

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

18 JULY 2021

The Lord's promise through Jeremiah—"the remnant of my flock I myself will gather"—is realised in Christ's invitation: "come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while". "Near restful waters he leads me": the waters are Jesus himself. When others "saw them going" to this retreat, "they all hurried to the place on foot", eager to be "brought very close, by the blood of Christ". Jesus' heart is filled with concern for our needs: so he refreshes our souls and enables us to live the life that God intends for us. Even in their desolation, the "large crowd" realises that Jesus alone "is the peace between us", making us one through his flesh.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:1-6

The leaders of Israel are indicted for their neglect of the people, but better leaders are promised.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:13-18

By his death Christ broke down the wall between Jews and Gentiles, and united all peoples as children of the one Father.



Gospel - Mark 6:30-34

We see the care of Christ for his apostles as well as his compassion for the ordinary people.

Michael Faraday left for a prayer service in a little church:

Michael Faraday was a 19th century British physicist and chemist, best known for his discoveries of electromagnetic induction (the principle behind the electric transformer and generator) and of the laws of electrolysis. His biggest breakthrough in electricity was his invention of the electric motor. This great scientist once addressed a convocation of scientists. For an hour he held the audience spellbound with his lecture on the electromagnetic induction, electrolysis, electric motor and their future applications.

After he had finished, he received a thundering ovation. The Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII, stood to congratulate him. The applause thundered again. Just as quickly, a deadened silence pervaded the audience. Faraday had left. It was the hour of a mid-week prayer service in a little church of which he was a member. Do we have a similar commitment? Like Faraday, have we pledged our allegiances to a Power that outlasts the short-lived fads and governments of this world? One of the reasons we gather for worship each week is for the refreshment of our spirits, the recharging of our spiritual batteries. We need to shut the world out and focus our attention on God's presence in our lives. Jesus knew the value of getting away to a quiet place. With our families, would we put into practice what the *Wall Street Journal* suggested a generation ago? "What we need ... is a revival of piety - the piety of our ancestors."

Today's Gospel tells us how Jesus takes the worn-out apostles to a lonely place to minister to them and giving them rest and refreshment.

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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?

- **Mid-year Parish luncheon**
- Grey Way Lounge
- next **Sunday 25 July** 12.00pm.
- Tickets \$33.00 and may be purchased from the Office before Thursday.
- Come along and enjoy a great social occasion. Good entertainment provided.

Do you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic? A 10 Week programme will begin at 7.00pm next Wednesday 28th July. Please talk to Pauline Berry or one of our priests for further information.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH AGM

Has been put back to the 8th August (due to audit requirements) at 11.30am in St Thomas' Lounge.

HOSPITAL VISIT: If you have someone in hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please phone Fr Chris or Do, otherwise let the office know so it can be passed on.

Thank you once again for those who have supported "Guardian of Dreams" COVID-19 collection. To date \$2,250.00 has been received and will be forwarded to the charity.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are looking for new members young and old. We meet once a month in the Parish Centre for a cuppa and social catch up. Our aim is to raise money for the missions and assist where needed in the parish. Phone Helen in the Parish Office 6862010 if you would like to be part of our team.

We buried Lorraine Doyle and Mary Goodwin this week. They were two very loyal and faithful parishioners. May they rest now in the peace of the Lord.

Drastic times, call for drastic measures. There are so many problems in the world today it can seem overwhelming. Fasting and prayer are very powerful. Go to 3daysoffasting.com Please share with family and friends.

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



Recently Deceased: Mary Goodwin, Lorraine Doyle,

Anniversary: 14/7 Bernard Gallen, 18/7 Len Fountaine, 19/7 Stephen Cowan, Teresa Monica Scott, 20/7 Alison O'Sullivan (Waiuku)

Other Intentions: Stan & Emelda Nolan, Dec'd members Flanagan, Gallen Scott, O'Sullivan Families

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	9.00pm	St Thomas'
Wednesday	9.00am	St Thomas'
Thursday	9.00am	St Thomas' Communion Service
Friday	9.15am	Sacred Heart
Saturday	9.30am	St Thomas'

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.
Reconciliation: Sat 10.00—10.30am in St Thomas'

PARISH DIARY

Monday 19 July

EUCHRE players meet 1.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge.

ROSARY group meet 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

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

Tuesday 20 July

EUCHRE held at 87 North Street at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea and raffles. All welcome.

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

Thursday 22 July

PARISH COUNCIL meet in Parish Centre, Craigie Avenue at 7.30pm

Friday 23 July

PRAYER GROUP meet 10.00am in St Thomas' Lounge.

Sunday 25 July

PARISH MID-YEAR lunch at Grey Way Lounge at 12 noon.

SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD

Lord, look upon us and take pity on us,
for at times we too are like sheep.
Save us from a blind following of the herd.
Help us to listen to your voice,
to trust you and to follow you,
even if it means leaving the crowd
and walking a lonely path.
Lead us from fear to trust, from error to truth,
from hate to love, from war to peace,
from despair to hope, and from death to life.
Amen.

THE NORTHERNDERS: A request for copy of Jeannette Cook's Book - The Northenders - If you have one and would like to pass is on, please bring to the office.

17th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - 25 JULY 2021
2Kings 4:42-44, Ephesians 4:1-6, John 6:1-5