

# Holy Family Parish Timaru



St Thomas the Apostle Church  
12 Mountain View Road  
Timaru  
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Sacred Heart Basilica  
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**THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**7 NOVEMBER 2021**

Jesus knows the full worth of the poor widow who contributes “everything she possessed, all she had to live on”. Although her alms financially amounted to almost nothing, she remained certain that God would be pleased with her sacrifice. Like the widow of Zarephath, she believed in a bounty beyond her meagre means. The “jar of meal shall not be spent”. It has become the Bread of Life, Jesus, who provides for those who have given their lives over to him. It is in this that we discover our true worth. This total gift of ourselves is what Christ presents to the Father, appearing “in the actual presence of God on our behalf”.

## TODAY’S READINGS

### **First Reading** - 1Kings 17:10-16

In the middle of a famine, a poor widow shares the last of her good with the prophet Elija, and far from losing by so doing, she is enriched.

### **Second Reading** - Hebrews 9:24-28

Through his death Christ had taken our sins upon himself and has opened for us the door to salvation.

### **Gospel** - Mark 12:38-44

In the eyes of others the offering of the widow was the least, but in the eyes of Christ it was the greatest.



## They like to parade around:

St. John Vianney, the Cure of Ars in France, achieved such note as a spiritual leader in the first half of the nineteenth century that many worthy but unwise people wanted to honour him in some way. Their efforts brought the saint not pleasure but agony. His own bishop was the first to try. Bishop Chalandon, newly installed in the Diocese of Belley, called at Ars one day while the Cure was hearing Confessions. St. John broke away from the Confessional to receive his superior. After a little speech, the bishop took out a hidden mozzetta (a silk shoulder cape trimmed with ermine) and put it on the priest’s shoulders. This was the garb of an honorary diocesan canon – something like the honour of a Vatican Monsignor bestowed by the popes. The poor pastor was most embarrassed, and almost in tears. When the bishop left, Vianney quickly sold the mozzetta for fifty francs which he gave to the poor. Sometime later, the Marquis de Castellane, civil official of the Ars district proposed that Emperor Napoleon III bestow on Father Vianney the cross of Knight of the Legion of Honour. “Is there a pension attached to that cross?” the priest asked when he was informed. “Does it mean money for my poor?” “no”, he was told, “it is just a distinction. So, the Cure asked the Emperor’s messenger to please tell his Imperial Majesty that he did not want the decoration. Of course, the Emperor conferred it anyhow. When St. John’s friends now urged him to have his portrait painted wearing the mozzetta of canon and the cross of the Legion, he brushed their request aside with a laugh. “I advise you to paint me with my mozzetta and cross of honour, and to write underneath: “Nothingness, pride!” -- St. John Vianney, you see, was familiar with Jesus’ criticism of those Pharisees “who like to parade around in their robes and accept marks of respect in public.” (Today’s Gospel). And saint that he was, he particularly remembered Jesus’ criticism of those hypocrites who “preferred the praise of others to the glory of God.” The only reward that the good Cure wanted was a place in Heaven.

## OUR PRIESTS

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## PARISH OFFICE

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### **Office Hours:**

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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

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

## WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

### CEMETERY VISIT

Our annual visit to the Cemetery will take place this Sunday 7 November at 2.00pm. Please gather at the circular car park situated near the south/east corner, within the cemetery. Bring a folding chair if you have one.

**BEREAVEMENT MASS** for 2021 will be held in Sacred Heart Basilica this Tuesday 9 November at 7.00pm. All welcome to come along and pray for our deceased parishioners. **Please note there will be no 9.00am Mass on this day.**



The **Catholic Women's Leagues'** annual mystery bus trip Wednesday 17 November. Please have your names into the office by this Wednesday 10 November.

We will leave at 10.00am outside Sacred Heart and hope to return by 3.30pm. All welcome.

The bells at the Basilica are not being played due to busy bell ringers. Is there anyone who would like to learn to play them and maybe go on a roster?



The Apostolic Nunciature in New Zealand is alerting you about a false message being circulated in New Zealand and the CEPAC Region, supposedly sent by Archbishop Martin Krebs and promising some financial aid! You are advised to ignore to whatever is said in such an email.

**COLUMBAN CALENDARS** have arrived for 2022. If you want to get in early they are still only \$12.00 - from the office.

It has been decided that our Christmas dinner this year, unfortunately will be cancelled— due to the current Level 2 restrictions.

**Catholic Diocese of Christchurch FACEBOOK Page.** Keep updated with the latest news from our Diocese by liking our Facebook Page. <https://www.facebook.com/ChchCatholic/>

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



**Recently Deceased:** Maurice Purcell, Murray Gibson, Frank Sugrue.

**Anniversary:** 3/11 Mary Fitzgerald, 6/11 Sister Margaret Thorn RSM, Ferdinand Simon Morais.

**Other Intentions:** John O'Reilly, Bridget & George Lysaght, Linda & Pat O'Reilly, Fr Kevin O'Reilly, Edwina Michael, Philip O'Reilly, Alan Welford, Margaret, James, Francie & Leo Murphy, Dec'd members Scott, Fitzgerald, Breeze, O'Reilly, Lysaght, Murphy, Welford families.

**Intentions of:** Special Intention.

## MASS TIME TABLE

Saturday Vigil	6.00pm St Thomas'
Sunday	9.00am Sacred Heart
Sunday	10.30am St Thomas
Sunday	5.00pm Sacred Heart
Monday	9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday	<b>7.00pm Sacred Heart Bereavement Mass</b>
Wednesday	1.30pm St Thomas' Friendly Afternoon
Thursday	9.00am St Thomas'
Friday	<b>9.15am</b> Sacred Heart
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

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

**RECONCILIATION:** 10.00am—10.30am after Mass.



### MERCY PAST PUPILS ASSN ANNUAL MASS,

**Sunday 28 November,**

Mercy Past Pupils Assn regret to advise that due to Covid Restrictions the 10.30am Mass and luncheon function has

been amended.

However to allow for more spacing at Mass we encourage you to attend the **5.00pm Mass** at **Sacred Heart Basilica** on the 28th. We invite you to bring a plate and share a cuppa in the Parish Centre after Mass.

Margaret Cosgrove—for the committee.

**NZCatholic** are providing, free of charge, a digital link to their latest issue. A cover graphic and 'click link graphic' are also attached to assist with this. This issue has been produced by NZ Catholic's staff, from our homes.

<https://indd.adobe.com/view/313d39d7-5e24-4a5f-b027-31769480dd31>

Some headlines from the latest issue: Challenges for Church with 'traffic light' system. Synod process opens in NZ dioceses. Love and marriage in lockdown. Running parishes at higher capacities.

### GIVING:

You give but little when you give of your possession.

It is when you give of yourself that you truly give. There are those who give little of the much which they have, and they give it for recognition, and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.

And there are those who have little and give it all. These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes he smiles upon the earth.

### 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 November 2021

Daniel 12:1-3, Hebrews 10:11-14,18, Mark 13:24-32