

HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

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1st Sunday in Lent

1 March 2020

Today's Readings

On the **First Sunday of Lent** we are invited to enter a journey of discovery or re-discovery of what it means to be a baptised Christian. Originally designed as a time of preparation for those preparing for baptism at Easter, Lent can be a time of 'back to basics' for each of us. Call it what you will— repentance, renewal, returning, re-awakening—if we are honest with ourselves, we know that we need it. We thank God and we thank the Church for this season of blessing.

First Reading (Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7)

Adam and Eve succumb to temptation and cause a rift between themselves and God.

Second Reading (Rom 5:12-19)

By his obedience to God, Christ won back for us the gifts lost through the disobedience of Adam.

Gospel Mt 4:1-11)

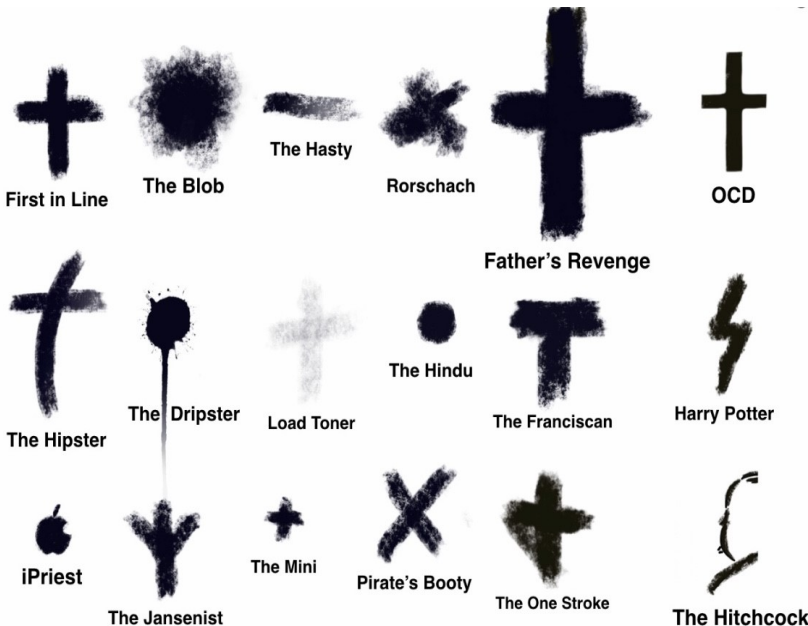
Jesus was tempted by the devil, but unlike Adam and Eve he did not succumb.

The higher up you go, the stronger the timber grows. A group of mountain hikers came across an old woodsman with an axe on his shoulder. "Where are you going?" they asked him. "I'm headed up the mountain to get some wood to repair my cabin." "But why are you going up the mountain?" they asked incredulously. "There are plenty of trees all around us here." "I know," he said, "but I need strong timber and it grows only on the highest elevations, where the trees are tested and toughened by the weather around them. The higher up you go, the stronger the timber grows." And that is what God desires for us — that through the winds of trial and the storms of temptation we may grow strong and live on a higher level — strong to resist the devil's urging, strong to serve God, and strong as we stand together in Faith and service to one another. Take my advice— stay close to each other, worship regularly and often, avoid temptation when it comes your way and fill your hearts with God's word.

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.....Which cross did you receive on Ash Wednesday?!



New Parishioners Holy Family Parish

Timaru and St Patrick's Parish Waimate:

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 or St Patrick's parish, PO Box 24, Waimate.

Name (Mr/Mrs)

Address:

Phone

Email Address

Require:

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH:

- Sister Celine from Mercy convent, moved to Nazareth House in Christchurch on Monday. Unfortunately, she is not in the best of health. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Our parish is trying to set up a new youth ministry currently, and the best support we ask of you are your prayers. Many thanks.
- You are reminded that reconciliation is held every Saturday from 10.00am to 10.30am.
- The presbytery is in need of a cake mixer, is there an unused one in your home? Please see Fr Chris.
- Please keep our children in the First Holy Communion programme in your prayers during these weeks of Lent.
- Thank you for the continued support of the \$100.00 raffle. Those gold coins go a long way.
- Congratulations to Bishop Paul Martin on his third anniversary as our Bishop of Tuesday. How time flies.

DIARY:

Sunday 1 March

CUPPA after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

Monday 2 March

EUCHRE in St Thomas' Lounge 1.30pm.

ROSARY 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Sacred Heart Conference meet at Sisters of Mercy 4.45pm.

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

Tuesday 3 March

MAINLY MUSIC 9.30 in St Thomas' Lounge. All pre-schoolers welcome to this fun time.

EUCHRE will be held at 87 North Street, 1.30pm, Afternoon tea and raffles. All players welcome.

MARIAN MOVEMENT meet in St Thomas' Chapel at 2.00pm.

Friday 6 March

FIRST FRIDAY 9.00am—5.00pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS after 12.10 Mass and 5.30pm.

PRAYER GROUP meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 10.00am. All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2pm—St David's Union Church, Woodlands Road.

Sunday 8 March

SACRED HEART SCHOOL celebrate their term one Mass.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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

Recently Deceased: Marie Smith, (O'Driscoll) Kelly Walden, Maria Tobin.

Anniversaries: 25/2 Aileen Conroy, 1/3 Pat Ponsonby, 4/3 Fred Schaab.

Other Intentions: Decd Members Schaab, O'Leary, Stevenson, Simmons Families

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'	9.00pm
Thursday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Friday	St Thomas'	12.10pm
Saturday	St Thomas'	9.30am

Funeral Masses take the place of scheduled weekday Mass or Liturgical Service.

Exposition & Reconciliation: Friday 11.45am—Midday, Saturday 10.00am—10.30am

St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass times are:

Sunday 9.00am Thursday 9.30am.

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

- Theme: Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk
- Prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee, Zimbabwe.
- Timaru are holding our service on Friday 6 March in St David's Union Church, corner Woodlands Road and North Street at 2.00pm. Members of our parish are taking part in this important occasion.

RAFFLES: This week's winner of the \$100 note is Joy Lindsay. Congratulations. We have another \$100.00 raffle this week. Thank you for your support.

BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING starts next Tuesday 10 March 7.00pm in St Thomas' Lounge.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, St Thomas' Chapel Friday 6 March from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Community prayer commences at 4.10pm - Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reflection. Everyone welcome to take part.

A coffee and dessert evening will be held on Thursday 12 March at 7.00pm at the Coptic Church (former Chalmers Church, Elizabeth St Timaru). Speaker is Dr Albert Makary Theme is "Egypt and the Coptic Church". Cost \$10.00, proceeds go to Bible distribution.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL (Junior classes) are looking for volunteers to listen to the children reading their stories. It would be for about an hour each week. If interested, please contact the School Office 688 8188.



NEXT WEEK'S MOVIE
6.00pm Sunday 8 March in ST THOMAS' LOUNGE.

"COURT JESTER" starring Danny Kaye & Glynis Johns.

Sunday 22 March **'THE NUN'S STORY'** will be showing at 6.00pm, starring Audrey Hepburn, Peter Finch, Dame Edith Evans

All proceeds to Sacred Heart Basilica Restoration. Bookings: Ph Terry 684 4070 and leave a message.

2nd Sunday in Lent - 8 March 2020
Genesis 12:1-4, 2Timothy 1:8-10, Matthew 17:1-9.