, Halswell & Hoon Hay.

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I talked to a father of six during the week who told me that once the children are in bed he and his wife talk to each other about their day for 45 minutes. They have a wonderful family and marriage. The second thing a priest can have is faithful friends who stand by them in good times and bad. I have friends going back forty-five years who I would never have had if I wasn't a priest.

Then you have the activity of pastoral work. Today I went to the school energised by the simplicity and beauty of the children who are so warm and accepting of you because you are 'Father'. I spent time with the teachers listening to what was happening in their lives. Later it will be a Rosary for a deceased, phone calls to people, visits to others so that the day is never empty. Once ordained we remain a priest forever, so no matter what age we are we can always turn to the Lord in prayer for all God's people. I thank God for all I have received and I pray to God I will be faithful to the end.

*As you serve the Lord and His people, may you always remember
the love which drew you to Jesus, the power of His life within you ...
The faith which joined your heart to His. And may each moment in ministry
become a treasured memory for you and those you serve.*

(Fr Paddy Cahill 1932 - 2011)

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS YEAR A

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27th February, 2011

1st Reading: *Is 49:14 – 15:1*; 2nd Reading: *1 Cor 4:1-5*; Gospel: *Matthew 6:24-34*;

FEAST DAYS OF THIS WEEK

Monday 21st February: *St Peter Damian*

Tuesday 22nd February: *The Chair of St Peter, Apostle*

Wednesday 23rd February: *St Polycarp*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Father Bernie Goulding, Father Paul Duncan, Monsignor Jim Harrington, Dorothy Day, Denise George and those who are sick in our Parish community. If you have family or friends you would particularly like mentioned in the Bulletin, please let us know at the Parish Office. Ph: 338 8624.

Message from the family of Dorothy Day . . .

Dorothy has now moved to Nazareth House and your prayers would be appreciated.

*In your great love please pray for
Father Paddy Cahill (Rec Dec); Rosalie Kent (Rec Dec); Rosalia Collins (Anniv.);
R. I. P.*

PARISH GIVING:

13/02/2011 Clergy Trust Fund: \$450.00 Parish: \$906.00

YOUTH GROUP SPORTS DAY AND YOUTH MASS - The inaugural Youth Mass for 2011 is on the 27th February at 11am, followed by an afternoon of sports from anyone in Years 7-13. Let David (0273140858) know if you're keen to be in an OLA team. Cost \$5.

PARISH MEETING

You are invited to attend a meeting next Sunday 27th February, 2011 after 9am Mass regarding the amalgamation of parishes in the area. During this meeting you will have an opportunity to share your thoughts with us. As submissions close on 28th February, 2011 this will be your last chance to have your say in the future of our Parish. **ALL MOST WELCOME.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Presentation of the 'Creed' to Children enrolled in the 2011 Sacramental programme will be on Sunday 27th February at 9am or 7pm. The 2011 programme is now closed for enrolments.

You can contact Annie Bathurst if you wish to enrol your child for the 2012 programme. (Ph: 338-5523)

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The Catholic Womens League would like to thank everyone who supported our National fundraiser raffle for dinner for six people prepared by Archbishop Dew. The proceeds went to keep the regional levies down, so we are now solvent. The winner was a lady in Tawa. Thank you very much, Eileen Bolch

OLA Harvest Festival 20th March 2011

Mark it in your Diary, only 4 weeks to go!

Pick up a copy of the Harvest Festival Booklet

or check the School website www.ola.school.nz

over the next few days for the link to the Harvest Festival Booklet.

It includes Categories, Judges, Rules & Entry forms.



Pastoral Area Scripture Group

This group meets on Fridays at 9:15 am. New members welcome. For more details phone Joan Barrett 338 3803.

Prayer for Life

Please join us to pray that our nation will respect life. God changes hearts when we worship and witness together. Holy Mass, Adoration, Rosary Procession & Benediction at St Mary's Manchester St, Wednesday 2nd March, 7pm. Enquiries: ph 351 3225

In the Avenues of Barrhill - Saturday 5th March, 2011

The Christchurch Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society is organising a day of reflection in the historic Canterbury village of Barrhill. Everyone welcome. Cost: \$20.00 (pay on the day). Please see notice board for more information. To register phone: 3797227 or 3390349 by Tuesday 1st March.

Volunteering Canterbury is holding a meeting to gauge interest in a regular group which would provide opportunities to discuss the issues and challenges faced by Chairs of voluntary organisations. All Chairs are welcome. It is envisaged that the group might meet monthly with guest speakers invited to cover particular topics. The meeting will be on Thursday 24 February 7.00-8.30pm at CCC Beckenham Service Centre. Please RSVP to Jan Harrison jandavid@snap.net.nz or phone 03 359 6861.

Please refer to the notice board in foyer for Diocesan and other notices.

The weekly newsletter is available for viewing on the school website: www.ola.school.nz