

HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

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St Thomas' Church
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1st Sunday in Advent

2 December 2018

From Fr Brian:

The latest total from *Askright* on the Fundraising Campaign to 'Earthquake Strengthen' the basilica is \$962,497; that is 60% of the Parish's goal of \$1.6m. We are only \$38,000 from \$1m. This total is from 390 gifts from families/individuals. This is something to be proud of.

There are extra flyers in the church porches – if you know of anyone who would like to give a donation.

During the week I also took some old NZ sterling coins into the Collector when he visited Timaru - I was able to get \$140 for the coins - this is better than the coins sitting in a box.

\$440 was raised from the 'Movie Night'.

We expect the Basilica to be closed from mid-February - so it seems opportune to initiate the process of selling the Sacred Heart Centre in Napier Street. It may take some time to sell the properties. We hope that the building of the new Parish Centre, in conjunction with the Roncalli Sport Complex, will commence early next year.

We will have a 'farewell' pot-luck to Fr Joaquin, Sunday 20 January, from 6.30pm as he moves, after 4 years, to Mid-Canterbury.

During Advent there will be Monday masses at St Thomas' 9.00am.

Anointing Masses in Rest Homes:

- This Thursday 6 December, 10.30am – Elloughton Gardens. Family & parishioners are welcome to join in these masses of Anointing.

Parish Advent Anointing Masses will be:

- This Tuesday, 4 December, 2.00pm, in the Sacred Heart Centre.
 - Thursday, 13 December, 2.00pm, in St Thomas' Church.
- Anyone wanting a ride please contact Mary Brosnahan 6862384
- Waimate—at Lister Home, Thursday 20 December, 2.00pm.
- Masses will be followed by afternoon tea.

Parish Advent Reconciliation:

- This Thursday 6 December, 7.00pm, at St Thomas' Church. There will be four Priests. This is an opportunity to celebrate and personalise God's Forgiveness.

Mass will be in St Joseph's School Hall.

- This Wednesday, 5 December, 9.00am

This Sunday, 2 December, 11.00am, will be the annual **St Andrew's Feast Day Mass**, at St Andrews Church.

School End of Year Masses

- This Tuesday, 4 December, 9.15 Sacred Heart School at the Basilica
- Thursday, 13 December, 9.30am: St Patrick's School in Waimate.
- Friday, 14 December, 12.15pm: St Joseph's School at St Thomas' (**NO** Mass at Sacred Heart this Friday).

Parish Christmas Pot- Luck Dinner: Sunday 16 December at 6.00pm in St Thomas' Church lounge plus Entertainment. Come along for a Parish Pre-Christmas meal and get –together.

ROSARY for life endorsed by the NZ Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be held at the Basilica, Saturday 8 December, 3.00pm. All invited especially families and parish groups.



Chairperson Parish Council: Gary Shand,

Chairperson Finance Committee:

Chairperson Property Committee: Jim Anderson

Sacred Heart Primary School:

Principal: David Armstrong, Ph.: 688 8188

St Joseph's Primary School:

Principal: Carmel Brosnahan-Pye, Ph.: 688 1376

Roncalli College:

Principal: Chris Comeau, Ph.: 688 6003

Christmas is not far away: The Parish needs some help with the Christmas Masses. After several years, Kim is retiring from overseeing the Nativity Play at the 10.30am Christmas Mass at St Thomas'. Is there anyone able/willing to organise a simple Nativity Play ????

Amanda is going to oversee the Nativity Play at Sacred Heart at 9.00am on Christmas Morning. Last year no kids, besides Amanda's, volunteered. It would be a shame if no kids volunteered this year.

Fr Brian will oversee a Christmas Pageant at the Vigil Mass - same script - unless someone is willing to take over.

At all 3 masses - we need children to participate and a parent to organise the plays. Contact the Parish Office or Fr Brian to assist

Bishop Paul is launching the:

“**BISHOP'S CARE APPEAL**” across the Diocese. The Appeal is to collect core funding for the social mission of the Church, providing for those less well off in our community in the lead up to Christmas. The Appeal will be run over this Advent Season.

There are newsletters explaining the Appeal & Giving Envelopes at the end of the pews. Any donations will be welcomed.

DIARY:

Sunday 2 December

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA after 9.00am and 10.30am Masses.

ST ANDREWS FEAST DAY MASS 11.00am St Andrews's Church

FILIPINO MASS St Thomas' Church, 7.00pm

ANGLICAN/CATHOLIC Advent Service St Mary's Church 7.00pm.

Monday 3 December

EUCHRE in St Thomas' Lounge 1.30pm.

ROSARY Group meet 4.00pm, St Thomas' Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Sacred Heart Conference meet in Sacred Heart Centre 4.45pm. Food baskets at Our Lady's door in Basilica.

