

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 JULY 2021

The people, "seeing the sign" of the multiplication of the loaves, exclaim, "This really is the prophet." "God gives himself to us through the gestures of life, hence, it is through them also that we are to give ourselves to him.... It is not a matter of running away from life, but of entering it in its depths, down into the encounter with the divine Source in the transparency of the act". As the Psalmist expresses it, in front of the signs of God that grace our life, we are to "call on him from hearts". That is how we "lead a life worthy" of our call.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:42-44
The miraculous food which the prophet Elisha gave to hungry people was a sign of God's concern for his people.



Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6
St Paul pleads with the Ephesians to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony.

Gospel - John 6:1-15
Like Elisha, Jesus feeds the people miraculously, but does so even more astonishingly.

God's extravagance

Consider our universe. Did you know that if you could bore a hole in the sun and somehow put in 1.2 million earths, you would still have space left over for 4.3 million moons. The sun is 865,000 miles in diameter and 93 million miles away from earth. Pluto, still in our solar system but in the opposite direction, is 2.7 billion miles away. And there are billions of such solar systems. What are they there for? As best we can determine, they have no other purpose than to give us light, and so joy, in the darkness and, perhaps, to serve as a challenge to humanity to keep moving ever outward and upward. Galileo once put it this way, "The sun, which has all those planets revolving about it and depending on it for their orderly functions, can ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the world to do." -- And it doesn't! God has brought into being a magnificent creation with the sole purpose of providing for His children's needs. Isn't that mind-boggling? But why such extravagance, why such bounty, why such seeming waste? We find a case of Christ's extravagance in today's Gospel in feeding 5000 people.

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'S HAPPENING IN THE PARISH?

HOLY FAMILY PARISH AGM

Will be held in St Thomas' Lounge at 11.30am on Sunday 8 August. All welcome.

HOSPITAL VISIT: If you have someone in hospital and would like a visit from a priest, please phone Fr Chris or Do, otherwise let the office know so it can be passed on.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE are looking for new members young and old. We meet once a month in the Parish Centre for a cuppa and social catch up. Our aim is to raise money for the missions and assist where needed in the parish. Phone Helen in the Parish Office 6862010 if you would like to be part of our team.

GLENITI AUTO SERVICES:

Thank you to the team at Challenge, Gleniti Auto Services for supporting our Basilica appeal through their Community Charity Fund. We received \$2,106 and are most appreciative.

For up to date news of what is happening in New Zealand and around the world enter: CathNews New Zealand for interesting articles.

WELCOME all children back from school holidays. Hope you have had a good break.

Respect Life Sunday will be renamed Support Life Sunday from this year, to better reflect the active work Catholics must do to help people facing significant life decisions. Bishop Steve Lowe, Secretary of the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference, says the term "respect life" can seem passive. "Support Life reminds us that we are all called to both uphold the dignity of all life and be active in the practical work needed to support people facing significant life decisions." Support Life Sunday is Sunday 10 October, with the theme "Honouring and Supporting Health Carers: Full details on www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/respect-

Drastic times, call for drastic measures. There are so many problems in the world today it can seem overwhelming. Fasting and prayer are very powerful. Go to 3daysoffasting.com Please share with family and friends.

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



Recently Deceased: Mary Goodwin, Lorraine Doyle,

Anniversary: 24/7 Alan Welford, 28/7 Scott McFarlane, 29/7 Patrick Cody, 31/7 Elizabeth Robinson,

Other Intentions: Leo, Francie, Margaret & James Murphy.

Intentions of: Special Intentions x 2, Mary Phillips

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	9.00pm	St Thomas'
Wednesday	9.00am	St Thomas'
Thursday	9.00am	St Thomas'
Friday	9.15am	Sacred Heart
Saturday	9.30am	St Thomas'

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

Reconciliation: Sat 10.00—10.30am in St Thomas'

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 25 July

PARISH MID-YEAR lunch, Grey Way Lounge at 12 noon.

Monday 26 July

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.

Tuesday 27 July

MAINLY MUSIC recommences at 9.30am in St Thomas' Lounge. All pre-schoolers welcome.

EUCHRE held at 87 North Street at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea and raffles. All welcome at 2.00pm.

Wednesday 28 July

OCIA process starts in Parish Centre, Craigie Avenue.

CWL craft afternoon held at 2.00pm, 79 Hassall Street.

Friday 30 July

PRAYER GROUP meet 10.00am in St Thomas' Lounge.

REFLECTION:

Discovering one's own riches.

I lived on the shady side of the road and watched my neighbours' gardens across the way revelling in the sunshine.

I felt I was poor

and from door to door went in my hunger.

The more they gave me from their careless abundance the more I became aware of my beggar's bowl.

Till one morning I awoke from my sleep at the sudden opening of my door and you came and asked for alms.

In despair I broke open the lid of my chest And was startled into finding my own wealth.

18th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - 1 AUGUST 2021

Exodus 16:2-4,12-15, Ephesians 4:17,20-24,
John 6:24-35