

# HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

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St Thomas' Church  
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Timaru

St Patrick's Parish  
3 Timaru Road  
Waimate



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**4th Sunday in Lent**

**31 March 2019**

## Fourth Sunday of Lent:

*Fr John O'Connor*

The gospel this weekend is the parable of the Prodigal Son. In the gospel Jesus is giving new vision. This is clearly evident when a lost son realises that he is lost and chooses to return home to his loving father.

Both sons lacked maturity and were bound by their fears and compulsions. The prodigal saw his home life and his father as obstacles to his freedom. He runs from this, soon falling victim to every superficial attraction, waking up to realise that such an existence is not freedom but imprisonment. The home-bound son might initially appear to be virtuous, but on the return of his wayward brother his repressed anger and childish fragility erupts and he is unable to delight in the return of his brother. Both sons are immature, one a fearful child, the other a reactionary teenager. Both are sinners, but we see only the prodigal reaching the great turning point of faith and accepting the loving embrace of the father. Such a life-giving conversion come to us only when we are brought to our knees as the prodigal son was when he realised that life in the pig-pen was no life at all.

## LENTEN PROGRAMME

**+Stations of the Cross:** - Fridays of Lent after midday Mass and at 7.00pm at St Thomas' Church.

### + Anointing Mass:

**Waimate:** Thursday, 4 April, 2.00pm, at Lister Home, followed by Afternoon Tea.

**Timaru:** Thursday, 11 April, 2.00pm, at St Thomas' Church, followed by Afternoon Tea.

**Timaru:** Tuesday, 16 April, 2.00pm, at St Thomas' Church, followed by Afternoon Tea.

**+Lenten Reconciliation** Thursday, 11 April, 7.00pm, at St Thomas' Church (there will be four priests present).

**Caritas Lenten Appeal:** envelopes are available in foyer. The money collected from this annual appeal is used in the Church's relief, aid and development work.

**Chairperson Parish Council:** Gary Shand,

**Chairperson Finance Committee:**

**Chairperson Property Committee:** Jim Anderson

**Sacred Heart Primary School:**

**Principal:** David Armstrong, Ph.: 688 8188

**St Joseph's Primary School:**

**Principal:** Carmel Brosnahan-Pye, Ph.: 688 1376

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**Principal:** Chris Comeau, Ph.: 688 6003

## HUMANITY OF THE UNBORN CHILD

Upcoming legislation intends to allow ABORTION UP TO BIRTH. If you're willing to come against this please email Name and postal area to: [tonybrenner@hotmail.com](mailto:tonybrenner@hotmail.com)

**MONTHLY CUPPA** after 10.30am Mass next Sunday 7 April. This will be a special cuppa for Easter.

## Holy Week & Easter Timetable 2019

**Monday:** 9.00am – Communion Service. (Priests in Christchurch)

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at St Mary's Pro-cathedral, Christchurch, on Monday, 15 April, 7.30pm. At this mass the Holy Oils are blessed by the Bishop for use during the coming year. The Holy Oils will be brought up during Mass on Holy Thursday.

**Tuesday:** 2.00pm – Anointing Mass, followed by Afternoon Tea.

**Wednesday:** 9.00am Mass

## Easter Triduum

### Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper:

**Timaru:** 7.00pm, St Thomas' Church; followed for a 30 minute period of quiet prayer at the 'Altar of Repose' - which will be set-up in the lounge.

**Waimate:** 7.00pm, followed by a short period of quiet prayer at the 'Altar of Repose'.

**Good Friday: Stations of the Cross:** St Andrew's Church, St Andrews, at 11.00am.

### Good Friday: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

**Timaru:** St Thomas', 3.00pm.

**Waimate:** 3.00pm.

(There's traditionally a retiring collection on this day for the 'Holy Places' – that is, for the maintenance of shrines in the Holy Land that the Catholic Church has responsibility for).

### Easter Vigil: celebration of the Resurrection

**Timaru: St Thomas' 7.00pm** - this replaces the 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

At Easter Masses – a book - "Resisting Happiness" will be distributed to parishioners.

### Easter Sunday:

**Timaru:** St Thomas' - 9.00am; 10.30am; (**NO** 5.00pm Mass).

**Waimate:** 9.00am.

**Easter Monday:** 9.00am Mass at St Thomas' (as it is within the Octave of Easter).

After the Octave of Easter, the Monday morning Mass reverts to a 'Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of Holy Communion'.

**DIARY:**Monday 1 April**EUCHRE** in St Thomas' Lounge 1.30pm. All welcome.**ROSARY** group meet in St Thomas' Church 4.00pm.**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Sacred Heart Conference meet in Sacred Heart Centre 4.45pm**MEN'S GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 7.30pm.

All men welcome.

