

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

9 February 2023

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16

Today's Gospel uses three short parables to show that gifts bring responsibilities. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be the light of the world for others.

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 2023, beginning at 6.30 pm with dinner. Please see attachment for Registration and Dates. 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*

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

You are invited to come and learn about the Catholic Faith on Wednesday nights at 7.00 pm at the Parish Centre. For further enquiries, please email Fr. Eamon Kennedy at freamonkennedy@gmail.com

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 \$5.00. 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	
Sunday	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	Waitangi Day 9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	St Paul Miki & Companions 9.00 am	
Wednesday	9.00 am	
Thursday	9.00 am	
Friday	St Scholastica 9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

MASS DATES FOR TERM 1

*WELCOME MASS Wednesday 15 February 9.00 am

*ASH WEDNESDAY 22 February 9.00 am & 7.00 pm

*END OF TERM MASS Wednesday 5 April 9.00 am.

THE PARISH LIBRARY

The Library is now back for your use and parishioners are welcome to take books home to read. *Please do return the books to where you found them.* These are some of the topics we have in the library: Stigmata and the Holy Shroud, C. S Lewis and Bishop Fulton Sheen, Evil, Jesus, Popes, Evangelization, Church, Faith and Theology, Mary, Saints, Prayer and Spirituality, Holy Spirit, Holy Land, Healing, Bible and Biblical Commentaries, Biblical, Autobiographies, Catechism, Vatican II, Church Documents, Church History, Music, RCIA, Family/Youth/Sexuality, Children's books, Mass and the Sacraments, and Miracles.

READING THE WORD OF GOD **Some Thoughts from Pope Francis**

In the presence of God, it is good to ask: "Lord, what does this say *to me*? What is it about my life that you want to change? Or perhaps: What is it about this that moves me? What attracts me? Why?" 153 EG

Diocesan Snippets

Emergency Appeal – Flood Response Appeal

The Diocese of Auckland is running an appeal for those impacted by the Auckland floods through the Catholic Care Foundation. <https://caringfoundation.org.nz/donate-> (<https://www.facebook.com/aucklandcatholic>) See this [letter from Bishop Steve Lowe](#)

Vacancy – Hamilton Diocese Pastoral Services Team

The Diocesan Events Coordinator coordinates events that focus on Jesus Christ: marriage, family life, evangelization, catechesis, and formation; youth events; and social media/website advertising. This is a full-time role. To apply please visit cdh.org.nz/jobs

Pro-Life Vigil Outside Waikato Hospital

Times and days that we meet: Wednesdays 10.45am-1.15pm | Alternate Fridays 6am-7.45am
If you are interested in coming along, please contact Ria Rose via email at: sixroses@xtra.co.nz

Hamilton Dove Catholic Fellowship For Women

Monday 6 February Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Grey Street, Hamilton 7.00 pm
Come receive. This charismatic fellowship is a wonderful way to be filled with the treasures of the Lord.

Brother Peter Bray FSC, Vice-Chancellor of Bethlehem University

Tuesday 7 February, 5pm Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 494 Grey St, Hamilton East
Br Peter has been invited by the NZ Catholic Bishops Conference to speak about how Kiwis can help bring peace to the Holy Land.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy Online Sessions (Evening):

***Genesis – In the Beginning... Part 1: The Creation Story** (incl. study material) with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday 27 February, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. For more information: www.studyjoy.nz
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/16/genesis-in-the-beginning/>

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

Monday 6 March, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (NZD)/session or \$40 (NZD)/2 sessions
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/22/the-creation-of-adam/>

***Focus on Target – Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath.

Wednesdays, 15/22 February and 01/08 March, 12.30-1.30pm.

Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions. ZOOM.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

Pope Francis and the Liturgy: Thursday March 2 at the Hamilton 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 continue to be astonished at the beauty of the Liturgy. The Paschal Mystery has been given to us. 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](#)

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

Journey to the Holy Land | 5th March 2023 with Bishop Steve Lowe

Download [here](#) for more information. Contact: Anastasia James, Travel Consultant, Harvest Journeys
NZ Toll-Free: 0800 819 156 www.harvestjourneys.com

Receive Holy Spirit Power - Charis NZ Current of Grace Conference 24-26 March 2023

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