

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

14 March 2021

As we make our journey through Lent, the readings of today's Mass show us that God guides our lives with a good purpose always. Even the disaster of Jesus' death could become the means of God's victory over evil and death.

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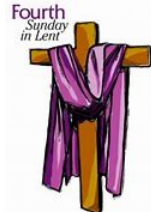
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TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading (2Chronicles 36;14-16, 19-23).
Because of their sins God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But his mercy is seen in their home-coming.

Second Reading (Ephesians 2:4-10).
It is not through our own efforts that we are saved, but through the love and mercy of God.

Gospel (John 3:14-21).
In his love for us, God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn us, but to save us.

"The Hound of Heaven":

"The Hound of Heaven," written by Francis Thompson, is one of the best-known religious poems in the English language. It describes the pursuit of the human soul by God. The poem tells the story of a human soul who tries to flee from God, as it thinks that it will lose its freedom in the company of God. This is the story of Thompson's own life. As a boy, he intended to become a priest. But the laziness of his brilliant son prompted Thompson's father to enroll young Francis in a medical school. There he became addicted to opium that almost wrecked his body and mind. He fled to a slum and started earning a living by shining shoes, selling matches, and holding horses. In 1887 Francis sent some poems and an essay to Mr. Wilfrid Meynell, the editor of a Catholic literary magazine called *Merry England*.

The editor recognized the genius behind these works and published them in April 1888. Then Meynell went in search of the poet. He arranged accommodation for Francis, introduced him to other poets and helped him to realise God's love. How Francis tried to run away from God, how God "hunted" him, how Divine love caught up with him – these are the themes of his stirring poem, "The Hound of Heaven." Once we realise, as did the poet Francis Thompson, and as do all the saints, that God, in His Infinite love for us, will pursue our souls to the ends of the earth and beyond, then we will try to return to that Love, allowing the Hound of Heaven to "catch" us. Today's Gospel tells us about the breadth and depth and height of the Divine love of the Hound of Heaven for each one of us.

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
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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES:

HOLY THURSDAY:

7.00pm St Thomas' Church

GOOD FRIDAY:

3.00pm Sacred Heart

EASTER VIGIL:

8.00pm Sacred Heart Basilica

EASTER SUNDAY:

9.00am Sacred Heart Basilica

10.30am St Thomas Church

NO 5.00pm Mass



ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS—St Thomas' Community.

We need Greeters, Altar Servers, Musicians, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Projectionists for the Easter Ceremonies. If you are available, can you please put your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

BAPTISM preparation meeting, Tuesday 23 March in Holy Family Parish Centre at Sacred Heart.

New "spray on" lawns were completed behind the garage and around the rose bed beside the Basilica last week. The cost was \$850.00. Two parishioners (who happen to be good pianists) have donated \$200.00 each and we would be most grateful if all who love gardens, could help with the remainder of the bill! Place your donation with PG number in the collection basket. Grateful thanks.

Sacred Heart School are selling cheese rolls as their fundraiser. Order forms available in church porches at Sacred Heart.



ST PADDY'S DAY this Wednesday 17 March get together in Holy Family Parish Centre 6.00pm-8.00pm. BYO finger food to share and drink. Come along and enjoy in the fun and wear your green.

ST JOSEPH'S INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Come and play Indoor Bowls. Join a fun club beginning club night this Monday March 15 at 7.00pm at TIBA Stadium, 20 Ranui Ave. New and existing members most welcome. Coaching provided. Phone Frank 6860946.

WANTED TO BUY: A copy of Sean Brosnahan's "Thinking About Heaven", a history of Sacred Heart Parish, If you would like to part with your copy please phone Yvonne on 021 02521774. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE DUES for our Catholic Primary Schools have increased this year making it difficult for some parents to afford. Attendance dues for one child are **\$103 per term or \$412.00 for the year**. If you are able to help with a donation to assist a struggling family please place it in a marked envelope in the collection basket next Sunday or drop into the Parish office. Donations of \$5.00 or more will be receipted. Many thanks for the gifts received to date.

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

Recently Deceased: Pam Brosnahan,
Intentions of: Don Boot, Ray Brosnahan, Noeline Brennan, Eileen King. Happy 90th this month to you all.



MASS TIME TABLE

Saturday	6.00pm St Thomas'
Sunday	10.30am St Thomas'
Sunday	9.00am & 5.00pm Sacred Heart
Mon, Wed,	9.00am Sacred Heart
Tues & Thur	9.00am St Thomas'
Friday	9.00am St Thomas' (St Joseph School Mass)
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

Reconciliation: Sat 10.00—10.30am in Basilica.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 14 March

FIRST COMMUNICANTS presented with the Creed, at 9.00am and 10.30am Masses.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL starting books will be presented to term one new entrants at 10.30am Mass.

Monday 15 March

EUCHRE: 1.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge.

ROSARY 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

MEN'S GROUP 7.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge, all men welcome.

Tuesday 16 March

MAINLY MUSIC in St Thomas' Lounge 9.30am. All pre-school children welcome.

EUCHRE held at 87 North Street at 1.30pm.

Afternoon tea and raffles. All welcome.

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

Wednesday 17 March

LENTEN Reflection Programme 'A New Way Forward' 9.30am after Mass at Sacred Heart.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE meet in HFP Centre. Don't forget something green.

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY celebration 6-8pm in HFP Centre.

Thursday 18 March

FINANCE MEETING 5.15pm in HFP Centre.

Friday 19 March

ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY School Mass in St Thomas' Church at 9.00am.

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5.30pm in St Thomas' Church. Walk along with the Lord.

LATIN MASS 6.00pm Sacred Heart Basilica, reconciliation from 5.30pm. All welcome

ROLL UPDATE: Thank you to those of you who have returned your sheet. We still have a lot to be returned.

WEEKEND RESIDENTIAL SILENT RETREAT

Sisters of Mercy House, 7a Craigie Avenue, on Friday 19th March at 7.00pm until Sunday 21 March 2.00pm. Spiritual accompaniment from Sr Mary Catherwood RSM and other spiritual directors. Numbers are limited. Cost \$160.00. For registration (essential) and further information contact roho@xtra.co.nz or (03) 37901298.

Our Parish Council is looking at ways for Improving and encouraging family Mass attendance.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2SYSHHR> to gauge reasons for non-attendance at Mass and ways we may improve.

5th Sunday of Lent — 21 March 2021
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:7-9, John 12:20-33