Tuesday 2 April**MAINLY MUSIC** 9.30am St Thomas' Lounge.**EUCHRE** Sacred Heart Centre, Napier St, 1.30pm. Raffle & afternoon tea. All players welcome old and new.**MARIAN MOVEMENT** meet in St Thomas' Chapel 2.00pm.Wednesday 3 April.**NOVENA: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP AND DIVINE****MERCY** will be held in Sacred Heart Centre downstairs at 6.00pm All welcome.Friday 5 April**FIRST FRIDAY** 9.00am-5.00pm in St Thomas' Chapel.**PRAYER GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 10.00am.**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** after midday Mass and 7.00pm In St Thomas' Church.Sunday 7 April**FIRST COMMUNION** Children will be presented with the Ten Commandments.**CUPPA** after 10.30am Mass. All welcome.**FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** this Friday 5 April, 9am - 5pm in St Thomas' Chapel. Community prayer—Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and reflection, commences 4.10pm All welcome for some part of the day.

About 30 parishioners attended the Talk by Fr Brendan Daly - it was a topical subject and there were plenty of questions and discussion.

**MUSICIANS:**

Together we are strong! The Holy Family Parish is seeking musicians, young and old, who would like to contribute towards the musical liturgy of our church, especially the 5.00pm Sunday Mass. Due to illness, we are running short of musicians. Please phone Carrie, 0276844081 if you are keen to help out.

**MEALS ON WHEELS:** Drivers are **urgently** needed during the month of May. This year we are asked to do the five day per week. Please phone Colleen 6888112.**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Festival Meeting, Sunday 14 April for all Conferences, will be held in St Thomas' Lounge after 10.30am Mass.Next **Baptismal Preparation Programme** for parents wishing to have a child baptised will be on Sundays 28 April and 5 May, 7.00pm - 8.15pm, at St Thomas' in St Thomas' Lounge. Contact Fr Brian or office to enrol.**Muslim & Christian relations** - The Christchurch terrorist attacks have challenged us to overcome our ignorance of different faith perspectives in the hope of creating local communities of harmony. Brother Peter Bray, a New Zealander, who is Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University where 25% of students are Christian and 25% Muslim - he will speak in Christchurch on Thursday, 4 April, 7.00pm. *Villa Maria College*, Peer Street. For more information contact Fr. John O'Connor: [www.foodforfaith.org.nz](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz)**MASS OFFERINGS: We pray for the sick of the parish and those for whom Mass is requested:****Recently Deceased:** Patricia Murphy, Mary Maxwell (Temuka)**Anniversaries:** 23/3 Helen Brosnahan, 26/3 Anne Grimmer, Clarrie MacDonald, 4/4 Ngaire O'Sullivan,**Other Intentions:** Teresa Scott, Bernard Gallen, Decd members of Brosnahan, Scott, Gallen, MacDonald & Cooper Families**Intention of:** De McCaffrey (90th Birthday), 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
Tuesday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Wednesday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Thursday	St Thomas'	9.00am
Friday	St Thomas'	12.10pm
Saturday	St Thomas'	9.30am

**Funeral Masses** take the place of scheduled weekday Mass.**Exposition & Reconciliation** Tuesday 9.30am

Friday 11.30am, Saturday 10.00am

**St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass** times are:

Sunday 9.00am Anointing Mass 2.00pm Lister Home

**ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS—St Thomas'**

We need Greeters, Altar Servers, Musician, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Projectionists for the Easter Ceremonies. If you are available, can you please put your name on the clipboard in the foyer.

**MY CHALLENGE - MY COMMUNITY:**

Gleniti Challenge Service Station has offered to donate customers' fuel discount or bonus points to the Basilica Renovation Fund. If you are a customer, please ask the staff at Gleniti Challenge about this easy way to donate.

This weeks **raffle** is the an Easter Basket, a Bound Family Bible, Easter Bunny and Gift Basket.The Parish Council are doing **CHEESE ROLLS** as a fundraiser. Order forms available in Church foyer, Please take a form, fill it out and sell to family and friends.

Money with orders due in by Sunday 7 April. Costs: one dozen \$6.00, three dozen \$15.00, four dozen \$20.00.

Making 13 April, Mountain View High School.

**Volunteers** required Friday from 4-6pm for preparing mixture, Saturday starting 8.00am roll making and help needed for clean up later on Saturday. Donations of evaporated milk, Onion Soup Mix, food safety gloves or plastic bags for bagging rolls would be greatly appreciated. Please contact office to leave name and time available to help. Money and orders can be put into box in church foyer after Masses or left in office when open.Due to health issues, Rosemary Lamb has resigned from playing the organ at 5.00pm Mass and playing the piano at Rest Homes - when *Holy Family Parish* leads the Ecumenical Services.

Is there a parishioner who would be willing to play the piano at 3 Rest Homes - normally just 'good old traditional hymns'? This is not an onerous task, and the old folk are appreciative....and we would be very appreciative.

**C Lunds** have commenced erecting the scaffolding on the north-side to the Basilica. ....so there is more evidence of work commencing. As with most work, the preparation is essential.**MOVIE EVENING 6.15pm****Next Sunday 7 April St Thomas' Lounge.**Next movie "**GENEVIEVE**" The hilarious trip by Vintage Car from London to Brighton. To book your seat telephone Terry Kennedy on 684 4070 and be sure to leave your phone number so he can call back to confirm your booking. Bring the family.**Fifth Sunday in Lent—7 April**

Isaiah 43:16-21, Philippians 3: 8-11, John 8, 1-11