

Holy Family Parish Timaru



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CHRIST THE KING

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The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now. As we celebrate the Kingship of Christ may we be given grace to acknowledge afresh his rule in our lives, and to serve him with deeper commitment and greater enthusiasm, thereby hastening by our life and work the time when he will be universally recognised as Lord and Saviour.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Daniel 7:13-14

The prophet Daniel foresees the coming of one who will have dominion over all peoples. Christians see this as a reference to Christ, the Universal King.



Second Reading - Apocalypse 1:5-8

Christ will take full possession of his kingdom only at the end of time.

Gospel - John 18:33-37

Jesus declares before Pilate that he is indeed a King, but that his kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world.

In the Church's calendar, Christ the King is the parallel of a Rugby World Cup final. The Church's liturgical year concludes with this feast of Christ the King, instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to celebrate the Jubilee Year and the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. Instituting this feast, Pope Pius XI proclaimed: *"Pax Christi in regno Christi"* ("The peace of Christ in the reign of Christ"). This feast was established and proclaimed by the Pope to reassert the sovereignty of Christ and the Church over all forms of government and to remind Christians of the fidelity and loyalty we owe to Christ, who by his Incarnation and sacrificial death on the cross has made us both adopted children of God and future citizens and heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin, that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Christ our spiritual King and Ruler, rules by Truth and Love. We declare our loyalty to Jesus by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. Although emperors and kings with real ruling power exist today only in history books, we nevertheless honor Christ as the King of the Universe and the King of our hearts by allowing Jesus to take control of our lives. In thousands of human hearts all over the world, Jesus still reigns as King. The Cross is Jesus' throne and the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' rule of law. His citizens need obey only one major law: *"Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you."* A King with a saving and liberating mission, Jesus frees us from all types of bondage, enabling us to live peacefully and happily on earth, and promising us an inheritance, in the eternal life of heaven.

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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

Parish PG Bank A/c 03 1592 0602308 23

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH

Fr Do will be on retreat from tonight until Friday.

Congratulations to the RCIA Candidates who will be welcomed into the Church this weekend.

Shjon-Maree te Puke-Bourke
Ashley and Christopher Herbert
Nera Gordon.

A **Pastoral Letter** from the Catholic Bishops of new Zealand was released this week.

Guidelines for worshipping and ministering with Covid-19 in our midst after December 15 under the 'traffic light' system will allow people to gather in churches under certain conditions; either in limited numbers if vaccination passes are not required, or in potentially unrestricted numbers by presenting proof of vaccination in the form of the official "My Vaccine Pass". Church leaders are currently struggling with how we might best and safely allow for church gatherings.

Our Parish will provide Masses for people with a My Vaccine Pass while ensuring there is the opportunity for people without a pass to access a separate numbers-restricted option where possible.

More information will be available as it comes to hand. If you have not been vaccinated you may in the future be excluded from receiving the sacraments.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS have arrived for 2022. If you want to get in early they are still only \$12.00 from the office.

DAILY MASS CALENDARS have arrived. This year they are \$5.00 each from the office.

The 5.00pm Mass at the Basilica requires more readers and minister of communion. If you can help please phone Fr Chris 021474308.

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



Recently Deceased: Maurice Purcell, Murray Gibson,

Anniversary: 9/11 Bill Langrell, 18/11 Bernard Feely

Other Intentions: Nora & Patrick Scully, Helen Brosnahan, Jane Brosnahan, Des, Bev & Byron Nolan, Dec'd members Scott, Baird, Zandbergen, Loomes, Carter & Parker families.

MASS TIME TABLE

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

A Funeral Mass will replace the scheduled Mass.

RECONCILIATION: 10.00am—10.30am after Mass.



MERCY PAST PUPILS ASSN ANNUAL MASS,

Next Sunday 28 November,

Mercy Past Pupils Assn regret to advise that due to Covid Restrictions the 10.30am Mass and luncheon function has

been amended.

However to allow for more spacing at Mass we encourage you to attend the **5.00pm Mass** at **Sacred Heart Basilica** next Sunday. We invite you to bring a plate and share a cuppa in the Parish Centre after Mass.

Margaret Cosgrove—for the committee.

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

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE would like to thank members and parishioners for the wonderful support for the 'Hagar Trust' fund raising we did. \$920.00 has gone towards saving Vietnamese girls from being lured into China on the pretence of work and exploited into marriage and slavery.

The Kingdom of Jesus

Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world,'
Jesus does not rule as earthly kings rule.
He has no palace, no throne, no crown, no army.
Yet we give him an allegiance and a loyalty,
which we would not give to any other person
or institution on earth.
Alone and unarmed he stood before Pilate.
Pilate, had thousands of soldiers to call upon.
Jesus had no soldier to call upon.
Yet Jesus was incomparably the greater of the two.
Jesus is the hope of the human race.
He rules, not by force, but by love.
Lord Jesus, may your kingdom come,
and may you remember me on that day.

28 November 2021
Jeremiah 33:14-16, Thessalonians 3:12-4:2,
Luke 21:25-28,34-36