

HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

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1st Sunday in Advent

1 December 2019

At masses this weekend, there will be a **DVD Presentation from Bishop Paul** on the Diocesan Changes and Developments that will occur in the City during 2020. As indicated last Pentecost, the date for the establishment of the new Parishes will be next Pentecost. With a reduction of Parishes in the City, there will also be significant changes in Parish Staff next year.

A summary booklet will be given out at the end of Mass - please take a copy.

BISHOP'S ADVENT CARE APPEAL 2019

"To live charitably means to carry the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us." – Pope Francis.

Following-on from last year's 'Advent Care Appeal' - **Bishop Paul's Advent Care Appeal** will be held during Advent.

Care Appeal **envelopes** and **newsletters** will be available in the foyer throughout Advent. Thank you for your support.

CHRISTMAS MASSES THIS YEAR:

TIMARU - St Thomas' Church:

Christmas Eve: 6.30pm Pageant 7.00pm Mass.

9.00pm Carols for 9.30pm Mass.

Christmas Day: 9.00am Mass with Pageant.

WAIMATE

Christmas Eve: beginning at 7.00pm with the pageant /carols and followed by Mass.

TIMARU: Mass on **New Year's Day**, 9.30am, St Thomas' Church



Some coming-up events:

St Andrew's Feast Day Mass: This Sunday 1 December, 11.00am, at St Andrews.

Waimate Visitation: Monday 2nd – Friday 6th December. (Communion Service in Timaru that week. Waimate Mass Tuesday—Friday 9.30am).

Sisters of Mercy—Mercy Past Pupils Christmas afternoon tea for the sisters, Sunday 8 December from 2.00pm—4.00pm.

Timaru Parish Christmas Pot-luck Tea: Sunday 8 December, 6.00pm, at St Thomas Church Lounge (BYO drinks). There will be some entertainment.

Advent Reconciliation: Wednesday, 11 December, 7.00pm, at St Thomas' Church. There will be four priests present.

St Thomas' Christmas cuppa will be held after 10.30am Mass on Sunday 15 December.

Anointing Mass:

St Thomas' Church, next Thursday, 12 December, 2.00pm.

There will be Afternoon Tea after the Mass.

Next **'Friendly Afternoon'**, with Mass at 1.30pm, will be Wednesday 11 December. Also at the Friendly Afternoon there will be a farewell for Claire Haines who will be moving to Dunedin.

Chairperson Parish Council: Gary Shand,
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WAIMATE

Waimate Visitation will be this week: 2 – 6 December; this time we hope to visit many rural parishioners. However, there are also many events at St Patrick's School during this week. The Thursday Mass, on 5 December, 9.30am, will be the Final Mass of the Year for St Patrick's School. Prize Giving at 6.30pm.

Bereavement Mass in Waimate will be on this Tuesday, 3 December, 7.00pm.

On Friday 6 December, St Patrick's School will celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in the church at 11.00am. Parishioners are welcome to join the children in this celebration of Reconciliation. Frs Huynh & Brian will be in Waimate for the week.

DIARY:

Sunday 1 December

ST ANDREWS FEAST DAY Mass 11.00am St Andrew's Church.

BAPTISM PREPARATION Programme meet in St Thomas' Lounge at 7.00pm.

Monday 2 December

EUCHRE St Thomas' Lounge at 1.30pm.

ROSARY in St Thomas' Church at 4.00pm.

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

RONCALLI PRIZEGIVING in St Thomas' Church 7.00pm.

Tuesday 3 December

MAINLY MUSIC for pre school children welcome to enjoy a fun time from 9.30am in St Thomas' Lounge.

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

Afternoon Tea and Raffle. All players welcome.

MARIAN MOVEMENT meet in Chapel at 2.00pm.

Friday 6 December

FIRST FRIDAY 9.00am to 5.00pm in St Thomas' Chapel.

PRAYER GROUP meet 10.00am in St Thomas' Lounge.

Saturday 7 December

ROSARY in St Thomas Church 2.00pm—3.00pm.

