

HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU

St Thomas the Apostle Church
12 Mountain View Road
Timaru



Sacred Heart Basilica
7 Craigie Avenue
Timaru

3rd Sunday in Lent

15 March 2020

Today's Readings..

are centred on Baptism and new life. Living water represents God's Spirit who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources of the *living water* of Divine Grace. We are assembled here in the Church to drink this *water* of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the anointing of the Spirit, we are challenged by today's Gospel to remain thirsty for the *living water*, which only God can give.

First Reading (Exodus 17:3-7)

Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Second Reading (Romans 5:1-2.5-8)

God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel (John 4:5-42)

This tells the story of Jesus' touching encounter with a Samaritan woman.



"Here comes my friend, Douglass!" Carl Sandberg describes the firm stand that Abraham Lincoln took against racial prejudice. One particularly stirring drama unfolded on the night of Lincoln's second Inaugural Ball. He had just delivered the blazing address in which he made famous the words, "With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work that we are in." That evening in a White House reception room, Lincoln stood shaking hands with a long line of well-wishers. Someone informed him that Frederick Douglass was at the door, but security wouldn't let him in because he was black. Lincoln broke off from high-level protocol and instructed security to bring Douglass to him, at once. The crowd of guests hushed as the great black leader appeared at the door. In a booming voice that filled the silence, Lincoln unashamedly announced, "Here comes my friend, Douglass!" And then turning to Douglass, Lincoln said, "I am glad to see you. I saw you in the crowd today, listening to my address. There is no man in the country whose opinion I value more than yours. I want to know what you think of it." Those who see and respect the rich human qualities in those individuals whom others reject blaze pioneer trails through thick jungles of bigotry. The next generation can walk on the paths made by such giants as Lincoln who drew inspiration from Jesus' example and teaching! Today's Gospel shows us Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman and social outcast, giving us a model to follow in this world.

A LENTEN THOUGHT

- T** Take Time
- A** Acknowledge God and be honest
- L** Listen
- K** Keep nothing to yourselves, give it to others

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have Mercy on me a sinner

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New Parishioners 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**

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH:

- 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, after praying the Lamb of God, 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?
- This week all priests in parish ministry are gathering with Bishop Paul at Hanmer Springs for a two-day live-in meeting. We will be reflecting on our roles as priests in the new parishes that will be launched on Pentecost Sunday, in Christchurch. With the change to the number and structure of our parishes in Christchurch there must also be a change of culture as we refocus our life and work on evangelisation – bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.
- **Coronavirus** A few enquiries have been received regarding receiving of the chalice and exchanging the sign of peace at Mass. The Bishops' Conference has a plan for guidelines to be put in place should this be needed. The situation is being continually monitored.
- Stations of the Cross are prayed after the 12.10 Mass and at 5.30pm every Friday.
- Sr Celine was farewelled on Monday at Nazareth House Chapel in Christchurch. We held our own Memorial service on Friday. Many people will miss her smile and presence. May she Rest in Peace.

DIARY:

Sunday 15 March

FILIPINO MASS St Thomas' Church 7.00pm.

Monday 16 March

EUCHRE in St Thomas' Lounge 1.30pm.

ROSARY 4.00pm in St Thomas' Church.

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

Tuesday 17 March

MAINLY MUSIC 9.30am in St Thomas' Lounge.

All pre-schoolers and parents welcome to this fun time.

MARIAN MOVEMENT 2pm St Thomas'

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

Afternoon tea and raffles. All players welcome.

FIRST COMMUNION Parent Meeting 7.30pm

Wednesday 18 March

CATHOLIC WOMENS LEAGUE 2.00pm. St Thomas' Lounge.

Thursday 19 March

FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting changed to 5.15pm

Thursday 26 March

Friday 20 March

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

Sunday 22 March

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAMME Presentation of Ten Commandments 10.30am Mass **MOVIE** "The Nun's Story"

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

Recently Deceased: Sr Celine, Monica Richards, Marie Smith

Anniversaries: 28/3 Patricia Murphy

MASS TIME TABLE THIS WEEK:

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil		
Sunday	9.00am	10.30am	5.00pm
Monday to Thursday	9.00am		
Friday	12.10pm		
Saturday	9.30am		

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

Exposition & Reconciliation: Friday 11.45am—Midday, Saturday 10.00am—10.30am

St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass times are:

Sunday 9.00am Thursday 9.30am.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

LENTEN STUDY GROUP meeting 7.30pm on Wednesday's of Lent at St Thomas' Church. Not too late to attend.

NZ CATHOLIC New issue available in the foyer

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available in the church foyer.

RAFFLES: Two raffles drawn this week, winner of the \$100 note's are Veronica Casey and Arthur & Margaret Clarke. Congratulations. We have another \$100.00 raffle this week. Thank you for your support.

ST JOSEPH'S INDOOR BOWLS CLUB

Opening night Monday 16 March at 7.00pm. TIBA Stadium, 20 Ranui Avenue. New and existing members most welcome. Coaching provided. Phone Frank 6860946.

CHEESE ROLLS: We are selling cheese rolls again this year—making them on 3 and 4 April. Watch this space.

WELCOME evening for Frs Chris and Do will be held in St Thomas' Lounge Sunday 29 March. BYO and plate for supper.

VIETNAM WATER PURIFICATION PLANT UPDATE

Go to Holy Family Parish Facebook page and see No 3 Plant up and running.

MASS FOR LIFE Bishop Paul will celebrate the Diocesan Mass for Life on **Wednesday 25 March 7.30pm** at St Mary's Pro Cathedral. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

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.



THIS WEEK'S MOVIE

Sunday 22 March **'THE NUN'S STORY'** will be showing at 6.00pm, starring Audrey Hepburn, Peter Finch, Dame Edith Evans. A true story—not to be missed. Only \$10.00

All proceeds to Sacred Heart Basilica Restoration. Bookings: Ph Terry 684 4070 and leave a message.

4th Sunday in Lent - 22 March 2020
1Samuel 16:1 6-7,10-13 Ephesians 5: 8-14 John 9:1-41