

# Holy Family Parish Timaru



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## PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

28 March 2021

The Church celebrates this sixth Sunday of Lent as both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday. This is the time of year we stop to remember and relive the events which brought about our redemption and salvation. What we commemorate and relive during this week is not just Jesus' dying and rising, but our own dying and rising in Jesus, which will result in our healing, reconciliation, and redemption. Attentive participation in the Holy Week liturgy will deepen our relationship with God, increase our Faith, and strengthen our lives as disciples of Jesus. Today's liturgy combines contrasting moments, one of glory, the other of suffering: the royal welcome of Jesus in Jerusalem, and the drama of the trial, culminating in crucifixion, death and burial for the Christ.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7).**  
The prophet suffers in carrying out his mission, but is sustained by the firm belief that God will not abandon him. We think of Jesus as we listen to this reading.



**Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11).**  
Because Jesus took on himself our human condition, and accepted death on a cross, the Father has raised him up and made him Lord of heaven and earth.

**Gospel (Mark 14:1-15:47).**  
St Mark stresses the crude trial and shocking details of Jesus' suffering.

### "Either give up Christ or give up your jobs."

Constantine the Great was the first Christian Roman emperor. His father Constantius I who succeeded Diocletian as emperor in 305 AD, was a pagan with a soft heart for Christians. It is said that when he ascended the throne, he discovered that many Christians held important jobs in the government and in the court. So he issued an executive order to all those Christians: "Either give up Christ or give up your jobs." The great majority of Christians gave up their jobs rather than disown Christ. Only a few cowards gave up their religion rather than lose their jobs.

The emperor was pleased with the majority who showed the courage of their convictions and gave their jobs back to them while he dismissed those who were willing to give up their allegiance to Christ to keep their jobs, saying to them, "If you will not be true to your God you will not be true to me either." --

Today we join the Palm Sunday crowd in spirit to declare our loyalty to Christ and our fidelity to His teachings by actively participating in the Palm Sunday liturgy. As we carry the palm to our homes, we are declaring our choice to accept Jesus as the King and ruler of our lives and our families. Let us express our gratitude to Jesus for redeeming us by His suffering and death. We do so best by our active participation in the Holy Week liturgy and our reconciliation with God and His Church, as we repent of our sins and receive God's pardon and forgiveness from Jesus through his Church.

### 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  
**Parish Bank A/c 03 1592 0602308 23**

## HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES:

**CHRISM MASS:** St Mary's Pro-Cathedral 7.30pm Monday. **If anyone is attending please let Fr Chris know – and you can collect the Oils from the Archbishop.**

### **HOLY THURSDAY:**

7.00pm St Thomas' Church (no morning Mass)

### **GOOD FRIDAY:**

10.00am Stations of the Cross—Basilica

11.00am St Andrew's Church.

3.00pm The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Sacred Heart Basilica.

### **EASTER VIGIL:**

8.00pm Sacred Heart Basilica (Daylight Saving ends)

### **EASTER SUNDAY:**

9.00am Sacred Heart Basilica

10.30am St Thomas' Church

5.30pm **Evening Prayer at the Basilica 5.15pm. (15 mins)**

**There will be NO 5.00pm Mass.**



### Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum.

Holy Week, also known as 'The Great Week' is the time to remember that story of love and sacrifice.

Christians from the fourth century onwards came to Jerusalem in great numbers to celebrate the events of the week together. They carried home memories of liturgies such as the procession on Palm Sunday or the veneration of the Cross on Good Friday and celebrated them in their local church.

Holy Week begins with the Sunday of the Passion, still known to most people by its older name, Palm Sunday.

It reaches its most intense time with the Paschal Triduum, the three days beginning with the Thursday evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and ending with Sunday evening prayer.

Jesus and his disciples arrived in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast of Passover. Jesus' death at the time on the hill of Calvary, just as the Passover lambs were being sacrificed in the temple, profoundly altered the meaning of that feast for his followers. For the future, rather than the Exodus from Egypt through the waters of the Red Sea, it would recall how their Lord had brought them into new life by passing into the waters of death, and how they shared his victory through baptism.

Although the liturgies of these days can be long, they should be celebrated with faith that will make them memorable when they are well celebrated with music, processional movement and the play of light and darkness. Silence is also important too during these days - brief periods of silence after the readings, silent adoration before the Blessed Sacrament after the Mass of Holy Thursday, sitting silently before the Cross after the liturgy of Good Friday, or spending some time and quiet prayer during Holy Saturday, contemplating, for example, the sorrows of the Blessed Mother.

Well-known popular devotions, like the Rosary or the Way of the Cross, can also help to create the atmosphere of the week.

## 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	9.00am	St Thomas'
Thurs	7.00pm	St Thomas' <b>Holy Thursday</b>
Friday	3.00pm	Sacred Heart <b>Good Friday</b>
Saturday	8.00pm	Sacred Heart <b>Easter Vigil</b>

**A Funeral Mass** will replace the scheduled Mass.

**Reconciliation:** Sat 10.00—10.30am in Basilica.

## PARISH DIARY

Monday 29 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 30 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.

Wednesday 31 March

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

Friday 2 April - Good Friday

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** 10.00am in Sacred heart Basilica and 11.00am in St Andrew's Church, St Andrews. Walk along with the Lord.

### Good Friday Collection

Please remember to give generously to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday. Your donation will directly help in the care, protection and preservation of the sites associated with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land. "This is the responsibility incumbent upon the whole universal Church with regard to the Mother Church of Jerusalem, to which all Christians have an unforgettable obligation." Pope Francis.

**New Planned Giving envelopes** are available to uplift in both churches this weekend.

**Good Friday** and **Easter Sunday** envelopes may also be collected from the foyer at St Thomas' and Sacred Heart. You may also place an envelope in the basket with your PG number and amount written on it. Many thanks.

### Youth Group Event:

Calling all year 7,8 and 9 students to the first your gathering of the year, Sunday 11 April. Come to 5.00pm Mass at Sacred Heart Basilica then join in the games, chat and food afterwards in the new parish centre. The evening will conclude about 7.30pm.

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

**Recently Deceased:** Rafael Darling. Margaret Williamson, Patricia Keeper,

**Anniversaries:** 26/3 Clarrie MacDonald,

**Other Intentions:** Decd Members Cooper & MacDonald families.



Easter Sunday — 4 April 2021  
Acts 10:34. 37-43, Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-9