



St Joseph's School  
50 Kelvin Street  
Timaru

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## **TERM 4, 2018 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWSLETTER**

God of Life,  
Give joy to those who live,  
May they see your grace in all  
that lives.  
Give peace to those who die,  
May they enjoy the great things  
you have prepared for them.  
Give hope to those who mourn,  
May they trust in your ever loving  
promise of life eternal in heaven.  
God of Hope - Hear this my  
prayer today.  
Amen.

Prayer from the Communion of Saints Strand Book

# CLASS PROGRAMMES

Rm	Strand	Title	Liturgical Year	Prayer Module
1	<b>Communion of Saints</b>	Mary	<b>All Saints All Souls</b>	<b>Imaginative Prayer</b>
2		Mary		
3		Saints and Inspiring People		
4		Life, Death and Christian Hope	<b>Advent and Christmas</b>	
5		Choices		
6		Saints and Inspiring People		
7		Mary		
9		Life, Death and Christian Hope		
8		Life, Death and Christian Hope		

# CLASS MASSES IN THE SCHOOL HALL

(Rooms 1 - 9)

**WEDNESDAYS Term 4 2018**

WEEK	DATE	CLASS
1	17 October	
2	24 October	
3	31 October	Rooms 4, 5 & 6
4	7 November	Waimate visitation
5	14 November	Friendly afternoon
6	21 November	
7	28 November	Rooms 7, 8 & 9
8	5 December	Rooms 1, 2 & 3
9	12 December	Friendly afternoon
9	Friday 14 December	End of Year Mass

Please note that class masses for students in Rooms 1 - 9 will be celebrated in St Joseph's School hall.

Mass, as indicated on the above roster, will not be celebrated if a Requiem Mass is scheduled for that day, or if there is no priest available.

<b>HAPPENINGS</b>	
14 October	Confirmation
October	Recitation of the Rosary
21 October	Mission Sunday
1 November	All Saints Day
23 November	Service Morning
28 November	Advent Reconciliation
Weeks 8 & 9	Food Drive

## CONFIRMATION

On Saturday 13 October at the vigil mass at St Thomas' Church the following students were confirmed: *Ruby Ballantyne, Charlotte Boyce, Arabela Clifford, Amy Dunn, Sam Fauth, Emma Jamieson, Nico Lee, Monica McDonald and Louisa Stuart.* We congratulate and pray for these young people as they are strengthened, and renew their commitment to follow Jesus.

## RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Throughout October (traditionally the month of the Rosary) students from Rooms, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 are rostered to organise and lead the praying of, and reflection on, a decade of the rosary.

An announcement will be made at 8.40 am inviting members of the school community to gather in the library and participate in this Gospel prayer. Please join us for this.



## MISSION SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER

Pope Francis calls upon the faithful youth in his 2018 World Mission Day Message to join mission through sharing the Gospel.

He explains the purpose of our lives: *Every man and woman is a mission; that is the reason for our life on this earth; and that we must seek and persevere in the vocation that God has given us, so that we can share mission to the ends of the earth.*

We sometimes think that only the priests and sisters, catechists and lay leaders that work with people in need around the world, are called to mission – but in reality, we all are.



## ALL SAINTS DAY

To celebrate the Feast of All Saints on Thursday 1 November, the students of Rooms 5 - 9 will attend the 9.00 am Mass at St Thomas' Church.

[Notice to parents re All Saints Day Mass.](#)

Students in Rooms 1 - 4 will participate in a paraliturgy in the school hall, starting at 9.10am. Please join us for this.

## RECONCILIATION

As part of our Advent preparation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at school, on Wednesday 28 November, to all students who have made their First Holy Communion.

## SERVICE DAY

During the morning of Friday 23 November students will have the opportunity to reach out and serve others. Students from Rooms 1 - 5 will complete their service within the school, supported by senior students. Some senior students are planning and organising service opportunities in the local community. More information will follow as plans are finalised.

