

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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Third Sunday of Lent

7 March 2021

Jesus "did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well." Fallen human nature always attempts to define the meaning of life with something we can measure. That is what the presence of the moneychangers at the Temple symbolizes. Their worldly activity in this most sacred place reveals their moral bankruptcy: they prefer riches to a relationship with God. But the commandments of the Lord "are more precious than a heap of purest gold." They save us from such foolishness and bless us with "the foolishness of God."

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading (Exodus 20:1-17).

The ten commandments are a map of life for a people that has a special relationship with God.

Second Reading (1Corinthians 1:22-25).

Paul preached a crucified Christ. To some the idea made no sense. To others it was a sign of the wisdom and power of God.

Gospel (John 2:13-25).

By chasing the money changers and sellers of sacrificial animals out of the Temple, Jesus passed judgement on the Jewish system of worship.



"Somebody ought to do something about that."

A man named Leonard Haslim got angry watching the 6 o'clock news. Hundreds of people had died in an airliner crash in Washington, D.C. because the plane's wings iced up, making it too heavy to fly. Haslim decided to make sure it didn't happen again. Haslim came up with a brilliant, but rather simple solution. Everyone who has studied science knows that opposite charges attract and like charges repel. Haslim used that principle to come up with the ultimate wing deicer. He wrapped a thin sheet of rubber around an airplane wing, with wire ribbons carrying electrical current underneath. When he threw the switch on, the positive wires jumped away from each other, as did the negatives, breaking the ice that had frozen to the layer of rubber above them. "It's like snapping a hall carpet," drawls Haslim, "and watching the dust fly." His invention can pulverize ice an inch thick on the surface of a wing. Yet it uses no more power than a single landing light, and costs less than an airplane tire. "It's so simple, lightweight, and cheap, it's nauseating," says Haslim. It may be that over the next several years, hundreds of lives will be saved because Leonard Haslim got angry watching the 6 o'clock news.

Is there something making you angry? Is there some evil in the world that a voice within you keeps saying, "Somebody ought to do something about that." That is what Jesus did, as described in today's Gospel, by cleansing the Temple.

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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 Bank A/c 03 1592 0602308 23

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

Thanks for your understanding last weekend when all Masses in the Diocese were cancelled. Archbishop Paul made the call at 9:30pm on Saturday evening after the announcement of COVID-19 restrictions in Auckland and the rest of New Zealand. It shows that it is important to be part an email list and also to be part of the parish Facebook site because information was sent out immediately on Facebook regarding the cancellation of Masses and Helen was at the office before 7am on Sunday morning to send out the email.

It is also worth noting that in these strange days, it is advisable to check your email more than once a day - and perhaps prior to mass!

Frs Chris and Do are at a gathering for priests of the Diocese from Tuesday to Thursday. **Fr Geoff Gray** will be in residence during this period. Please make him welcome. Children begin their **First Holy Communion** programme this week. They will receive a copy of the New Testament at Masses today. Please keep them and their parents in your prayers over these months of preparation.

ATTENDANCE DUES for our Catholic Primary Schools have increased this year making it difficult for some parents to afford. Attendance dues for one child are **\$103 per term or \$412.00 for the year**. If you are able to help with a donation to assist a struggling family please place it in a marked envelope in the collection basket next Sunday or drop into the Parish office. Donations of \$5.00 or more will be receipted.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for cleaning St Thomas' Church and Holy Family Parish Centre. Please contact office 6862010 if you can help.



LECTORS' Roster for Sacred Heart is available to be collected from Our Lady's side of the church.

NO Friendly Afternoon this week.



ST PADDY'S DAY Wednesday 17 March get together in Holy Family Parish Centre 6.00pm-8.00pm. BYO finger food and drink. Come along and enjoy the fun!

The Shine TV Mass returns from this coming Sunday 7 March. Shine TV will broadcast Mass at 2pm on free-to-air TV Channel 25 and Sky Channel 201.

This Sunday, Monsignor David Tonks will lead us in prayer from St Joseph Church, Takapuna.

"WITNESS FOR THE PROSECUTION"

is an Agatha Christie murder mystery and is on stage this Wednesday 10 March. We have secured 100 seats to sell and these may be purchased from the office (ph 6862010) at \$30.00 each. If we are still in Level 2, only 50 seats can be sold. The show starts at **7.00pm** (not 7.30 as on the ticket). This includes a glass of orange or wine and nibbles at the show. There are tickets available from the office. If at Level 1 tickets will be available at the door.

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

Recently Deceased: Pam Brosnahan, Ann Scott, Sr Joan Tuite, Luis Baca.



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.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 8 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 9 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.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 7.00pm.

Wednesday 10 March

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

Thursday 11 March

LITURGY MEETING 7.30pm in Basilica Centre.

Friday 12 March

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 5.30pm in Sacred Heart Basilica. Walk along with the Lord.

Sunday 14 March

FIRST COMMUNICANTS presented with the Creed, At 9.00am and 10.30am Masses.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL starting books will be presented to term one new entrants at 10.30am Mass.

ST JOSEPH'S INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Come and play Indoor Bowls. Join a fun club beginning club night on Monday March 15 at 7.00pm at TIBA Stadium, 20 Ranui Ave.

New and existing members most welcome. Coaching provided. Phone Frank 6860946.

This week's \$100.00 raffle winner is Des Lysaght. Congratulations. No raffles this week.

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.

Our Parish Council is looking at ways for Improving and encouraging family Mass attendance.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2SYSHR> to gauge reasons for non-attendance at Mass and ways we may improve.

4th Sunday of Lent — 14 March 2021
2Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23, Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21