

HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

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Palm Sunday

14 April 2019

With today's celebration of Palm Sunday we enter a week that we call Holy Week. While every week is holy, in this Holy Week we face death. While some will simply look back two thousand years and recall this historic events of Jesus' suffering and death, we Christians today make a decision to walk this path to the cross with Jesus. Not that we will necessarily die this week, but every one of us will face death in some way: uncertainly in a relationship, work and home worries, financial insecurity, anxiety about those we love. Each of these unwanted experiences is a taste of death and every week is holy when we remember the cross of Jesus.

As a child I recall crucifixes hanging prominently in Catholic homes and classrooms. In recent years we seem to have thought it better to focus on the resurrection, egged-on by an emphasis on positive thinking urging us to look on the bright side of life. But our challenge is to recall that resurrection only makes sense for the one who has died. And death (because of the death and resurrection of Jesus) is no longer the problem in life or the obstacle to growth but the pathway to intimacy with God and others now and eternally.

And the Sign of the Cross, the best known of all Catholic Prayers, even when signed in silence in a moment of need, is the most simple and profound of all prayers.

Fr John O'Connor

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Principal: Chris Comeau, Ph.: 688 6003

Next Waimate Visitation 6-10 May.

Holy Week & Easter Timetable 2019

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday - we will bless the Palms at the Church Door; please gather outside.

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

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at St Mary's Pro-cathedral, Christchurch, on Monday, 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, 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" by Matthew Kelly 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'.

Easter Tuesday & Wednesday: Mass at 9.00am

Thursday - Anzac Day - Mass at 8.30am

Easter Friday: Mass at 12.10pm

Easter Saturday: Mass 9.30am

NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEKEND—EASTER

DIARY:Monday 15 April**EUCHRE** in St Thomas' Lounge 1.30pm. All welcome.**ROSARY** group meet in St Thomas' Church 4.00pm.**MEN'S GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 7.30pm.

All men welcome.

Tuesday 16 April**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 17 April**NOVENA: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP AND DIVINE MERCY** will be held in Sacred Heart Centre downstairs at 6.00pm All welcome.**CWL** meet in Sacred Heart Centre at 2.00pm, Cuppa after.Friday 19 April**No PRAYER GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 10.00am.**No LATIN MASS** this month clashing with Easter.Easter Sunday 21 April**FILIPINO MASS:** 7.00pm in St Thomas' Church.**From Fr Brian**

The Easter Egg Baskets Raffle gained \$600.00 for the Earthquake Strengthening Fund. Over a month period the raffles make a contribution to the Fund.

Old Coins and Stamp Collections are still being accepted.

There are flyers in the church foyer—if any visitors, over the Easter Holidays, would like to make a donation.

Last weeks raffle \$100.00 note, was won by Michael McAuley, Congratulations.

We will start raffles again after Easter.

Thank you for all your support.

Retreat Day: Fr John O'Connor has offered to lead a Retreat Day at St Thomas' Church/ Lounge on **Saturday 4 May**, from 10.30am - 3.30pm. There will be the normal 9.30am Mass.

From Fr John:

"An invitation to take some time in the midst of your full life to rediscover the heart of your life of faith. You may never have been on retreat before. This day is for you. You may have taken many opportunities to deepen your relationship with God in recent years. This day is for you too. I look forward to spending time with you, people of every age, 20's, 30's 40's 50's and older".

If you would like some idea of the content look up Fr. John's website at www.foodforfaith.org.nz. It is a worthwhile website to view - he has good reflections.**EUTHANASIA BILL**

The second reading of David Seymour's Euthanasia Bill will happen some time in May.

There is a 'NO TO EUTHANASIA' petition on clipboard in the foyer. Even though you may have completed "cards" early in 2018, we still need this petition signed.

Petition is available until this Monday 15 April

MASS OFFERINGS: We pray for the sick of the parish and those for whom Mass is requested:**Recently Deceased:** Sharon King, Vida Ryan, Daniel Morel, Patricia Murphy,**Anniversaries:** 10/4 Pat Bain, 15/4 Eileen Laws, 14/4 Robeiv Frasee, 16/4 Mary Kerr, Ellen MacDonald, Keri Beeby, 17/4 John Kunnen, 21/4 Charles Haggart, 24/4 Tom Ashley,**Other Intentions:** Noel Holland, Mary Conlan, Decd Members Ashley, Laws, Holland, Conlan, Beeby, Brosnahan Families. Holy Souls**Intention of:** Special Intention.**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 Communion Service
Tuesday	St Thomas'	2.00pm Anointing Mass
Wednesday	St Thomas'	9.00am

Funeral Masses take the place of scheduled weekday Mass.

No Exposition this week.

Reconciliation Saturday 10.00am**St Patrick's Parish Waimate Mass** times are:

Sunday 9.00am	Mass 9.30am
	(No Mass Anzac Day)

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.

HELP NEEDEDLatin Tutor willing to provide one-on-one tutoring either on a Monday or Tuesday afternoon from 3.30pm to 4.30pm at Roncalli College from the week of Monday, 29 July for an international student. Please email international@roncalli.school.nz or contact the College office 688 6003.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.Brother Guy Consolmagno SJ - from the **Vatican Space Observatory** - is giving 3 Presentations in Christchurch on Tuesday 30 April. There will be a Public Presentation at 7.00pm-8.30pm at the Philip Carter Family Auditorium, the Piano & Arts Centre; cost \$20. Contact Sharon Lee: SLee@chch.catholic.org.nz

For anyone who is interested: contact the Parish Office - and Helen will email flyers on this event.

GARAGE SALE

The Parish Council are organising a Monster Garage Sale which will be held in St Patrick's Hall on 18 May. If you have saleable items you wish to donate to us - or would like to help out, please contact Kevin Brosnahan 6887268 or Mike Prenderville 688538. Thank you.

ALSO**MID-WINTER ST PADDY'S NIGHT**Holy Family Parish will be joining with Opihi Parish in a fun filled night of entertainment and dancing on Saturday the 29th of June at the Caroline Bay Hall. This is a combined earthquake fundraiser. **KEEP THIS DATE FREE.**Parishioners who contribute to **Planned Giving** via Automatic Payment—envelopes have been printed for you for the Special Contributions: (ie: Easter, Christmas etc.) and are available to be collected from the Church foyer.**NEXT MOVIE:** "Those Daring Young Men in their Jaunty Jallopies" starring Tony Curtis, will be held on Sunday 26 May at 6.15pm.Copies of **INFORM** will be distributed this weekend. It has an article on the fundraising for the Earthquake Strengthening of the Basilica.