

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 APRIL 2021



Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

On this Divine Mercy Sunday we recall the words of Saint Thomas Aquinas: "Mercy consists in bringing a thing out of non-being into being." We see this transpire concretely in the life of the early Church. The community of believers "was of one heart and mind" and "they had everything in common." They were filled with awe; they were witnesses of wondrous signs; they dedicated themselves to the good of the other; they were selfless and generous. They lived with the faith that "conquers the world." That is what the Apostle Thomas is looking for in the Lord's open side. "The secret of Christ's heart is revealed to us through the clefts of his body" (Saint Bernard).

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Acts 4:32-35

This reading gives us a picture of the how the first Christians lived community.

Second Reading – 1John 5:1-6

Christians are children of God, and show their love for God by keeping his commandments.

Gospel – John 20:19-31

When he touched the wounds of the risen Jesus, Thomas' doubt was turned into faith.



St. Faustina and the Image of the Divine Mercy:

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, at 10:00 am on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonization of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonized on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] At the canonization of St. Faustina, Saint John Paul II said, "Believing in the love of God means believing in His mercy." Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, Who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks:

1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy;
2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy;
3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy.

At the canonization of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy." "The Lord of Divine Mercy," a drawing of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" (*Jezu ufam Tobie*). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the Baptismal water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness and love of God.

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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:

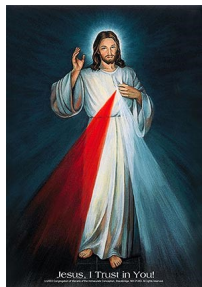
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**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SACRED HEART BASILICA**

Today Sunday 11 April 2021
2.00pm - 3.00pm
Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary,
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction,
Entrustment Prayer.
Everyone warmly invited to attend.



UNFATHOMABLE MERCY

O Jesus, eternal Truth, our Life, I call upon you and I beg your mercy for poor sinners. O sweetest heart of my Lord, full of pity and unfathomable mercy, I plead with you for poor sinners. O Most Sacred Heart, fount of mercy from which gush forth rays of inconceivable graces upon the entire human race, I beg of you light for poor sinners. O Jesus, be mindful of your own bitter Passion and do not permit the loss of souls redeemed at so dear a price of your most precious blood. O

Jesus, when I consider the great price of your blood, I rejoice at its immensity, for one drop alone would have been enough for the salvation of all sinners. Although sin is an abyss of wickedness and ingratitude, the price paid for us can never be equaled. Therefore, let every soul trust in the Passion of the Lord, and place its hope in his mercy. God will not deny his mercy to anyone.

Heaven and earth may change, but God's mercy will never be exhausted. Oh, what immense joy burns in my heart when I contemplate your incomprehensible goodness, O Jesus! I desire to bring all sinners to your feet that they may glorify your mercy throughout endless ages.

O my Jesus, despite the deep night that is all around me and the dark clouds which hide the horizon, I know that the sun never goes out. O Lord, though I cannot comprehend you and do not understand your ways, I nonetheless trust in your mercy. If it is your will, Lord, that I live always in such darkness, may you be blessed. I ask you only one thing, Jesus: do not allow me to offend you in any way. O my Jesus, you alone know the longings and the sufferings of my heart. I am glad I can suffer for you, however little. When I feel that the suffering is more than I can bear, I take refuge in the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and I speak to him with profound silence.

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

JUBILEE MASS: On 24th April, all are invited to join Sr Duchesne Mulcahy as she celebrates her Diamond Jubilee of Profession, and Sr Sue Cosgrove, her Golden Jubilee. Mass will be at 11am, followed by lunch.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE: A '1970 year' reunion with a group of past 'Bedeans' who attended that year. You are invited to get in touch with Sandy Jefferies as they have missing contact details from their current data base. Email: SJefferies@stbedes.school.nz

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

Recently Deceased: Rafael Darling,
Anniversaries: 3/4 Pauline Thyne, 9/4 Frances Conlan, 16/4 Ken Beeby, 17/4 John Kunnen,
Other Intentions: Decd members Beeby & Brosnahan, Feely & Thyne families
Intentions of: Special Intention.



MASS TIME TABLE

Saturday	6.00pm St Thomas'
Sunday	10.30am St Thomas'
Sunday	9.00am & 5.00pm Sacred Heart
Mon & Fri	9.00am Sacred Heart
Wednesday	1.30pm St Thomas' (Friendly Afternoon)
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

Sunday 11 April

FIRST COMMUNICANTS at 9.00am and 10.30am Masses, will receive the 10 Commandments.

YOUTH GROUP meet at 5.00pm Mass then onto the parish centre for games, chat and food. All year 7, 8 & 9 students welcome.



Monday 12 April

EUCHRE meet 1.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge.

ROSARY meet 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Sacred Heart Conference meet in Parish Centre at 4.45pm.

MEN'S GROUP meet 7.30 in St Thomas' Lounge, all men welcome.

Tuesday 13 April

MAINLY MUSIC held in St Thomas' Lounge at 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' meeting room at 7.00pm.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT'S meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 14 April

FRIENDLY AFTERNOON meet in St Thomas' Lounge commencing with Mass at 1.30pm.

Friday 16 April

PRAYER GROUP meet 10.00am in St Thomas' Lounge.

LATIN MASS 6.00pm in Sacred Heart Basilica, Reconciliation commences at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Sunday 18 April

FILIPINO Mass 7.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

CHEESE ROLLS:

The Parish Council are making cheese rolls as a fundraiser on Saturday 8 May. Volunteers are required Friday 4-6pm for preparing the mixture, Saturday starting at 8.00am—roll making and help needed for the clean up later on Saturday. Donations of Evaporated milk, Onion Soup Mix, food safety gloves and plastic bags for bagging rolls would be gratefully appreciated. Order forms and volunteer forms are available in the foyer at St Thomas' and Our Lady's side at Sacred Heart.. Thank you for your support.

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 phone 03 379 1298.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Festival Meeting will be held at Holy Name Parish, Ashburton, 10.00am this Sunday 11 April.

Third Sunday of Easter — 18 April 2021
Acts:3:13-15,17-19, 1John 2:1-5, Luke 24:35-48