Coinciding with **March for Life** on Parliament. More information on www.coasttocoastrosary.co.nz

Sunday 8 December

SISTERS OF MERCY Christmas afternoon tea will be held in St Thomas' Lounge at 2.00pm.

Christmas donation to St Vincent to Paul food bank.

PARISH CHRISTMAS POT LUCK Christmas tea in St Thomas' Lounge at 6.00pm. Come along and join in the fun. BYO.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Thomas' Church, Friday 6th December, 2019, 9.00am. to 5.00pm. Community prayer commences at 4.10pm. — Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet. Everyone welcome. Thank you to all who attended throughout 2019. PLEASE NOTE: No First Friday Eucharistic Adoration in January 2020. Recommence February.

MARCH FOR LIFE – COAST TO COAST ROSARY NATION WIDE PRAYER

St Thomas' Church Saturday 7th December. 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Coinciding with the

March for Life in Wellington. Join with groups throughout New Zealand in prayer support of this vitally important event. Short visits throughout the hour of prayer are welcomed. All prayer groups and others, warmly invited to take part.



Christmas Morning Mass Nativity Play.

Madison Sugrue will be co-ordinating this play. Please text/call (0211082614) if your child is keen to be part of the Nativity play on Christmas Morning 9am Mass. Any school aged child Year 0-8 is invited to join in. Practices will be on Monday 23 and Tuesday 24 December (10am to 11am). Costumes are provided :-).

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

Recently Deceased: Leo Hand, Joan Oakley, Mary-Anne Wood, Bernard Murphy (Rangiora).

Anniversaries: 28/11 Trevor MacDonald,

Other Intentions: Bill Johnston, Francie Murphy, Holy Souls, Decd Members Baird & Zandbergen Families.

Intentions of: Special Intention x 2

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 Mass
Tuesday	St Thomas'	9.00am Communion Service
Wednesday	St Thomas'	9.00am Communion Service
Thursday	St Thomas'	9.00am Communion Service
Friday	St Thomas'	12.10pm Communion Service
Saturday	St Thomas'	9.30am Mass

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

Exposition & Reconciliation

Saturday 10.00am.

St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass times are:

Sunday 9.00am Tuesday to Friday Mass 9.30am

Anointing Masses in Rest Homes:

Parishioners/families are invited to attend these masses.

Strathallan Life Care - Monday 9 December, 10.30am

Highfield Rest Home - Thursday 19 December, 10.30am

Anointing Mass:

Timaru: at St Thomas' Church, Thursday, 12 December 2.00pm.

There will be afternoon Tea after the Anointing Mass.

There will be a **MONDAY MASS** during Advent

First prize a Christmas Ham Bernard & Sally Feely and second prize bottle of wine. Veronica Macdonald
A separate raffle—a Christmas Cake baked by Marlene Shewan will be drawn in three weeks. Thank you Marlene.

SISTERS OF MERCY Christmas afternoon tea, Sunday 8 December. Donations towards St Vincent de Paul food bank (Christmas treat). Toiletries also needed thank you for your generosity.

End of Year School Masses:

St Patrick's School – this Thursday, 5 December, 9.30am.

Sacred Heart School - Tuesday 10 December, 11.30am, in Celtic Rugby Club Hall.

St Joseph's School - Friday 13 December, 12.15pm, at St Thomas' Church

MAINLY MUSIC finishes 10th December—recommences 11 February.

This year's **Parish Picnic** was last Sunday, at the Phar Lap Raceway. It was a sunny day – we owe a big 'thank you' to St Joseph for providing a sunny day. I had 1 collect for \$4.70.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL Christmas Cards on sale in office—\$4.00 a packet.

BASILICA STAMP APPEAL So far \$320.00 has been raised by the sale of albums and loose stamps.

Ray Bennett and myself are still on the look out for Stamp Albums - loose stamps for the appeal.

When cleaning out deceased estates keep us in mind.

Looking for Prisoner of War Mail—Military Mail—with or without stamps—old post Cards. Anything. Thanks Arthur Clarke, 10 Peel View Place. Ph 6888310

2nd Sunday in Advent - 8 December 2019
Isaiah 11:1-10, Paul 15:4-9, Matthew 3:1-12