

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

12 SEPTEMBER 2021

When Christ asks, “Who do people say I am?” the disciples first state the answers that miss his true identity. The subsequent revelation from the mouth of Peter—“You are the Christ”—can only be the work of God. Yet Peter still fails to see why Christ must undergo his Passion, which saves our lives. Christ’s rebuke speaks to us, too, for it corrects our tendency to think that the cross in our own life is a sign that God has abandoned us. Faith enables us to think as God does, and to know in moments of suffering that “The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults.” This certainty frees us to prove that we have faith by being generous and selfless. If we embrace Christ and his Passion, who can prove us wrong?

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading - Isaiah 50:5-9
The just person is sustained in all his trials by the firm belief that God is with him.

Second Reading - James 2:14-18
Faith without good works is dead.

Gospel - Mark 8:27-35
Even though Peter declares his belief in Jesus as the Messiah, he has no idea what that implies.



The cross symbolises Faith, Hope and Love:

The people of Lithuania take their cross-bearing a little more seriously than we do. For them, the cross symbolises Faith, Hope and Love. There are crosses everywhere in the countryside, on roads, in city parks and village squares. Communities and individuals erect crosses to bring them health and to commemorate events like weddings, births and christenings. Crosses are also erected to commemorate historical events. One of these is the Baltic Way, in which millions of people linked hands stretching across the Baltics from Estonia to Lithuania on August 25, 1989. About 9 monuments commemorate this extraordinary event. The nation's pride is the Hill of Crosses, located north of Siauliai. Lithuanians erected crosses there as early as the mid-19th century. The Soviet government couldn't tolerate that kind of spiritual expression, so they totally destroyed the hill in 1961, then again in 1973 and 1975. But people kept erecting more crosses, until in 1980 their destruction stopped. Today the crosses number in the thousands. They are different sizes and shapes, some simple, some ornate, but they immortalise Lithuania's troubles, misfortunes, joys, hope and Faith.

For the Lithuanian people, the cross is more than a symbol in the Church. It is symbol for the world to see, a symbol that will not go away. It is a symbol of sacrifice, a sacrifice that gives each and every one of us Hope and Faith and courage.

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'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

There will be no parish gatherings under the current level 2 restrictions apart from the daily 9.00am Mass in each church.

Our churches will remain open as usual during COVID-2. Please ensure you sign in via the app or by hand.

Communion to the sick on Thursday's will not commence until Level 1.

Online Mass and Prayer resources

Masses continue to be online from around the diocese, including on Sunday's celebrated by Archbishop Paul.

The link for these Masses and other material for prayer and reflection can be found on the diocesan website page <https://chchcatholic.nz/2021/08/praying-through-covid/>

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



The Confirmation Programme begins on Sunday, 19 September with a combined parent/candidate meeting. All those from Year 8 and above are eligible to be confirmed.

Enrolment forms will be emailed to all eligible families and can be completed online. A parent information sheet about the programme will accompany the online form. Paper forms will also be available in St Thomas' Church foyer.

Enrolments need to be in before Wednesday, 15 September.

The Sacrament will be celebrated on Saturday, 6 November at the 6.00pm Mass.



BAPTISM'S that weren't able to be celebrated during the COVID lockdown, the office will get in touch with you as soon as we return to level 1.

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

Recently Deceased: Gerald Goodwin, Noeline Westerby, Brian Lysaght, Des Vuleta, Jack Wallace, Linda Cosgrove. Ripeka Smallridge.

Anniversary: 23/8 Mable Robertshaw, 24/8 Brendan Connolly, 5/9 Bruce Phillips, 6/9 Rosalie Brown, 13/9 Vona Tokona, 14/9 Noel Macdonald,

Other Intentions: Margaret Aitken, Pat Waldron, Dec'd members Connolly, O'Neill, Phillips, Barrow, Waldron, Cooper & Macdonald Families.

Intentions of: Special Intention.



MASS TIME TABLE - IN LEVEL 2

Monday	9.00am	Sacred Heart
Tuesday	9.00pm	St Thomas'
Wednesday	9.00am	Sacred Heart
Thursday	9.00am	St Thomas'
Friday	9.00am	Sacred Heart

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.



RONCALLI COLLEGE NEWS:

This year the Roncalli Fair has been postponed. They will go ahead with their main raffle and all school pupils will be asked to sell a book or two.

Congratulations to the year 10 Maths team of Findlay Grant, Annie Henderson, Sieun Park and Carter West who won the Aoraki Maths competition. They took away first place after answering all twenty questions with thirteen minutes to spare! Also, congratulations to the Year 9 team consisting of Gabriel Dickerson, Maia Liu, Isaiah Te Puke and Matthew Armstrong – who finished second after a tight play off for first! Well done to you all.

Financial Support for the Parish.

We are so grateful for those who send us their Sunday offering via bank direct credit. This means that even when we gather for Mass, we receive your funds to continue meeting our fixed costs. If you normally donate by envelope, I encourage you to continue your gifting via internet banking during this lockdown time. Thanking you.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

September meeting is postponed due to COVID. This month we were to celebrate 110 years of WUCWO.



Faith without works — Reflection

A watch may have a gold chain,
but if it doesn't tell the time it is useless.
A fruit tree may be teeming with blossoms,
but if it doesn't produce fruit it is useless.
A lamp may be studded with diamonds,
but if it doesn't give light it is worthless.
And a faith that doesn't result in good works is dead.

The fruit of prayer is faith.

The fruit of faith is love.

The fruit of love is service.

And the fruit of service is peace.

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 September 2021

Wisdom 2:12,17-20, James 3:16-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

Social Justice Week