

HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

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7th Sunday Ordinary Time

23 February 2020

Jesus tells us that God loves all of his children, deserving and underserving. And he urges us to imitate this all-embracing love of God. We know how difficult love can be, especially in relation to people we don't like.

Today's Readings

First Reading - Lev 19:1-2,17-18

We imitate the holiness of God when we refuse to exact vengeance or bear a grudge against another.

Second Reading - 1 Cor 3:16-23

Paul gives us a profound reason why we should respect one another: we are the Temple of God.

Gospel - Mt 5:38-48

What differentiates the disciples of Christ different from others is their willingness to love as God loves.

If I could talk face to face with the pilot who dropped the bomb"

On the Veterans Day of November 1996, Phan Thi Kim Phuc, now 33, came to the black granite Vietnam Veterans Memorial as a wife and mother, to tell several thousand spectators that she forgives those who bombed her village and has put the past behind her. Kim Phuc placed a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington and delivered a short speech. When Kim Phuc was only 9 years old, her picture was taken by an Associated Press photographer and it stirred the conscience of the world. Moments after the picture was taken, Kim Phuc lost consciousness and was taken to a hospital by the photographer, Nick Ut, who later won a Pulitzer Prize for the photo. Her village had just been hit by a napalm bomb attack by the South Vietnamese air force sponsored by the USA air force. Her two cousins were killed instantly. Kim Phuc's clothes were burned off her. In the photograph, this little girl was running, naked, in pain and terror. In front of the wall inscribed with the names of more than 58,000 U.S. war dead, Kim Phuc said that she was focused on the future. Speaking to a hushed crowd in Washington, she made the following statement: "I have suffered a lot from my physical and emotional pain. Sometimes I thought I could not live, but God saved my life and gave me Faith and Hope. If I could talk face to face with the pilot who dropped the bomb, I would tell him we cannot change history, but we should try to do things for the present and for the future to promote peace."

No retaliation! Just tough, wise love. That's the spirit of Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount given in today's Gospel. It's the greatest power on earth. In the face of it, the devil trembles.

ASH WEDNESDAY—This Wednesday, 26 February.

Ash Wednesday is traditionally a day of penance/ fasting and abstinence from meat.



Timaru:

Masses: St Thomas Church 9.00am and 12.10pm. (St Joseph's School will attend the 9.00am Mass.

Combined Catholic-Anglican Ash Wednesday Service at St Mary's Church, Church Street at 7.00pm. Supper to follow.

Waimate:

Combined Catholic-Anglican Ash Wednesday at St Augustines, Waimate at 11.00am.

Stations of the Cross: will be held in St Thomas' Church after 12.10 Mass on Friday and 5.30pm in St Thomas' Friday evening.

Chairperson Parish Council: Gary Shand,

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Chairperson Property Committee: Jim Anderson

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New Parishioners Holy Family Parish

Timaru and St Patrick's Parish Waimate:

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 or St Patrick's parish, PO Box 24, Waimate.

Name (Mr/Mrs)

Address:

Phone

Email Address

Require:

Planned Giving envelopes:

Weekly, Fortnightly, Monthly, Yes/No

Automatic Payments: Yes/No

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH:

- We welcome Fr Do Nguyen to the parish as the new Assistant Priest. He has been home to Vietnam for the last month and is well remembered from his time here as Deacon.
- Did you know that all Masses in Hong Kong and Singapore have been cancelled due to the Coronavirus? We need to be grateful each time we can attend the Eucharistic Celebration.
- After praying the Lamb of God prayer we are asked to kneel. Because St Thomas' Church does not have kneelers this is problematic! Sitting is not an option. In future, for those who cannot kneel, could I please ask you to remain standing. When the priest prays, "Behold the Lamb of God," something extraordinary is happening—and I don't believe a sitting posture is appropriate. Do you?

DIARY:

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MOVIE: Terry is showing "Sink the Bismarck".

