

HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

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5th Sunday in Lent

7 April 2019

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Fr John O'Connor

A few years ago I was asked to prepare a Year 13 group to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I began by asking how many considered themselves to be sinners. A couple of hands went up including my own. I then asked again, explaining that my question was a serious one adding that all my friends were sinners. A few more hands were raised. For the next half hour I explained that we are created by God for abundant life, but we sin when our fears lead us to grasp at what is immediate and unsatisfying. I explained that the Sacrament of Reconciliation enables us to experience divine love and mercy in the part of our lives where we most struggle, and that this was a beautiful thing both in a human relationship with God. I concluded commenting that we are sinners, much more than we think we are, but this is not a problem for our loving and merciful God.

At the end of the class the teacher approached me, very angry, saying "we do all we can to build up our students' self-esteem, and you shoot it down in one class by telling these young people that they are sinners."

The teacher did not understand that self-esteem is not a human achievement. Healthy self-esteem is the fruit of knowing that we are loved even as imperfect, weak and vulnerable sinners. We know Jesus to be "saviour," and if we think we can sort our lives by our own efforts then we have no need for Jesus.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

+Stations of the Cross: - Fridays of Lent after midday Mass and at 7.00pm at St Thomas' Church.

+ Anointing Mass:

Timaru: this Thursday, 11 April, 2.00pm, at St Thomas' Church, followed by Afternoon Tea. If you need transport please phone Mary Brosnahan, Ph 686 2384.

Timaru: Tuesday, 16 April, 2.00pm, at St Thomas' Church, followed by Afternoon Tea.

+Lenten Reconciliation this Thursday, 11 April, 7.00pm, at St Thomas' Church (there will be four priests present).

Caritas Lenten Appeal: envelopes are available in foyer. The money collected from this annual appeal is used in the Church's relief, aid and development work.

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

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Principal: Chris Comeau, Ph.: 688 6003

HUMANITY OF UNBORN CHILD

Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH.

Overseas experience indicates that will be the forerunner to debate on even worse atrocities for the unborn child, including "partial-birth" abortions, "after-birth abortions" and infanticide. If you wish to add your name to accompany an inter-denominational "Open letter to MPs", Email ASAP: tonybrebner@hotmail.com - May God Bless our efforts.

Holy Week & Easter Timetable 2019

Next weekend we celebrate **Palm Sunday**—if the weather is fine—we will bless the Palms at the Church Door; please gather outside.

Monday: 9.00am – Communion Service. (Priests in Christchurch)

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at St Mary's Pro-cathedral, Christchurch, on Monday, 15 April, 7.30pm. At this mass the Holy Oils are blessed by the Bishop for use during the coming year. The Holy Oils will be brought up during Mass on Holy Thursday.

Tuesday: 2.00pm – Anointing Mass, followed by Afternoon Tea.

Wednesday: 9.00am Mass

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Timaru: 7.00pm, St Thomas' Church; followed for a 30 minute period of quiet prayer at the 'Altar of Repose' - which will be set-up in the lounge.

Waimate: 7.00pm, followed by a short period of quiet prayer at the 'Altar of Repose'.

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross: St Andrew's Church, St Andrews, at 11.00am.

Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

Timaru: St Thomas', 3.00pm.

Waimate: 3.00pm.

(There's traditionally a retiring collection on this day for the 'Holy Places' – that is, for the maintenance of shrines in the Holy Land that the Catholic Church has responsibility for).

Easter Vigil: celebration of the Resurrection

Timaru: St Thomas' 7.00pm - this replaces the 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

At Easter Masses – a book - "Resisting Happiness" will be distributed to parishioners.

Easter Sunday:

Timaru: St Thomas' - 9.00am; 10.30am; (**NO** 5.00pm Mass).

Waimate: 9.00am.

Easter Monday: 9.00am Mass at St Thomas' (as it is within the Octave of Easter).

After the Octave of Easter, the Monday morning Mass reverts to a 'Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion'.

Anzac Day—Mass at 8.30am.

DIARY:Monday 8 April**EUCHRE** in St Thomas' Lounge 1.30pm. All welcome.**ROSARY** group meet in St Thomas' Church 4.00pm.**MEN'S GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 7.30pm.

All men welcome.

