

Holy Family Parish Timaru



St Thomas the Apostle Church
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Sacred Heart Basilica
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SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

5 DECEMBER 2021

All these names—Pontius Pilate, Herod, Annas, and Caiaphas—belong in the Passion of Christ. Why, then, do we hear them now before his birth? To remind us of why the Lord was born: “Jesus Christ was born to die on the cross” (Saint Leo the Great). The winding road that Christ makes straight is the way to Calvary. With Christ we want to “walk in safety under the glory of God...by the light of his glory with his mercy and integrity for escort.” We do that this Advent by living the memory that Christ is born to save us. The love of Christ Jesus moves us to embrace every sacrifice that prepares in us the way of the cross. In Christ’s flesh “all people shall see the salvation of God”.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem is told to forget the sufferings of the past because God is going to bring back her exiled children to her.



Second Reading — Philippians 1:3-6,8-11

Paul urges his fellow Christians to prepare for the second coming of Christ by pure and blameless lives.

Gospel — Luke 3:1-6

John the Baptist urges the people to prepare a way for the Lord through repentance.

PARISH OFFICE

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“May I know your name?”

In a certain cathedral in Europe, there was a magnificent pipe organ that only the designated church organist was allowed to play. One day, while the sexton was checking the choir loft before closing the church, he heard the footsteps of a stranger climb into the choir loft. “Please, sir,” begged the stranger, “I have travelled a long way only to be able to sit and play this marvellous organ.

May I have your kind permission to do so?” “No,” replied the sexton, “This instrument may be played only by one person. If I allow you, I may lose my job.” The stranger understood, but appeared deeply disappointed. “But,” he persisted, “may I play just a few chords? I promise it won’t be long. A few moments are all I ask.” The sexton was moved to compassion and permitted that stranger to play the pipe organ, on condition that he stopped after a few bars. Moving to the seat before that magnificent organ, the stranger closed his eyes for a few moments, and then began. His touch was so masterful and the music so delightful, that the sexton just stood there as though transfixed. He just couldn’t believe his ears. The stranger was an accomplished musician and brilliant organist. A few minutes later, the stranger stopped and slid off the bench. Gratefully he thanked the sexton for permitting him that rare privilege and began to walk away. “Wait,” pleaded the sexton, “I have never heard such music from this organ before. Please tell me your name?” The stranger replied, “Mendelssohn.” “What!” exclaimed the stupefied sexton, “are you truly the famous composer and musician, Felix Mendelssohn?” “Yes, sir,” replied the stranger, and modestly walked away. Every good turn done to another in need is actually done to Jesus, who like Felix Mendelssohn, presents himself in a surprising disguise.

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 Mass can I attend?

From Friday 3 December weekday masses (Monday to Saturday) in both St Thomas Church and the Basilica can be attended by vaccinated and unvaccinated parishioners. Maximum attendance is 50 people. A vaccine pass will not have to be shown.

The Saturday Vigil at 6.00pm and the 9.00am & 10.30am Sunday Masses can be attended by you (and unlimited numbers) if you can show your vaccine pass.

In our region (Timaru, Pleasant Point, Geraldine, Fairlie, Temuka and Waimate) the 5.00pm Sunday Mass and the 6pm Saturday evening at Pleasant Point can be attended by vaccinated and unvaccinated parishioners with a maximum attendance of 50 people.

Please note that after your vaccine pass has been checked (where needed) you are still required to scan in or record your name on the attendance sheet.

Currently, a mask is highly recommended, but not mandatory.

Please be kind to the greeting staff over the next few weekends who have extra duties to perform. Please remember that we are only undertaking these measures to comply with Government regulations. Our church can be liable for a \$15,000 fine if we breach these health provisions. Any difficulties will result in the Mass not being celebrated.



Happy 6th anniversary of priesthood to Fr Do today (Sunday).
Ad multos annos!

The BISHOP'S care appeal 2021 goes towards providing food, counselling and support for men, women and children struggling in the community. Advent is a good opportunity to look and see what we can do better to bring the love of God to those around us. To stop and notice what we have and those who have not.

Envelopes are available in the foyer at St Thomas' Church and Our Lady's door at Sacred Heart Basilica.

St Joseph's School's hard working caretaker is retiring. We are looking for a reliable energetic Caretaker for 20 hours a week. The position involves a wide range of duties to help ensure our school is a clean, safe and secure environment. Experience in hazard identification, building, grounds and general maintenance an advantage. Vaccination mandated.

Please email office@stjosephstimaru.school.nz for the job description and apply by sending your CV with a covering letter.

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

Anniversary: 4/12 Maurice Hansen, 5/12 Mary McLean, 7/12 Jim Aitchison, 9/12 Kevin Ashley

Other Intentions: Dec'd Members Aitchison, Murphy & Ashley 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
Tuesday	9.00am St Thomas'
Wednesday	1.30pm St Thomas' Friendly Afternoon.
Thursday	9.00am St Thomas'
Friday	9.00am St Thomas'
Saturday	9.30am Sacred Heart

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

RECONCILIATION: 10.00am—10.30am after Mass.



Could PARISHIONERS who don't have a land line phone anymore and are now using a cell phone, please let the office know your new number, so we can update our records. Thanking you.

ADVENT: FOOD FOR FAITH offers brief daily reflections for Advent at www.foodforfaith.org.nz.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL have Christmas Calendars and Christmas Cards for sale at the shop till 22 December. Calendars \$12.00, Cards \$4.00.

More instrumentalists needed to accompany/lead singing at 6pm Saturday, 10.30am and 5pm Sunday Masses over 2022. If you're happy to help out once a month or so, contact martin@organist.kiwi



A young, female teacher, practising Catholic, quiet, is seeking accommodation - beginning 2022 in Timaru. If any parishioner is open to the idea of a boarder or knows of potential options, please contact the parish office.

A Parishioner has a piano to give away. If you would like to know more phone 0212550623 or phone the office 6862010.

VACCINATION PASSPORT

If you are unable to access a 'vaccine passport' the Timaru Library will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but an appointment must be made—ph 6877202. You must have a valid driving licence or passport for ID and take along your device.

If you have none of these phone 0800 222 478 to request a physical copy and have your NHI number ready. Some chemist shops also do them for you with NHI number.

FAREWELL MUSICAL AFTERNOON TEA:

You are invited to an afternoon of music, song and fun at the Holy Family Parish Centre on Saturday 18 December at 3.00pm. We will sadly be saying thank you and goodbye to the Kim family who have contributed generously to enriching liturgy and music in our Parish over the last five years. Do come along, bring a plate if you can and our line-up of talent will surprise you! Vaccine passport necessary.

A small black bag with purple zip found in the Parish Centre. Phone Helen in office 6862010.

12 December 2021— 3rd Sunday in Advent
Zephaniah 3:14-18, Philippians 4:4-7, Luke 3:10-18