

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

24 OCTOBER 2021

“Courage...he is calling you,” Bartimaeus is told, for the Lord deals patiently with the weak and suffering. Jesus reveals that the Lord’s promises from of old—
“I will bring them back...I will gather them...
I will comfort them...I will guide them”—are fulfilled. When we call out persistently to Jesus our high priest, begging for his pity, he will respond:
“Go; your faith has saved you.”

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading - Jeremiah 32:7-9

The prophet foretells the return of God’s people from exile in Babylon. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event.

Second Reading - Hebrews 5:1-6

This reading sets out the things that are required of a priest, and shows how Christ met these perfectly.

Gospel - Mark 10:46-52

Jesus hears the cry of a blind man and gives him back his sight.



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She needed an immediate blood transfusion.

In 1949, a young soldier returned home from the war to find his mother desperately ill with kidney problems. She needed an immediate blood transfusion to save her life.

Unfortunately, no one in the family shared the mother's very rare blood type of AB negative, and blood banks didn't exist in those days. The young soldier decided to gather his family together to say goodbye to his mother. As he was driving home from the hospital, he stopped to pick up another young soldier who was hitchhiking. The hitchhiker noticed the young man's tears and asked him what was wrong. The young man blurted out the story of his dying mother. In silence, the hitchhiker took off his dog tags and held them out to the young man. On the tags were listed his blood type: AB negative. The mother received her transfusion that night and recovered fully. She lived another 47 years after that fateful night. -- Coincidence? We don't know. This soldier and his family think the hitchhiker was an angel sent by God. All we know is that these coincidences happen quite often for people of Faith. Jesus heals. He healed Bartimaeus and He has healed millions of others--emotionally, spiritually, and, sometimes, physically.

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
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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH



Mary's Way—Te Ara a Maria

The NZ Bishops have commissioned a painting of Mary Mother of God Assumed into Heaven as part of a rededication of New Zealand to Our Lady, first dedicated by Bishop Pompallier in 1838.

A hikoi, or pilgrimage, of the painting will begin in our diocese this weekend, beginning here in Timaru today and departing Wednesday 27 October. The painting will make its way around the parishes of our diocese over the next seven weeks.

Today (Sunday) 24 October at 2.00pm, the four mystery's of the rosary will be prayed in honour of the painting at Sacred Heart Basilica.

MISSION SUNDAY 31 October

Over one billion Catholics all over the world observe next Sunday as **World Mission Sunday**. This annual observance was instituted 95 years ago in 1926 by Pope Pius XI's Papal decree. Every year since then, the universal Church has dedicated the month of October to reflection on and prayer for the missions. On World Mission Sunday, Catholics gather to celebrate the Eucharist, and to contribute to a collection for the work of evangelization around the world. This annual celebration gives us a chance to reflect on the importance of mission work for the life of the Church. It reminds us that we are one with the Church around the world and that we are all committed to carrying on the mission of Christ, however different our situations may be.



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



Recently Deceased: Frank Sugrue, Gwen Langford, Sister Adrienne, Josephine Linton, Russell Mackie (Sydney)

Anniversary: 9/10 Joan Wood, 15/10 Geoffrey Bown.

Other Intentions: Bryan & Carol Richards.

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	10.00am Sacred Heart Labour Day
Tuesday	9.00am St Thomas'
Wednesday	9.00pm Sacred Heart
Thursday	9.00am St Thomas'
Friday	9.00am Sacred Heart
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

RECONCILIATION: 10.00am—10.30am after Mass.

The Catholic Women's League are praying 1445 'Hail Mary's' as a sponsorship for the HAGAR TRUST.



The length of the Chinese/Vietnam border is 1445kms. China's one child policy, although no longer in effect, has resulted in millions of men currently having no one to marry. As a result, traffickers are now travelling to neighbouring countries and luring women into China (under false pretences like employment) and selling them as brides and other forms of abuse. As an organisation the CWL are fundraising for this cause and with the help of parishioners we can reach our target in praying the Hail Mary 1445 times (collectively) and reaching \$1445.00.

Some younger members are running 1445kms. We are asking for sponsorship or donations to support these unsuspecting women in Vietnam. Please contact Helen in the office if you would like to donate or the CWL bank account number is: 03 0887 0242827 00.

Thanking you in anticipation.

THE GIFT OF SIGHT

Helen Keller, who went blind and deaf at nineteen months, said:

One day I asked a friend of mine who had just returned from a long walk in the woods what she had seen. She replied, "Nothing in particular."

'How was this possible?' I asked myself, 'when I, who cannot hear or see, find hundreds of things to interest me through mere touch. I feel the delicate shape and design of a leaf. I pass my hands lovingly over the rough bark of a pine tree. Occasionally, I place my hand quietly on a small tree, and if I'm lucky, feel the happy quiver of a bird in full song.'

'The greatest calamity that can befall people, is not that they should be born blind, but that they should have eyes, yet fail to see.'

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 October 2021

Deuteronomy 6:2-6, Hebrews 7:23-28, Mark 12:28-34

Mission Sunday