

HOLY FAMILY PARISH TIMARU & ST PATRICK'S PARISH WAIMATE

Sacred Heart Basilica
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Timaru



St Thomas' Church
12 Mountain View Road
Timaru

St Patrick's Parish
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Waimate



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2nd Sunday in Lent

17 March 2019

Second Sunday in Lent.

Fr John O'Connor

The Mount of the Transfiguration is not too far from the Sea of Galilee. From every direction it rises distinctively from the plain landscape as a solitary hill. In a similar way, the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus rises up as if from nowhere in the Gospels. All of a sudden Jesus is speaking with the Old Testament prophets Moses and Elijah and his clothes become *dazzling white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them.*

The Transfiguration of Jesus is the event that communicates an open door between earthly ordinariness, (days and weeks of routine and mundane and struggling existence), and divine eternity. In this moment Peter, James and John got a taste of something more; so much so that they could not even put it into words and did not speak of the event when they went down the mountain. With the birth of Jesus God comes to earth. With the Transfiguration humans taste heaven. This is what happens every time we celebrate the Mass and the sacraments of the Church. The door between heaven and earth is thrown open by God: we express our struggle and our sin and God pours grace onto us and into us and we are enticed into the divine life of God.

When we leave the church after Mass we changed. Like Peter, James and John we will struggle to put this experience into words. We are not even really sure what has happened. The fact is, we have tasted heaven and in the most tangible form of Holy Communion, heaven has come INTO us. We are different, and because of this, even though we go home into the same realities and relationships, every moment of the week ahead is different. This taste of heaven enables us to live fully in every earthly reality.

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

Roncalli College:

Principal: Chris Comeau, Ph.: 688 6003

New Parishioners Holy Family Parish

Timaru and St Patrick's Parish Waimate:

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 or St Patrick's parish, PO Box 24, Waimate.

Name (Mr/Mrs)

Address:

Phone

Email Address

Require:

Planned Giving envelopes: Yes/No

Automatic Payments: Yes/No

LENTEN PROGRAMME

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

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

During Lent—their will be a Mass on **Mondays, 9.00am.**

+ 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 Tuesday, 11 April, 7.00pm, at St Thomas' Church

From Fr Brian

The main activity around the Sacred Heart site this week has been the consolidation of a level track for the crane. Truckloads of shingle have been packed to construct a level track on the south side of the Basilica.

Gary Shand and myself, along with Roncalli College, had a telephone conference with the Diocesan Office to discuss the construction of the joint **Parish-Roncalli Project**. The telephone conference was a good way for about 10 people to have a 'round the table' discussion.

We are hopeful that a buyer for the **Sacred Heart Centre**, on Napier Street, will be identified soon.

A reminder: due to fences around the Sacred Heart site - access to the presbytery is via the back car-park and following a path to the front door.

Fundraising is still on-going.

The Total donations received from our Article and Appeal in the February edition of the **Marist Messenger** is now \$30,505; from 59 donors throughout NZ. We are indebted to Sean Brosnahan for his Article in promoting this Appeal. This is a significant contribution to our fundraising efforts. Parishioners should be thankful for the support given by the wider NZ Catholic Community.

DIARY:Sunday 17 March**FILIPINO MASS** celebrated in St Thomas' Church at 7.00pmMonday 18 March**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 19 March**ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL MASS** 9.00am**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 2.00pmWednesday 20 March**CWL** meet in Sacred Heart Centre (downstairs) at 2.00pm. Guest Speaker and afternoon tea.**FIRST COMMUNION** Parent meeting 7.30pm St Thomas' Lounge.**NOVENA: OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP AND DIVINE MERCY** will be held in Sacred Heart Centre downstairs at 6.00pm All welcome.Thursday 21 March**FINANCE MEETING** in Presbytery at 5.15pm.Friday 22 March**PRAYER GROUP** meet in St Thomas' Lounge 10.00am.Sunday 24 March**BRENDAN DALY** will talk on Reconciliation at 7.00pm in St Thomas' Lounge.**An Invitation:** We often understand prayer as us speaking to Jesus. Set aside five minutes of stillness and silence twice every day this week and gently hear the Father tell you as he told the disciples of Jesus at the Transfiguration: "This is my beloved son Jesus. Listen to him"Fr Brendan Daly will be giving a Talk on **Sunday 24 March, 7.00pm, in St Thomas' Church Lounge** on the recommendations from the Australian Royal Commission on Sexual Abuse. The Talk will outline the Church's teaching on the **Seal of Confession**.

With the upcoming NZ Royal Commission, this is a current topic of discussion within the NZ Church.

Fr Brendan is a Canon Lawyer and on the staff at *Holy Cross College* in Auckland.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.

Once again - a reminder to Timaru & Waimate Parishioners working, on a voluntary basis, with children or the elderly will need to be **Police Vetted**. Vetting Forms are being distributed. Some parishioners have already returned their Police Vetting Forms. This is a requirement of Vulnerable Children & Persons Act.**MASS OFFERINGS: We pray for the sick of the parish and those for whom Mass is requested:****Recently Deceased:** Paul Cain, Aileen Conroy, Ellen Silva, Toni Gabites.**Anniversaries:** 2/3 Raewyn Donehue, 15/3 John Liddy,**Other Intentions:** Wattie & Hollie Barnes,**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
Tuesday	St Thomas'	9.00am St Joseph's School
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 Thursday 9.30am

ST PATRICK'S FEAST DAY is transferred to Monday - it can't take precedence over a Sunday.**FEAST OF ST JOSEPH:** this Tuesday 19 March; St Joseph's School will be leading the liturgy.**First Communion Parents' Meeting:****Timaru** this Wednesday, 7.00pm at St Thomas' Church.**Waimate:** after mass next Sunday, 24 March.**TIMARU DISTRICT CHOIR** presents **The Easter Story** in music, on Saturday 13 April at 2.00pm in Trinity Church, College Road, Timaru and Sunday 14 April in St Augustine, John Street, Waimate.

Directed by Margaret Foley. Entry by Programme available at the door \$15.00 Adult; \$8.00 Student. Or contact Jessie on 6862879. Delicious Easter Tea included.

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.

UK PILGRIMAGE: Join Msgr David Tonks on a spiritual journey to Ireland, Scotland and England: 25 days departing Sunday 23 June. Further details, please contact Laura 09 9215106 or 0800277477 or email: laura@skytrain.co.nz**ST JOSEPH'S INDOOR BOWLS** opening night, Monday 18 March, 7.00pm at the Timaru Indoor Bowling Centre, Ranui Avenue. New members most welcome, phone 6884541 for further information.

Last week's Raffle was a \$100 note. The winner was Jenny Walker. Congratulations. This week a selection of prizes: 25 scratchies, tin of biscuits, Voucher for Pita-Pit, two bottles of wine, a painted plate - first draw has 'pick of the prizes'. The next raffle will be an Easter Basket and a Family Bible.

Congratulations to **Teresa Rooney** - who celebrated her 99th birthday last Tuesday. One year until the 'telegram'.**MOVIE EVENING 6.15pm****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.**Third Sunday in Lent—24 March**

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15, 1Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12, Luke 13:1-9