

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Timaru

7 February 2021

Job asks, "Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?" We, too, often wonder if we will "see happiness again." Jesus responds, "Let us go to the nearby villages." The presence of Jesus is the antidote for our "months of misery." When "the night drags on" and we are filled with restlessness, Jesus Christ allows us to arise with hope. The gracious God "rebuilds Jerusalem"—and our lives. To the weak he became weak to win over the weak. As Christ preaches, "he calls each by name."

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading (Job 7:1-4,6-7).

Wrestling with the problem of why the innocent should suffer, Job takes a rather pessimistic view of life.



Second Reading (1Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23).

St Paul tells how he has made himself all things to all people in order to bring them the Good news of salvation.

Gospel (Mark 1:29-39).

In the midst of his work of teaching and healing, Jesus finds it necessary to escape to a lonely place to pray.

"You're so kind."

A few years ago, in Sweden, a nurse working in a government hospital was assigned to an elderly woman patient. This patient was a tough case. She had not spoken a word in three years. The other nurses disliked her and tried to avoid her as much as they could. Basically, they ignored her. But the new nurse decided to try "unconditional love." The elderly woman patient rocked all day in a rocking chair. So, one day the nurse pulled up a rocking chair beside the lady and just rocked along with her and loved her. Occasionally, the nurse would reach over and gently touch and pat the hand of the elderly woman. After just a few days of this, the patient suddenly opened her eyes and turned and said to the nurse, "You're so kind." The next day she talked some more and incredibly two weeks later, the lady was well enough to leave the hospital and go home! Of course, it doesn't

always work like that, but studies are accumulating which show without question that love has healing power.

Today's Gospel describes how Jesus demonstrated the love and mercy of God his Father for His children by his teaching and healing ministry.

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

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

ASH WEDNESDAY—17 February

Please bring your old palms for the preparation of ashes for Ash Wednesday. A basket is located at the rear of the church for the palms.



Caritas Lenten Reflection Programme

The Parish is offering a study during Lent entitled "A New Way Forward" beginning Wednesday 24 February. Come to the HFP Centre following the 9.00am Mass at the basilica. Have a cuppa and join in the study.

Lenten Envelopes are available to be collected from the foyer at St Thomas' and the porch at Sacred Heart.

NEW BAROQUE GENERATION

Are presenting a concert in the Sacred Heart Basilica

Today—Sunday 7 February 2.00pm.

They will present music by Vivaldi, Handel, Corelli, Charpentier, and emerging composer Rakuto Kurano.

Admission at the door Adults \$45.00, Senior \$35.00 Student \$20.00 and child \$5.00.

Volunteers required for taking Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound. If you are willing to spend a little time carrying out this Ministry please contact Mary Brosnahan 03 686 2384.



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME:

Begins Tuesday 2 March, 7.30pm St Thomas' Lounge. Enrolment forms have been sent by email to eligible families, plus copies available in Sacred Heart Porch and St Thomas' Foyer.

Enrolment forms need to be into the parish office by Wednesday, 19 February 2021.

"WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION"

is an Agatha Christie murder mystery and is on stage Wednesday 10 March.

We have secured 100 seats to sell (which sell fast!) and these may be purchased from the office at \$30.00 each. This includes a glass of orange or wine and nibbles at the show.

Tickets are available from the office.

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

Recently Deceased: Wendy Kimble, John Breeze,
Anniversaries: 2/2 Stephen Scott, 3/2 Julia Coffey, 4/2 Frank Rees, 5/2 Jack Daly, 7/2 Paul Ashley, 9/2 Merle Nolan.

Other Intentions: Rev Sione Fonua, Margaret Daly, Don Simpson. Decd members Coffey, Connolly, Ashley, & Laws Families.

Intention of: Lopeti & Mele Tu'itufu, Ranae Gegory-Hunt

MASS TIME TABLE

Saturday	6.00pm St Thomas'
Sunday	10.30am St Thomas'
Sunday	9.00am & 5.00pm Sacred Heart
Tuesday	9.00am St Thomas'
Wednesday	1.30pm St Thomas' Friendly Aft.
Thursday	9.00am St Th. Communion Service
Mon & Fri	9.00am Sacred Heart
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

(please note the **weekday** Mass schedule has changed for the coming weeks)

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

Reconciliation: Sat 10.00—10.30am in Basilica.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 7 February

CONCERT—New Baroque Generation in Sacred Heart Basilica at 2.00pm.

Monday 8 February—Waitangi Day observance.

NO EUCHRE: in St Thomas' Lounge

NO ROSARY in St Thomas' Church .

NO MEN'S GROUP in St Thomas' Lounge,

Tuesday 9 February

MAINLY MUSIC starts up again this week 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.

ST VINCENT de PAUL meet 7.00pm St Thomas' Lounge 7.00pm.

Wednesday 10 February

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

Thursday 11 February

LITURGY COMMITTEE meet in HFP Centre at 7.30pm.

Friday 12 February

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

Friday 5 March - World Day of Prayer.

NZ Catholic out now - only \$4.00

Some Headlines:

Eminent Catholic Māori scholar dies.

Kiwi Columban's mission in Pakistan.

Low sensory Mass near Christchurch.

Faith alive at Hearts Aflame.

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.

There will also be a six day silent retreat from 16-22 April in Timaru.

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time—14 February 2021
Leviticus 13:1-2,45-46, 1Corinthians 10:31-11:1,
Mark 1:40-45