Tuesday 9 April**MAINLY MUSIC** 9.30am St Thomas' Lounge.**EUCHRE** Sacred Heart Centre, Napier St, 1.30pm. Raffle & afternoon tea. All players welcome old and new.**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 7.00pm.Wednesday 10 April.**NOVENA: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP AND DIVINE MERCY** will be held in Sacred Heart Centre downstairs at 6.00pm All welcome.**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** 7.30pm St Thomas' Lounge**FRIENDLY AFTERNOON** - Mass at 1.30pm.**CWL** knitting group meet 79 Hassall Street, at 2.00pm.Thursday 11 April**LITURGY MEETING** 7.30pm in Presbytery.Friday 12 April**PRAYER GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 10.00am.**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** after midday Mass and 7.00pm In St Thomas' Church.Sunday 14 April**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Festival meeting, after 10.30am Mass in St Thomas' Lounge.**Retreat Day:** Fr John O'Connor has offered to lead a Retreat Day at St Thomas' Church/ Lounge on **Saturday 4 May**, from mid-morning to mid-afternoon. This is an opportunity to have a day of reflection & prayer. Fr John has a website: foodforfaith.org.nz. It is a worthwhile website to view – he has good reflections.**MUSICIANS:**

Together we are strong! The Holy Family Parish is seeking musicians, young and old, who would like to contribute towards the musical liturgy of our church, especially the 5.00pm Sunday Mass. Due to illness, we are running short of musicians. Please phone Carrie, 0276844081 if you are keen to help out.

Next **Baptismal Preparation Programme** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on Sundays 28 April and 5 May, 7.00pm – 8.15pm, at St Thomas' in St Thomas' Lounge. Contact Fr Brian or office to enrol.**C Lunds** are continuing erecting the scaffolding on the exterior north-side of the Basilica.so there is more evidence of work commencing. They are also making 'walk-ways' within the ceiling. As with most work, OSH requirements & the preparation is essential.Most parishioners have now returned their **Police Vetted Forms**. I will check them this week and forward them to Virginia Noonan - the person-in-charge of Safe-Guarding in the Diocese. If you think you should be vetted - and we have 'overlooked you' - please contact Helen/Agnes in the Parish Offices or me. This procedure is a requirement of the Government's Vulnerable Children & Persons Act.**MASS OFFERINGS: We pray for the sick of the parish and those for whom Mass is requested:****Recently Deceased:** Vida Ryan, Daniel Morel, Patricia Murphy, Mary Maxwell (Temuka)**Anniversaries:** 6/4 Paul Connolly, 7/4 Pat Breen, Maria Spruyt,**Other Intentions:** Holy Souls, Decd Members Connolly, O'Neill, Phillips, Vogel, Breen, Allan & O'Driscoll Families,**Intention of:** Special Intention**MASS TIME TABLE THIS WEEK:**

Saturday	St Thomas'	6.00pm Vigil
Sunday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Sunday	St Thomas'	10.30am
Sunday	St Thomas'	5.00pm
Monday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Tuesday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Wednesday	St Thomas'	1.30pm Friendly Afternoon
Thursday	St Thomas'	2.00pm Anointing Mass
Friday	St Thomas'	12.10pm
Saturday	St Thomas'	9.30am

Funeral Masses take the place of scheduled weekday Mass.**Exposition & Reconciliation** Tuesday 9.30am

Friday 11.30am, Saturday 10.00am

St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass times are:

Sunday 9.00am Mass 9.30am

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS—St Thomas'

We need Greeters, Altar Servers, Musician, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Projectionists for the Easter Ceremonies. If you are available, can you please put your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

MY CHALLENGE - MY COMMUNITY:

Gleniti Challenge Service Station has offered to donate customers' fuel discount or bonus points to the Basilica Renovation Fund. If you are a customer, please ask the staff at Gleniti Challenge about this easy way to donate.

This weeks **raffle** is \$100.00 note. Last week's winners are: Kane Family, Maureen Ancell, Joan Dowling, Kate Kirby, Eileen King. Congratulation to you all.Due to health issues, Rosemary Lamb has resigned from playing the organ at 5.00pm Mass and playing the piano at Rest Homes - when *Holy Family Parish* leads the Ecumenical Services.

One parishioner has volunteered to play the piano at the 3 Rest Homes - normally just 'good old traditional hymns'? Is there anyone else ??? This is not an onerous task, and the old folk are appreciative....and we would be very appreciative.

The Parish Council are organising a **CHEESE ROLLS** fundraiser. Order forms available in Church foyer, please return today with money. Reasonably priced—one dozen \$6.00, three dozen \$15.00, four dozen \$20.00.

Cheese roll making is happening at Mountain View High School Pages Rd, Food Tech Room. Please collect the cheese rolls from there if you are in charge of delivering them.

Thank you to those who have volunteered for this Friday from 4-6pm for preparing mixture; and Saturday starting 8.00am roll making and help needed for clean up later on Saturday.

Donations of evaporated milk, Onion Soup Mix, food safety gloves or plastic bags for bagging rolls are greatly appreciated. Please put name on sheet in foyer and time available to help.

Money and orders can be put into box in church foyer.

MOVIE EVENING 6.15pm**Tonight Sunday 7 April St Thomas' Lounge.**

movie "GENEVIEVE" The hilarious trip by Vintage Car from London to Brighton.



Next movie Sunday 26 May: "THOSE DARING YOUNG MEN IN THEIR JAUNTY JALLOPIES" (sequel to "THE FLYING MACHINES with Tony Curtis and original cast..

Palm Sunday —14 April 2019**Isaiah 50:4-7, Philippians 2:6-11, Luke 22:14-23:56**