

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

26 February 2023

First Sunday of Lent

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Genesis 2:7-9. 3:1-7 Romans 5:12. 17-19 Matthew 4:1-11

Today's Gospel shows us the fidelity of Jesus in the face of temptation. His obedience to God is expressed not only in his death, but also in the whole of his life.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am & 10 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday morning at 9:30 am.

ALPHA AT ST COLUMBA'S *Alpha is an 11-week programme which looks at the meaning of life and faith through a Christian perspective. Starts on Wednesday 1st March, beginning at 6.30 pm with dinner. Registration forms can be put in the collection basket or left in the sacristy or handed into the Parish Office, or email to: freamonkennedy@gmail.com*

MEALS REQUIRED FOR ALPHA PROGRAMME

Volunteers are required to be rostered to assist with providing a cooked main meal for the Alpha course on Wednesday nights. Meals would need to be dropped off to the Parish Centre before 6.30 pm. The Parish will re-imburse ingredients used. Please contact Heidi on 021 686 959, if you can help.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held in the Church every Friday during Lent at 7.00 pm.

CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

Thursday 30th March, 7.00 pm

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Chrism Mass Tuesday 4th April, 6.00 pm Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton East

Holy Thursday 6th April, 7.00 pm

Good Friday 7th April, 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil Saturday 8th April, 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday 9th April, 10.00 am only (no 8.00 am Easter Sunday Mass)

EFTPOS / TAP N GO / INTERNET BANKING

We now have Eftpos in the Parish, also a Tap n Go donation system in the foyer of the church which allows donations of \$7.00. For those who may wish to make a contribution via Internet Banking:

Parish Bank Acct: 020342 0050016 03

Ref: PLGVNG

Thank you to all who support the Parish financially.

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	Raewyn Roberts (B'day) Don Hopkirk RIP (Month's Mind)
Sunday	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00 am	Justin & Shari Soon (Wedding Anniv)
Wednesday	9.00 am	Siva Keil (B'day)
Thursday	9.00 am	Des Hill RIP
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	Forgotten Souls RIP

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Second Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 12:1-4

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL 2023 *'I am the Light of the World.'*

Jesus is the Word that continues to echo down the ages, helping us to meet the darkness of our times.

POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE 2023

"We need to listen to Jesus. And how does he speak to us? In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Friday 3 March *"I have heard about your Faith"*

You are invited to join in worship and fellowship at Nawton Community Church, Livingstone Avenue, on **Friday 3 March** at 10.00 am. *Morning tea to follow.*

Diocesan Snippets

Food For Faith Lent 2023 Daily Emails

For those seeking greater maturity of faith. Sign up for daily emails at www.foodforfaith.org.nz/sign-up

Royal Commission survivor registrations close on Tuesday 28 February

Tuesday 28 February is the last day survivors can register to have their accounts heard by the Royal Commission. You can register at the Royal Commission website: [Contact Royal Commission](#)

Common Good Foundation is requesting your help to support those who have been affected by the flooding in the Tairāwhiti/Gisborne region. To donate please visit www.commongood.org.nz

Emergency Appeal – Flood Response Appeal <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate->

Bishop Steve Lowe has asked the Catholic Diocese of Auckland's Caring Foundation to help Cyclone Gabrielle victims in the Hamilton and Palmerston North dioceses. A personal letter is also online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/20230219-Bishop-Steve-Lowe-on-Cyclone-Gabrielle-Appeal.pdf>

Pope Francis and the Liturgy: Thursday March 2 at the Hamilton East Cathedral at 6:30pm.

Fr John O'Connor and **Catherine Gibbs** from the **National Liturgy Office**, will present and summarise Francis' letter *Desiderio Desideravi*. *"Let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the desire that the Lord continues to have to eat His Passover with us."* #65

2023 Guided Retreats Now Available at Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

Weekend Retreats: [March 3-5, Cluny](#) [April 14-16, Cluny](#) Weekday Retreats: [May 21-26, Cluny](#)

And at Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru

Weekend Retreats: [March 24-26, Tyburn](#) [April 14-16, Tyburn](#) [September 22-24, Tyburn](#)

Visit cdh.org.nz/retreats for more information and to register.

Invitation to Mass at Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru Saturday 4 March 11.00 am

Tyburn Monastery will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on **Saturday 4 March** and would like to invite you to join the celebration of a Solemn Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart at 11.00 am.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women Monday 6th March 7-9 pm Cathedral 494 Grey Street, Ham East

THEME FOR 2023: "COME AS YOU ARE" Psalm 139: 13: *For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb* Megan 021 750586 or nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com www.dove.org.nz

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Monday 6 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25

***Part 2: Creation of Adam from Whēnua** (Michelangelo) with Dr Christopher Longhurst.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/>

CDH Lent Series: Eternal Rest Wednesday 8 March 6pm-7.20pm Chanel Centre, 51 Grey St, Hamilton

Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well is a four-part film series. Participants are challenged to think about and prepare for death in the light of Jesus Christ, the Author of life. Email: robertg@cdh.org.nz

Receive Holy Spirit Power - Charis NZ Current of Grace Conference, El Rancho Waikanae 24-26 March

Speakers: Cardinal John Dew, Fr John Rae SM, with Archbishop Paul Martin SM celebrating final Mass.

Registrations now open. www.currentofgraceconference.info Phone: Helen 027 294 1270.