

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 OCTOBER 2021

The scribe knows all about the commandments, but he wants to see if Jesus does, too. When Christ responds correctly, the scribe takes his words to heart and is therefore “not far from the kingdom of God”. In fact, to love Jesus is to fulfil the commandments, for in loving him we love the God who became our neighbour. Christ the High Priest’s “power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him”. In approaching him we approach God. He is our strength, our rock, our fortress, our deliverer—and our high priest who lives forever to make intercession for us.

Today is Mission Sunday.

"On this day, through prayer, reflection and material help, we express our support of missionaries from all continents who are striving to bring the true love of Christ to all who have yet to receive it". Pope Francis.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Deuteronomy 6:2-6

To love God means to keep his commandments, especially the great commandment of love.

Second Reading - Hebrews 7:23-28

This reading shows the superiority of Christ over the priests of the Old Testament.

Gospel - Mark 12:28-34

Jesus tells us what the two most important of God's commandments are.



Have any of you ever eaten coconut?

Maybe you've had coconut sprinkled on a cake, or on some ice cream. The coconut is a very interesting food. Not only can the coconut be used for food, but every single part of the coconut can be used for something. The hard outer shell can be used for making bowls and cups. The oil inside the coconut can be used for cooking. Inside the coconut is also the flaky "meat" part, and a lot of coconut milk. These can be eaten and drunk. The wood of the coconut tree can be used for building things, like houses and tools. And the husk fibres of the coconut tree can be woven into baskets, ropes, rugs, and things like that. Every single part of the coconut tree can be used for something useful. Have you ever thought of yourself as a coconut? Well, that's how I want you to think right now. You see, this morning we're going to talk about how we can use every single part of ourselves. The Bible says that we should use every single part of ourselves when we love God. -- In our Bible story today, someone asks Jesus what the most important commandment of all is. And Jesus says the most important commandment is to love the Lord with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength. And He also says that we must love our neighbour as ourselves. So it sounds as though Jesus wants us use every single part of ourselves to love God.

Our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength: that's everything. And if we really love God, then we will love Him completely, with everything we've got.

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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

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WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARIS

ALL SOULS DAY this year falls on Tuesday 2nd November.

- 9.00 St Thomas' Church and
- 5.30pm in Sacred Heart Basilica.

CEMETERY VISIT

Our annual visit to the Cemetery will take place Sunday 7 November at 2.00pm. Please gather at the circular car park situated near the south/east corner, within the cemetery. Bring a folding chair if you have one.

BEREAVEMENT MASS for 2021 will be held in Sacred Heart Basilica on Tuesday 9 November at 7.00pm. All welcome to come along and pray for our deceased parishioners.

The Garden at the end of the new Parish Centre at the Basilica has now been planted out. Many thanks to the parishioner who kindly donated funds for the project.

All Saints and All Souls:

As marvellous as Christ's miraculous deeds were when he walked this earth—healing the sick and raising the dead—consider the still more wondrous signs Christ has worked ever since, as our Saviour and Redeemer, in his saints: the ordinary men and women he raises up in every age to give their lives in service to God and neighbour. The patient and joyful heroism of the saints, sustained through all manner of adversity, testifies to God's quiet yet powerful action in those who are faithful to him. With their lives before us as an example, we confidently ask the saints on Monday to intercede with God that we may imitate their virtues just as they imitated Christ. All you angels and saints, pray for us!

On the Solemnity of All Saints we rejoiced in the example of the saints—the Church Triumphant—and their intercession for us before God; on Tuesday we ourselves turn towards God in petition on behalf of the Church Suffering, those departed souls who are assured of eternal life but must undergo further suffering in purgatory to prepare them for the vision of God. We trust in God's mercy to deliver the holy souls still detained in purgatory into the joy of his presence through the prayers and sacrifices we offer up for them. We remember these poor souls, and their need of our aid, confident that they in turn will remember us before God when they come to see his face.

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, John Westphall.

Anniversary: 25/10 Geoffrey Bowen, 1/11 Leo Hand, 2/11 Teresa Ashley,

Other Intentions: Jack Wallace, Tom & Paul Ashley, Dec'd members Ashley & Laws families.

Intentions of: Special Intention.



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	9.00am Sacred Heart All Saints Day
Tuesday	9.00am St Thomas' All Souls Day
Tuesday	5.30pm Sacred Heart, All Souls Day
Wednesday	9.00am St Thomas'
Thursday	9.00am St Thomas'
Friday	9.15am Sacred Heart—First Friday.
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

RECONCILIATION: 10.00am—10.30am after Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARIST ADORATION

Sacred Heart Basilica, Friday 5 November, will commence after 9.15am Mass until 12 noon. Come along and spend some time with the Lord.



MERCY PAST PUPILS ASSN - ANNUAL MASS

Sunday 28 November, 10.30am Mass in St Thomas' Church, followed by a luncheon in the Church Lounge.

Tickets \$15.00 available from Parish office or Margaret Cosgrove 6860694 or 0211475576. Other committee members Raelene Bailey, Colleen Hollamby, Teresa Wilson, Trish Bentley, Maree Lowen, Leone Farrant and Coral Clemens. Tickets sales close 15 November. All Mercy Past Pupils warmly welcome to enjoy a day of Friendship.

THANK YOU to all who supported the rosary and Hail Mary's said last weekend to honour the beautiful painting of Te Ara a Maria—Mary's Way and to help the Catholic Women's League with their financial support to wards the Hagar Trust. We have received \$645.00 so far towards helping the Vietnamese young girls being lured into China under false pretences. It is very much appreciated for such a worthy cause.



The **Catholic Women's League** are having their annual mystery bus trip on Wednesday 17 November. Please get your names into the office by Wednesday 10 November, so we can confirm what size bus we will need.

The bells at the basilica are not being played due to busy bell ringers. Is there anyone who would like to learn to play them and maybe go on a roster.

It has been decided that our Christmas dinner this year will be cancelled due to the current Level 2 restrictions.

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7 November 2021

1Kings 17:10-16, Hebrews 10:11-14, 18,
Mark 13:24-32