

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

Sacred Heart Basilica  
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St Thomas' Church  
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Timaru

St Patrick's Parish  
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3rd Sunday in Advent

15 December 2019



## BISHOP'S ADVENT CARE APPEAL 2019

"To live charitably means to carry the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us." – Pope Francis.

Following-on from last year's 'Advent Care Appeal' - **Bishop Paul's Advent Care Appeal** is held during Advent.

Care Appeal **envelopes** and **newsletters** are available in the foyer  
Thank you for your support.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES THIS YEAR:

### TIMARU - St Thomas' Church:

**Christmas Eve:** 6.30pm Pageant 7.00pm Mass.

9.00pm Carols for 9.30pm Mass.

**Christmas Day:** 9.00am Mass with Pageant.



### WAIMATE

**Christmas Eve:** beginning at 7.00pm with the pageant /carols and followed by Mass.

**TIMARU:** Mass on **New Year's Day**, 9.30am, St Thomas' Church.

There will be **NO weekday masses** after Christmas Day on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> December. We are both away over Christmas.

There will be **NO weekday masses** after New Year's Day on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Anointing Mass in Rest Home:

Parishioners/families are invited to attend these masses.

**Highfield Rest Home** - next Thursday 19 December, 10.30am

### From Fr Brian:

**Fundraising** for the 'Earthquake Strengthen' of the Basilica is now at \$1,407,432. This comprises \$1,029,327 from parishioners; \$33,105 from the *Marist Messenger* Appeal; and \$345,000 from Grants. This has been a magnificent response.

Raffle money received is in addition to this funding.

This 'Earthquake Strengthening' fund-raising doesn't include funding for restoration work - eg the organ, bells & dome; plus improvements of the sound system (which won't be perfect due to the huge airspace created by the dome, but it will be better) ...these are extra costs.

Last week, parish representatives, diocesan staff and Lund's had their final meeting for the year. Lund's will have three weeks off over the Christmas Break.

The north tower is almost complete; the bells will be returned at the end of January. The position of the bells has been slightly changed due to adjustment for the reinforcing.

The south tower is still waiting for installation of steel reinforcing.

Work to strengthen the nave and the transepts has almost been completed.

The dome, which is restoration work, has become a complex issue; more investigation needs to be undertaken. Also, the dome has been significantly dented by the hail.

**Chairperson Parish Council:** Gary Shand,  
**Chairperson Finance Committee:**  
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After almost 50 years  
serving in Timaru,  
**Sr Elizabeth Sherry** is  
moving, this week, to  
*Nazareth House* in  
Christchurch.

The Timaru Parish is mindful of her long and dedicated service to Catholic Education within Timaru.

Sr Elizabeth will be grateful for your prayers as she moves to Christchurch.  
(Please **NO** visitors).

## DIARY:

Sunday 15 December

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** selling Christmas gifts, and Basilica Bags after all Masses today.

**ST THOMAS'** Christmas cuppa will be held after 10.30am Mass.

Monday 16 December

**EUCHRE** St Thomas' Lounge at 2.00pm. (Note time change) Recommencing 3 February.

**MEN'S GROUP** recommencing 20th January.

Tuesday 17 December

**FINAL EUCHRE:** 87 North Street, 1.30pm Small plate please for afternoon tea. Thank you to all who have supported us and donated stamps to help raise over \$1,400.00 for our CWL Missions. May you enjoy good health and God's Blessings at Christmas.

Wednesday 18 December

**CWL** Christmas Pot Luck finger lunch St Thomas' Lounge midday.

Friday 20 December

**PRAYER GROUP** meet 10.00am in St Thomas' Lounge.

**Don't be a fool!!!! Beware !!!!** – there is a scam going around at the moment - personating Bishop Paul Martin. Don't respond to the email. Look at the email address; and the Bishop wouldn't be sending a trite email to you requesting 'a favour from you'

## ATTENTION MINISTERS ST THOMAS' COMMUNITY

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

**THANK YOU** to all who delivered our Christmas newsletters. Please return your sheet to the office with addresses which may need to be change, or those not wanting to be on the roll anymore. It's a good chance for us to update our roll.

**MAINLY MUSIC** has finished for the year and a huge thank you to Rebecca, Rose, Pat, Heuijeong, Pauline and Mary. Giving up every Tuesday morning is a big ask, but you have done it with smiles on your faces. Mainly Music resumes 11 February 2020.

First prize a Christmas Ham—Terry Kennedy, second prize bottle of wine, Margaret Nally. Congratulation to you both. Our fourth Ham raffle this week.

A separate raffle—a Christmas Cake baked by Marlene Shewan will be drawn next week, second prize Costume Jewellery.

Donations of Stamp Collections and old coins are still being accepted. This is an extra way to raise a few dollars. In the last month, I sent up some old coins to the Reserve Bank - including \$60 in old 2-cent coins. It all helps.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** \$12.00 on sale in foyer.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Margaret Geels, Val Good, Ailsa Lawson, Joyce Scannell (Pleasant Point), Patricia Vernell (Geraldine), Neil Urquhart (Temuka), Leo Hand..

**Anniversaries:** 4/12 Maurice Hansen 9/12 Josephine Motz, 16/12 Pat Gaul, Mary Brosnahan, 21/12 John Kerr,

**Other Intentions:** Glenda Daly, Elizabeth Robinson, Decd Members Hansen families,

**Intentions of:** Special Intention x 3

## MASS TIME TABLE THIS WEEK:

Saturday	St Thomas'	6.00pm Vigil
Sunday	St Thomas'	9.00am
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Sunday	St Thomas'	5.00pm
Monday	St Thomas'	10.30am Funeral Mass
Tuesday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Wednesday	St Thomas'	9.00am
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:** Tuesday 9.30am. Friday 11.45am Saturday 10.00am.

**St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass** times are:

Sunday 9.00am No Thursday Mass till mid January.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD** will re commence on Monday 20th January.



**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** have a range of items, including Basilica bags which we will be selling at Masses this week 14/15 December. Ideal Christmas presents and supporting missions in the Pacific.

**CWL** Christmas Pot Luck finger food lunch will be held on Wednesday 18 December at midday. A gift for St Vincent de Paul Christmas food bank will be appreciated.

There are flyers in the church foyer for any visitors/family members wishing to donate to the 'Earthquake Strengthening Appeal'. We have also placed a few flyers in the Museum, beside the 'Basilica Display'. You never know – we may receive a donation from a benefactor. Last Ham Raffle and the Christmas Cake this week. There will be a 'rest period for raffles' over Christmas/January.



## FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Begins Tuesday 25 February, 7.30pm, St Thomas' Lounge. Enrolment forms have been sent by email to eligible families, plus copies available at school office and St Thomas' Church porch. Enrolment forms need to be into the parish office by Wednesday 19 February 2020.

**RONCALL CONNECTION** flyers available to be picked up in the foyer.

## Christmas Morning Mass Nativity Play.

Madison Sugrue will be co-ordinating this play. Please text/call (0211082614) if your child is keen to be part of the Nativity play on Christmas Morning 9am Mass. Any school aged child Year 0-8 is invited to join in. Practices will be on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December (10am to 11am). Costumes are provided :-).

There will be a **Christmas Pageant** at the 6.30pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, Fr Brian requires about 15 children: 7 - 13-year olds. There is only 1 speaking part. **Rehearsal on Tuesday 24 December at 1.00pm at St Thomas' Church.**

Grandparents/Parents: please encourage your child to come to the rehearsal.

4th Sunday in Advent - 22 December 2019  
Isaiah 7:10-14, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24