Monday 24 February

EUCHRE in St Thomas' Lounge 1.30pm. New members welcome.

ROSARY 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

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

All men welcome.

Tuesday 25 February

MAINLY MUSIC 9.30 in St Thomas' Lounge. All pre-schoolers welcome to this fun time.

EUCHRE will be held at 87 North Street, 1.30pm,

Afternoon tea and raffles. All players welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet in St Thomas' Church at 7.00pm.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME begins 7.30pm in St Thomas' Lounge.

Wednesday 26 February

ASH WEDNESDAY: Masses 9.00am & 12.10pm.

Combined Service at St Mary's Church 7.00pm.

Thursday 27 February

COMMISSIONING MASS 4.30pm at St Thomas' Church.

PARISH COUNCIL meet in Presbytery at 7.30pm.

Friday 28 February

PRAYER GROUP meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 10.00am. All welcome.

RONCALLI COLLEGE SPORTS CENTRE FUNDRAISER

From 6.00pm on the new court for tour. \$20.00 entry.

Sunday 1 March

CUPPA after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL (Junior classes) are looking for volunteers to listen to the children reading their stories. It would be for about an hour each week. If interested, please contact the School Office 688 8188.



FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Begins this Tuesday 25 February, 7.30pm, St Thomas' Lounge. Enrolment Forms have been sent by email to eligible families, plus copies available at school office and St Thomas' Church porch. Enrolment forms should be into the parish office.

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

Recently Deceased: Maria Tobin,

Anniversaries: 19/2 Maureen Zandbergen,

Other Intentions: Decd members Zandbergen Family.

Intentions of: Special Intention

MASS TIME TABLE THIS WEEK:

Saturday	St Thomas'	6.00pm Vigil
Sunday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Sunday	St Thomas'	10.30am
Sunday	St Thomas'	5.00pm
Monday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Tuesday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Ash Wednesday	St Thomas'	9.00pm & 12.10pm
Thursday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Friday	St Thomas'	12.10pm
Saturday	St Thomas'	9.30am

Funeral Masses take the place of scheduled weekday Mass or Liturgical Service.

Exposition & Reconciliation: Friday 11.45am, Saturday 10.00am.

St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass times are:

Sunday 9.00am Thursday 9.30am.

Caritas Lenten Appeal: envelopes are available from the foyer in St Thomas' Church. The money collected from this annual appeal is used in the Church's relief, and development work. Please take the envelopes from the table.

CARITAS LENTEN REFLECTION PROGRAMME

If you would like to take part in the Lenten Study this Lent Entitled "Renewed by the Spirit", leave your name with Helen in the Parish Office.

RAFFLES: This week's winner of the \$100 note is Betty Fitzgerald. Congratulations. We have another \$100.00 raffle this week. Thank you for your support.

RONCALLI COLLEGE SPORTS CCENTRE:

- * The Magic Carpet Fundraiser
- * From 6.00pm until late.
- * Cash & Eftpos Bar
- * Live music
- * Light Refreshments
- * Tickets \$20.00—limited sales.
- * Purchase Limited edition SQUARES OF TURF for \$500.00 recognised on a permanent plaque.
- * Tickets and prior 'squares of turf' can be purchased from the College Office.



NZ Catholic is out now. Some headlines are: Change of venue for bishop ordination. NZ take on Pope's Amazon document. Coronavirus crisis prompts prayers. Pro-life groups pan abortion select committee process.

THIS WEEK'S MOVIE

6.00pm Sunday 23 February in ST THOMAS' LOUNGE.

Terry Kennedy will be showing

"SINK THE BISMARCK"

starring Kenneth More. \$10.00 entry fee.

Next showing Sunday 8 March **"COURT JESTER"** starring Danny Kaye.

All proceeds to Sacred Heart Basilica Restoration.

Bookings: Ph Terry 684 4070 and leave a message.

1st Sunday in Lent - 1 March 2020
Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11