

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 MAY 2021

The early Church was “at peace,” and “being built up.” “With the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.” Only one thing can account for such astounding well-being and prosperity: the presence of the Risen Christ. “The way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.” Jesus warns, “Without me you can do nothing.” In fact, the disciples feared the solitary Saul, “not believing that he was a disciple,” until the moment when “Barnabas took charge of him.” Such companionship transforms the Church, demonstrating dramatically how “God is greater than our hearts.”

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48
The baptism of Cornelius, the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism, shows that God’s salvation is offered to all.



Second Reading – 1John 4:7-10
This contains what is probably the most important statement ever made about God.

Gospel – John 15:9-17
Jesus leaves his friends the supreme commandment of love.

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Gerald Coffee, a retired Navy captain, was a prisoner of war for seven years. His home was a cell that allowed him to take only three steps in any direction. Still, during these years of unbelievable hardship, he was able to pray, "God, help me use this time to get better." He took a dismal situation and used it for a time of mental, emotional and spiritual growth. In spite of being able to communicate with his fellow POWs only by tapping on the cell walls, he along with other prisoners managed to learn French. He learned to recite Kipling and Shakespeare. Most amazing of all, Coffee and his fellow prisoners were able to keep their sense of humour. Often he composed poems to keep himself amused. One that he particularly liked went, "Little weevil in my bread, I think I've just bit off your head." Today Captain Coffee addresses major corporations on the subject of keeping your Faith (and sense of humour) during difficult times. He shares his harrowing experience in order to inspire others.

Gerald Coffee's captors could not know he had “connections in high places”! Gerald Coffee is connected to the Vine which is Christ. And that is the difference in life. Christ is the Vine. We draw our Life from him. He is the Vine. We are the branches. It is He who links us to one another. We not only have connections in high places. We also have connections in low places and places in between. We are connected to one another as branches linked to the vine of Christ.

New Parishioners to Holy Family Parish

A warm welcome is offered to you. Make yourself known to one of the priests, or fill out this slip and place it in the collection basket or post to: Holy Family Parish, 12 Mountain View Road, Timaru.

Name (Mr/Mrs)

Address:

Phone

Email Address

Require:

Planned Giving envelopes:
Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, Yes/No

Automatic Payments: Yes/No
Parish PG Bank A/c 03 1592 0602308 23

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

We are planning an Order of Christian Initiation of Adults process this year. Please contact Pauline Berry, ph 6844263 or talk to one of our priests for further information.

ANointing MASS for our parish will be held in St Thomas' Church at 2.00pm on Thursday 13 May. If you need transport please phone Mary Brosnahan on 6862384.

Please pick up your **PLANNED GIVING RECEIPTS** from St Thomas' Church Foyer and Our Lady's side at Sacred Heart. Thank you.

LOAVES & FISHES LUNCHESES:

- ◆ Midday on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.
- ◆ Back by popular demand and in conjunction with Roncalli College.
- ◆ Starting **Wednesday's 9th June at midday** in the Parish Centre on Craigie Ave.
- ◆ Simple food and very good company, in superb surroundings!

Come along and give it a go. **EVERYONE WELCOME**
A gold coin donation is appreciated, but optional.

CHEESE ROLLS

Thank you to those who helped with the preparation and making of the cheese rolls over this weekend and to those who donated ingredients and who gave cash towards the purchase of ingredients. A great social time had by all. We managed to make nearly seven and a half thousand of them!

If anyone has a wheelchair they don't require, please contact Sue Brosnahan 6887268 who is interested in purchasing or borrowing one. Thank you.

MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Today is a day to remember and offer a prayer for our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers.



Loving God, we thank you for the love of mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end.

May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love, time or patience.
We ask you to bless them with your special love.
Amen

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

Recently Deceased: Philip Murphy, Leo Murphy (Maree Welford's Brother).

Anniversaries: Nellie Fountaine, Elizabeth Robinson.

Other Intentions: Bill Johnston,
Intentions of: Special Intention,



MASS TIME TABLE

Saturday	6.00pm St Thomas'
Sunday	10.30am St Thomas'
Sunday	9.00am & 5.00pm Sacred Heart
Monday	9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday	9.00am St Thomas'
Wednesday	1.30pm St Thomas' Friendly Afternoon
Thursday	2.00pm St Thomas (Anointing Mass)
Friday	9.15am Sacred Heart (note time)
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

Reconciliation: Sat 10.00—10.30am in Basilica.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 9 May

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS will be presented with the 'Lords Prayer' at 9.00am and 10.30am Masses.

Monday 10 May

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Fr Do.

EUCHRE meet 1.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge.

ROSARY meet 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

MEN'S GROUP meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 7.30pm.

All men welcome.

Tuesday 11 May

MAINLY MUSIC meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 9.30am.

All pre-schoolers welcome.

EUCHRE held at 87 North Street at 1.30pm.

Afternoon tea and raffles. All welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 12 May

FRIENDLY AFTERNOON in St Thomas' Lounge starting with Mass at 1.30pm. All welcome.

Thursday 13 May

ANointing MASS 2.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEET in Parish Centre at 11.00am.

Friday 14 May

PRAYER GROUP meet 10.00am in St Thomas' Lounge.

Sunday 16 May

RONCALLI COLLEGE OPEN DAY.

Monday 17 May

ANointing MASS—Strathallan Life Care 10.30am.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

An invitation to all our Parishioners of the Holy Family Parish to join our St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences.



- Sacred Heart requires a Spiritual Director, President and Secretary.
- Our new parishioners from other parts of the world are most welcome.
- We need people with life skills, budgeting welfare and computer skills for only an hour a week.
- An introduction evening will be held about St Vincent de Paul Society and their presence in the local community.
- Ph Rosie 6886699
- email rosiethompson42@gmail.com

Is their a parishioner who lives in or near Le Cren Street would be able to give a new parishioner a ride to 9.00am Mass on Sunday . Please phone office 686 2010 if you can help. Thank you.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD—16 May 2021
Acts 1:1-11, Ephesians 1:17-23, Mark 16:15-20