

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

16 MAY 2021

In the Ascension, we find the completion of Christ's earthly mission—our redemption is accomplished. In his Passion, Jesus lovingly bears the weight of the whole world's sin; in his Crucifixion, he is raised up that he might defeat death; in his Resurrection, he unveils the life to come; and today, he, "who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection" (He 12:2), is raised up in glory, opening our path into the heavenly sanctuary. Thus, the Ascension, as Saint John Paul II said, "indicates the goal to which personal and universal history is hastening": heavenly glory. We are indeed bound for heaven, and the Ascension reminds us that our gaze is to be fixed on Christ in glory even as we labour tirelessly for him in this present age.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading – Acts 1:1-11

This describes the ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

Second Reading – Ephesians 1:17-23

Here Paul describes the meaning of the ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him head of the Church and Lord of creation.

Gospel – Mark 16:15-20

Before ascending to his Father, Jesus commissions his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world.



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Why He Ascended into Heaven

In raising Christ Jesus, God has raised us with him and made us to sit in heavenly places with him and crowned us as coheirs. *Heirs of God and coheirs with Christ*, says Saint Paul. That is our status. The abyss of death has been bridged, so that when we refer to the doctrine of the communion of saints, we are not reaching for a vaporous metaphor by which to bolster our melancholy spirits on this long and arduous pilgrimage here on earth. We really do believe that the abyss of death has been bridged and that we, the Church in pilgrimage, are truly one with those who have gone ahead of us, starting with our Lord himself, Saint Stephen the protomartyr, and our Lady. We are one, undivided, living, interceding fellowship who share in the priesthood of Jesus before the throne of God.

The Church encourages us to pray for those who have gone ahead of us—who knows what schooling they must complete before they are able to bear up under the titanic glory of the Beatific Vision—and the Church assures us that they are praying for us. This is what we invoke in the great litany at the Easter Vigil—and, it is to be hoped, in our own prayers during the rest of the year. The Ascension of Jesus Christ has made this an actuality, not a fugitive dream or forlorn hope.

And the Ascension quickens our flagging spirits as we tread along during this earthly life. *I am going now to prepare a place for you*, he said, *that where I am you may be too*. Better than the Emerald City of Oz, better than Narnia or Rivendell or Lothlorien, better than the Gardens of the Hesperides: *the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him*. No wonder the Scripture and the liturgy are full of injunctions to us to lift up our hearts. *Sursum corda*. We lift them up to the Lord. He is there, awaiting us, and by his Holy Spirit, he is here accompanying us. Let us hasten, then, to Mount Zion with singing.

Thomas Howard

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?

Fr Do is attending an ordination in Auckland this weekend. We welcome Fr Michael Welsh to our Sunday Masses.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

We are planning an Order of Christian Initiation of Adults process this year. Please contact Pauline Berry, ph 6844263 or talk to one of our priests for further information.

LOAVES & FISHES LUNCHESES:

- ◆ Midday on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month.
- ◆ Back by popular demand and in conjunction with Roncalli College.
- ◆ Starting **Wednesday's 9th June at midday** in the Parish Centre on Craigie Ave.
- ◆ Simple food and very good company, in superb surroundings!

Come along and give it a go. EVERYONE WELCOME.



Prayer for the Beatification of Venerable Suzanne Aubert

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us that as often as we show compassion to the least of your brothers and sisters, we show it to you. Hear our prayers that the intercession of Venerable Suzanne Aubert, who supported the Maori People and devoted her life to the poor, the sick and the underprivileged, and who the Church has declared to be one of your true and humble followers, will be recognised in a miraculous healing by the Church and will lead to her beatification. Amen.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

An invitation to all our Parishioners of the Holy Family Parish to join our St Vincent de Paul Society Conferences.

- Sacred Heart requires a Spiritual Director, President and Secretary.
- Our new parishioners from other parts of the world are most welcome.
- We need people with life skills, budgeting welfare and computer skills for only an hour a week.
- An introduction evening will be held about St Vincent de Paul Society and their presence in the local community.
- Ph Rosie 6886699
- email rosiethompson42@gmail.com



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS — Breakfast

Zonta are organising a breakfast for Roncalli Staff and also Parishioners on Friday 28 May between 7.30am - 9.00am at our Parish Centre, Craigie Ave, on Friday 28 May. There is a \$10.00 charge per head which will go to the cancer society.



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

Recently Deceased: Leo Murphy (Maree Welford's Brother).

Anniversaries: 15/5 Don Kennedy, John Bentley, 16/5 Ferdinand Simon Morais, 19/5 Graeme Lowrie, 20/5 Betty Kunnen,

Other Intentions: Michael Brennan, William & Muriel Waehop, Joan Frances Morais,



MASS TIME TABLE

Saturday	6.00pm St Thomas'
Sunday	10.30am St Thomas'
Sunday	9.00am & 5.00pm Sacred Heart
Monday	9.00am Sacred Heart
Tuesday	9.00am St Joseph's School
Wednesday	9.00am Sacred Heart
Thursday	9.00am St Thomas'
Friday	9.15am Sacred Heart
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

Reconciliation: Sat 10.00—10.30am in Basilica.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 16 May

RONCALLI COLLEGE OPEN DAY.

Monday 17 May

ANOINTING MASS—Strathallan Life Care 10.30am.

EUCHRE players meet 1.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge.

ROSARY group meet 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

MEN'S GROUP meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 7.30pm.

All men welcome.

Tuesday 18 May

MAINLY MUSIC meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 9.30am.

All pre-schoolers welcome.

EUCHRE held at 87 North Street at 1.30pm.

Afternoon tea and raffles. All welcome.

MARIAN MOVEMENT meet in St Thomas' Chapel at 2.00pm.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING held in St

Thomas' Lounge at 7.30pm.

9.00am MASS today in St Joseph's School Hall.

Wednesday 19 May

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE WUCWO in Rakaia—if you require a ride please ring Helen on 0210696701.

Thursday 20 May

ANOINTING only at The Croft at 10.00am.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE WUCWO meet in the Parish Centre at 2.00pm. (note change of day).

FINANCE COMMITTEE meet in Parish Centre at 4.30pm.

Friday 21 May

PRAYER GROUP meet 10.00am in St Thomas' Lounge.

LATIN MASS in Sacred Heart Basilica starting with reconciliation at 5.30pm. All welcome.

CHEESE ROLLS

A huge **thank you** for the wonderful turnout who helped with the preparation and making of the cheese rolls last weekend. To those who donated ingredients and who gave cash towards the purchase of ingredients it was very much appreciated.

Is their a parishioner who lives in or near Le Cren Street who would be able to give a new parishioner a ride to 9.00am Mass on Sunday. Please phone office 686 2010 if you can help. Thank you.



CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (WUCWO)

meet this Thursday 20 May. We have invited our sister churches and have a guest speaker. Cuppa for all after. Look forward to seeing you.

LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER:

Bioblend compost fully screened 40 litre bags \$6.00.

Blood and Bone 5kg bags \$10.00 each.

Lime 5kg bags \$5.00 each.

Phone Colin 6866710 or Kevin 6831190 to order.

SUNDAY 23 MAY—PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11, 1Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13, John 20:19-23