

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

Sacred Heart Basilica  
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Timaru



St Thomas' Church  
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Timaru

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**2nd Sunday in Advent**

**9 December 2018**

## From Fr Brian:

There has been a continuous queue of subcontractors looking at the Basilica over the past week.

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.

The Fundraising Campaign is still on-going. There are extra flyers in the church porches – if you know of anyone who would like to give a donation.

We will have a Parish Pot-Luck Tea as a **'farewell'** to Fr Joaquin on Sunday 20 January, 6.00pm, at St Thomas' Church Lounge, prior to shifting to Mid-Canterbury.

## Caring for those in need

During Advent, our parish is holding the **Bishop's Care Appeal**, in support of the caring ministries within the Diocese of Christchurch



**"I was sick and you looked after me..."**

Your gifts will help support hospital chaplains and over 1675 volunteers who visit the sick and suffering.

Please prayerfully consider those in the humblest of circumstances with a gift to the Care Appeal. Your support is an answer to someone's prayer.

– Bishop Paul Martin SM

**Support the good works of the Church.**

Give today: 03 336 9869

[www.chcatholic.nz/BCA18](http://www.chcatholic.nz/BCA18)

"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.

## Parish Advent Anointing Masses will be:

- This 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.

## School End of Year Masses

**St Patrick's School in Waimate:** this Thursday, 13 December, 9.30am (There will be a Communion Service at St Thomas' this Thursday).

**St Joseph's School:** this Friday, 14 December, 12.15pm, at St Thomas' (**NO** mass at Sacred Heart this Friday).



## CHRISTMAS is not far away:

The Parish needs some help with the Christmas Masses.

Amanda is going to oversee the Nativity Play at Sacred Heart at 9.00am on Christmas Morning.

After several years, Kim is retiring from overseeing the Nativity Play at the St Thomas' 10.30am Christmas Mass.

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 if you are able to assist.

## Fr John O'Connor has a website - entitled:

**'FOOD FOR FAITH':** [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)

He provides a daily reflection for Advent - just click on the icon to receive his daily reflection. It is a good website .... worth viewing.

In case you forget the website - there are small cards in the porches with the website. Please take one.

## ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS AT ST THOMAS:

Greeters, Altar Servers, Readers, Minister of the Eucharist and projectionists are needed for the Christmas Masses. Please put your name of clipboard in foyer if you can assist.

## PARISH POT LUCK CHRISTMAS DINNER



**Next Sunday** 16 December at 6.00pm in St Thomas' Church lounge. Come along and enjoy the entertainment, meal and get-together. BYO and a small wrapped gift (under \$5.00) for a game. Looking forward to a good night.

**DIARY:**Sunday 9 December**MERCY PAST PUPILS** Christmas function in St Thomas' Lounge 2.00pm. Donation towards St Vincent de Paul food bank (Christmas treat).Monday 10 December**EUCHRE** in St Thomas' Lounge 1.30pm.**ROSARY** Group meet 4.00pm, St Thomas' Church.**MEN'S GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 7.30pm.

All men welcome.

Tuesday 11 December**EUCHRE:** 2.00pm Sacred Heart Centre and extra raffle \$2.00. All players welcome.**BASILICA** Spring clean 6.00pm. Bring along dusters, Mops etc. the more the merrier.**ST VINCENT DE PAUL St Joseph's Conference** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 7.00pm.Wednesday 12 December**FRIENDLY AFTERNOON** starting with Mass at 1.30pm followed by raffles and afternoon tea. All welcome**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** Christmas meeting and pot luck lunch held in Sacred Heart Centre upstairs at 12.00 midday. Bring a gift for St Vinnies food bank..Thursday 13 December**CONCERT—Artes Christi** in Sacred Heart from 5.00pm—6.00pm. Donation entry. Come and enjoy.**LITURGY MEETING:** in Presbytery at 7.30pm.Friday 14 December**PRAYER GROUP** St Thomas' Lounge 10.00—12.00pm.Saturday 15 December**OPEN DAY - SACRED HEART BASILICA** from 11.00am—4.00pm— See notice opposite.Sunday 16 December**PARISH CHRISTMAS POT LUCK TEA and BYO GET-TOGETHER** 6.00pm in St Thomas' Lounge.Monday 17 December**CHRISTMAS CAROLS, Timaru Public Hospital.** Meet in Chapel 6.45pm. Parishioners are invited to join in on this friendly occasion.**ROOM 8 - ST JOSEPH'S SHOOL** invite parishioners to their class Christmas party & concert on Wednesday 12 December in school hall, from 1.30—2.45 Please email: prachis@stjosephstimaru.school.nz.**SACRED HEART SCHOOL - Nativity Play (free)**

"The Inn-spectors" is being held at 1.45pm in Roncalli Hall on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th of December. All welcome. The students would love your support.

**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.**ABOUT 25 PARISHIONERS** attended the joint Anglican-Catholic Advent Service at St Mary's Church last Sunday. A good event.◇ **CHRISTMAS CARDS** St Vincent de Paul for sale from office \$4.00.◇ **BASILICA SHOPPING BAGS** also in office \$6.00.◇ **CALENDARS** \$12.00 in foyer & Our Lady's porch.**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, St Helena Hart (Sr of Compassion, Wanganui.)**Anniversaries:** 8/12 Nellie Fountaine, 9/12 Kevin Ashley,**Other Intentions:** Noel Holland, Mary Conlan, Decd Members Ashley, Murphy, Conlan & Holland, 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	9.00am
Wednesday	St Thomas'	1.30pm Friendly Afternoon
Thursday	St Thomas'	9.00am Communion Service
Friday	St Thomas'	12.15pm St Joseph's School
Saturday	Sacred Heart	9.30am

**Funeral Masses** take the place of scheduled weekday Mass.**Reconciliation:**

Tuesday	Sacred Heart	9.30am—10.00am
Wednesday	St Thomas'	9.30am—10.00am
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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**SECOND HAM RAFFLE** this week - \$2.00 per ticket. The winner of the first raffle is Rachael Egan. Congratulations.**MAINLY MUSIC:**

Beginning Tuesday, 9.30am, 12 February 2019, in St Thomas' Lounge for pre-school children. Volunteers to assist with the sessions, would be appreciated. (Once a fortnight for one term would be fine).

**CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT:** Theatre Royal Sunday 16 December, 7.00pm.**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.**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 684 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 Sacred Heart Basilica and will present a Festival of Carols & Nine Readings this **Thursday 13 December, 5pm - 6pm**. Please come - all welcome. Entry by donation - supporting the Sacred Heart Basilica 'Earthquake Strengthening' Campaign.**BASILICA OPEN DAY:****Saturday 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.

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT—16 December 2018**  
Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philipians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18