MEN'S GROUP meet in St Thomas' Lounge 7.30pm. All men welcome.

Tuesday 4 December

EUCHRE: due to Anointing Mass no euchre today. December 11 usual euchre and extra raffle \$2.00. All players welcome.

MARIAN MOVEMENT meet in St Thomas' Chapel 2.00pm.

Wednesday 5 December

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP and **DIVINE MERCY** 6.30pm Sacred Heart Basilica. All welcome.

Thursday 6 December

LOAVES & FISHES last lunch for the year. There will be a "Taste of Christmas". All welcome, bring a friend.

Friday 7 December

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 9.00am—5.00pm Sacred Heart Basilica.

PRAYER GROUP St Thomas' Lounge 10.00am—12.00pm.

Saturday 8 December

ROSARY for Life - 3.00pm Sacred Heart Basilica.

Sunday 9 December

MERCY PAST PUPILS Christmas function in St Thomas' Lounge 2.00pm. Donation towards St Vincent de Paul food bank (Christmas treat). Thank you for your generosity.

HAM RAFFLE this week \$2.00 per ticket.

ROOM 8 - ST JOSEPH'S SHOOL are inviting parishioners to their class Christmas party & concert on Wednesday 12 December in school hall, from 1.30—2.45 Please contact Prachi Singh at: prachis@stjosephstimaru.school.nz.

COUNTING VOLUNTEERS are sought for St Thomas' Church collection counting during each week during December and January. A roster is in the foyer for those able to assist to record their names. Thank you.

MASS OFFERINGS: We pray for the sick of the parish and those for whom Mass is requested:

Recently Deceased: Evelyn Scott, (Cromwell) Fr Leslie Calaco died on 22 November at Harrison Hospital in Bremerton, Washington, USA. His funeral Mass will be at Bremerton, USA. Fr Leslie undertook many locums in South Canterbury for approx. 20 years. Fr Brian will offer the Friday's Midday Mass for Fr Leslie.

Anniversaries: 27/11 Michael Griffin, 4/12 Maurice Hansen, 5/12 Mary McLean.

Other Intentions: Decd Members Griffin, Stevenson Families.

Intention of: Special Intention.

MASS TIME TABLE THIS WEEK

Saturday	St Thomas'	6.00pm Vigil
Sunday	Sacred Heart	9.00am
Sunday	St Thomas'	10.30am
Sunday	Sacred Heart	5.00pm
Monday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Tuesday	Sacred Heart	9.15am Sacred Heart School
Tuesday	Sacred Heart Centre	2.00pm Anointing Mass
Wednesday	St Joseph's	9.00pm School Hall
Thursday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Friday	Sacred Heart	12.10pm
Saturday	Sacred Heart	9.30am

Funeral Masses take the place of scheduled weekday Mass.

Reconciliation:

Friday	Sacred Heart	11.30am—12.00pm
Saturday	Sacred Heart	10.00am—10.30am

St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass times are:

Sunday 9.00am	Thursday: 9.30am
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FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Begins **Wednesday**, 27 February, 7.30pm, St Thomas' Lounge. Enrolment forms will be sent by email to eligible families, plus copies available at school office and church porches. Enrolment forms need to be into the parish office by **Wednesday**, 20th February 2019.



LECTORS ROSTERS for Sacred Heart are available for collection at the back of the church today.

Next MOVIE EVENING - Sunday 10 February St Thomas' Lounge.

"THOSE MAGNIFICENT MEN IN THEIR FLYING MACHINES" (Starring Virginia Miles, Terry Thomas, Tony Hancock etc) MAKE IT A GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT

Bring friends and family. All bookings direct from Terry Kennedy Ph 644 4070. Wait for the answerphone to click on then leave your name and phone number and how many seats you require. Pay on the night. Terry will confirm.

TOURING CHOIR & ORCHESTRA:

Following concerts across Australia & Europe, **Artes Christi** is coming to NZ and will present a Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols in Timaru Basilica on **Thursday 13 December, 5pm-6pm**. Please come - all welcome. Entry by donation, supporting the Timaru Basilica Restoration Appeal. www.christmasinthecity.org.au

BASILICA OPEN DAY:

15 December 11.00am 4.00pm

Tour the Basilica, see the sights of Timaru from around the Top of the Dome. Tour the Choir Loft, see the bells operated and get a close up look at the interior. Donation entry downstairs, \$5.00 to see the view from the top.

Volunteers Wanted:

We are looking for helpers to guide and care for people as they look through the Basilica on Saturday the 15th. If you can spare any time between 11.00am—4.00pm on that day. Please contact the Office or ring Gary Shand Ph 6882693.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT—9 December 2018
Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:3-6,8-11, Luke 3:1-6