

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

4 APRIL 2021

God is faithful. What he promised of old, he has brought to fulfillment: "Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed," and he has truly risen, just as he said. "We are witnesses" of these things, Peter proclaims, and we are, too, reveling in the same grace communicated by the same Christ through the same Church. Easter confirms that salvation is real and present to us now—today and forever. Love now reigns definitively.

Death and sin are overcome. Christ's Resurrection is our resurrection, for he has opened for us the gates of eternal life. It is on this truth that we stake our whole lives. Filled with the glory of Christ's Easter triumph, we cannot help but cry out: Alleluia!

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Acts 10:34.37-43
This is part of an early sermon of Peter.

Second Reading – Colossians 3:1-4
Through our baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

Gospel – John 20:1-9

On discovering that Jesus' tomb is empty, the disciples begin to grasp what the Scriptures had foretold, namely, that he would rise from the dead.



A real Easter egg:

A small chick begins the long journey to birth. The not-yet-a-bird weighs little more than air; its beak and claws are barely pin pricks. The bird-to-be is in its own little world: protected by the rigid shell, warmed by the mother hen's body, nourished by the nutrients within the egg's membrane. But then the chick begins the work of life. Over several days the chick keeps picking and picking until it can break out from its narrow world — and into an incomparably wider one. But for this to happen, the egg has to go to pieces. New life demands shattering the old. -- That is the real Easter egg. Not a complete egg dyed and painted with so many designs and colours. Not an egg that has been hardboiled, impossible to shatter. Not an egg made of chocolate. The real Easter egg is shattered and destroyed. The real Easter egg exists in broken pieces. The real Easter egg is cracked and opened, yielding new life that has moved out to live in the open. For centuries, the world has marked the Resurrection of the Lord with eggs. But the Easter meaning of the egg is found in the struggle of the chick to free itself from its confines so as to move into much bigger world beyond it. We struggle to break out of a world that we perceive is going to pieces; we pick away at an existence that leaves us dissatisfied and unfulfilled. The promise of the Easter Christ is that we can break out of our self-contained little worlds and move into a world where peace and justice reign, a world illuminated by hope and warmed by love, a world that extends beyond time and place into the forever of God's dwelling place.

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:

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Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, Yes/No

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SACRED HEART BASILICA

Next Sunday 11 April 2021
2.00pm - 3.00pm

Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction, Entrustment Prayer. Everyone warmly invited to attend.

Happy Easter to all parishioners and friends of the parish. May the risen Lord continue to be a beacon in your lives. Alleluia.

THE RIGHT TO HOPE

At dawn the women went to the tomb. There the angel says to them: *Do not be afraid. He is not here; for he has risen.* They hear the words of life even as they stand before a tomb. And then they meet Jesus, the giver of all hope, who confirms the message and says: *Do not be afraid.* Do not be afraid, do not yield to fear: This is the message of hope. It is addressed to us, today.

On Easter we acquire a fundamental right that can never be taken away from us: the right to hope. It is a new and living hope that comes from God. It is not mere optimism; it is not a pat on the back or an empty word of encouragement, uttered with an empty smile. No! It is a gift from heaven, which we could not have earned on our own.... Jesus plants in our hearts the conviction that God is able to make everything work unto good, because even from the grave he brings life. The grave is the place where no one who enters ever leaves. But Jesus emerged for us; he rose for us, to bring life where there was death, to begin a new story in the very place where a stone had been placed. He who rolled away the stone that sealed the entrance of the tomb can also remove the stones in our hearts. So, let us not give in to resignation; let us not place a stone before hope.... God is faithful. He did not abandon us; he visited us and entered into our situations of pain, anguish, and death. His light dispelled the darkness of the tomb: today he wants that light to penetrate even to the darkest corners of our lives. Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. All you have to do is open your heart in prayer and roll away, however slightly, that stone placed at the entrance to your heart so that Jesus' light can enter. You only need to ask him: Jesus, come to me amid my fears and tell me too: Courage! With you, Lord, we will be tested but not shaken. And, whatever sadness may dwell in us, we will be strengthened in hope, since with you the cross leads to the Resurrection, because you are with us in the darkness of our nights; you are certainty amid our uncertainties, the word that speaks in our silence, and nothing can ever rob us of the love you have for us.

Pope Francis

NEXT WEEK'S MASS TIME TABLE

Saturday	6.00pm	St Thomas'
Sunday	10.30am	St Thomas'
Sunday	9.00am & 5.00pm	Sacred Heart
Mon, Wed, Fri	9.00am	Sacred Heart
Tues, Thur	9.00am	St Thomas'
Saturday	9.30am	Sacred Heart

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

Reconciliation: Sat 10.00—10.30am in Basilica.

Moments of death and resurrection

As we go through life we all experience little deaths. We get a foretaste of death when we live in bitterness, loneliness, sadness and despair.

In times like these the world closes in on us, and we seem to have one foot in the grave.

But we also experience little resurrections.

When we know love, acceptance and forgiveness; when we open our hearts to others and to life, the world opens up and we emerge from the tomb.

Lord, may the splendour of the resurrection scatter the shadows of death, and enable us to walk in radiant hope.

PARISH DIARY

Tuesday 6 April

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

MARIAN MOVEMENT meet in Chapel at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 7 April

IGNATIAN Group meet 10a Branscombe St at 10.00am. Ph Anne on 0277282580.

Friday 9 April

PRAYER GROUP meet 10.00am.

Many thanks for the donations that have been received, school fees and the presbytery lawn re sowing.

Loose envelopes for Easter celebrations are available to be picked up from foyer at St Thomas' and Our Lady's side at Sacred Heart or use a plain envelope with Planned Giving number on. Thank you.

A residential silent retreat: A Six Day Directed Retreat (16-22 April) at Timaru. Further information and for registration contact Rosary House Spiritual Life Centre roho@xtra.co.nz or 03 379 1298.

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, Martin Hansen, (Sydney)

Anniversaries: 4/4 Ngaire O'Sullivan, 6/4 Paul Connolly, 7/4 Pat Breen, 9/4 Sharon King.

Other Intentions: James O'Sullivan, Ray & Leo Scott, Teresa Scott, Bernard Gallen, Decd members Connolly, O'Neill, Phillips, Scott, O'Sullivan & Gallen Families.



Second Sunday of Easter — 11 April 2021
Acts 4:32-35, 1John 5:1-6, John 20:19-31