## **FOOD DRIVE**

The annual Advent FOOD DRIVE will run from Monday 3 December to Friday 14 December. During this time, students are invited to bring non-perishable food items to donate to the St Vincent de Paul food bank. Donated food is taken to the altar as part of the Offertory Procession at the End of Year Mass.



Traditionally, the Food Drive generates an impressive quantity and array of food which enables the St Vincent de Paul Society to make a difference for many members of the community who might otherwise have a cheerless Christmas. Festive food items are particularly appreciated.

This is also an opportunity to involve your children in the true spirit of Christmas giving.

## **MUFTI DAY**

On Thursday 6 December, students will donate a gold coin for the opportunity to wear mufti clothing to school.

The money raised will be donated to [MissioNZ](#)



## **SCHOOL MASS**

The End of Year Mass for 2018 is at 12.15 pm on Friday 14 December at St Thomas' Church.

This Eucharist is a special celebration at which we gather as a community to give thanks for the year, anticipate and prepare for the birth of Jesus, and acknowledge, thank, farewell, and pray for our Year 8 students.

Please join us for the End of Year Mass.

## **CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS**

Two opportunities for children to participate in liturgical presentations of the Christmas event are provided at St Thomas' Church -

The Vigil Pageant at 7.00 pm on Christmas Eve. Contact person: [Fr Brian](#)

The Christmas Play at 10.30 am on Christmas Day. The contact person for this will be published in the Parish bulletin which is uploaded to the school website each week.

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN - ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

At the 10.30 am Mass at St Thomas', children are invited to go to 'Children's Liturgy'. The children are guided through the Liturgy of the Word at their own level. The Gospel story is read, the children discuss the message and this is followed by a short activity. Children rejoin the congregation to celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The programme is suitable for children between the ages of three and nine. It is wonderful to see the children at Mass.

If any parents or older high school students would like to help teach Children's Liturgy, Sarah Stuart would love to hear from you.

The programme is set out clearly and is very easy to teach. New helpers will be rostered in pairs and teach once a term. Any students considering a career in teaching are encouraged to volunteer.

If you have any questions regarding either the programme or helping, please contact [Sarah Stuart](#), either at school or via email.

**Please find attached for your information and reflection -**

- ❖ [Communion of Saints Theological Focus](#)
- ❖ [What is a Saint? Michael D Guinan](#)
- ❖ [Everyday Saints](#)
- ❖ [Prayers for the Living and the Dead](#)
- ❖ [Roncalli College Fair Flyer](#)

## **BLESSING**

*May God who created us and called us to life*

*Bless us all with*

*passion for living and loving,*

*courage for daring and hoping,*

*freedom for growing and changing,*

*patience for waiting and watching,*

*mindfulness for remembering and praying,*

*and may the Spirit of God who lives within each of us, help us to grow in love everyday of our lives.*

*Amen.*

God Bless,

**Trish McCambridge**  
**Director of Religious Studies**

## **PARISH CONTACTS**

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# **COMMUNION OF SAINTS**

## **TE KOTAHITANGA O TE HUNGA TAPU**

### **Summary of Theological Focus**

- Unity of all members of the Church – those living and those in heaven
- Saints include all those who are with God in heaven – not just those canonised
- Includes those who are undergoing purification before entering fullness of life with God
- Vast network of those engaged in prayer
  - the living may pray to the saints for their intercession
- Chief among saints is Mary. All the beliefs and feasts for Mary are related to events in her life which point to her relationship with Jesus
- Saints and inspiring people serve as models – revealing exceptional devotion to the will of God
- Life is a gift of a gracious Creator and each human being is made in the image and likeness of God
- Human life has a Tapu (sanctity)
- For Christians, death is not the end – rather now life with God
- Heaven – fullness of new life in communion with God
- Purgatory – those not ready for this are being purified
- Hell – those who freely choose to cut themselves off from God.