

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37*

Today's Gospel reminds us of the demands that our following of Jesus places upon us.

### 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](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)*

### ALTAR SERVERS

Any children who would like to learn the ministry of altar serving at Mass, and who have made their First Communion and Confirmation are invited to come to a practice at the church on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 4-5pm. Please call Heidi if you have any questions – 021 686 959

### 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	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	<i>Sts Cyril &amp; Methodius</i>	9.00 am
Wednesday	9.00 am	School Welcome Mass
Thursday	9.00 am	Freya Esclavia RIP
Friday	<b>No 9am Mass/Liturgy today</b>	9.00 am
Saturday	9.00 am	B'day Thanksgiving: Apollo & Roize

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 19:1-2.17-18 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

### MASS DATES FOR TERM 1

\*ASH WEDNESDAY 22 February 9.00 am & 7.00 pm

\*END OF TERM MASS Wednesday 5 April 9.00 am.

### RITE OF ACCEPTANCE into the ORDER OF CATECHUMENS

Today we welcome as catechumens *Isabella Huriwaka, Corban Ellis, Jhoan Sanchez and Max M<sup>c</sup>Kenna* who are starting their journey in the Catholic faith. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

### 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.*

## 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](http://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](mailto:sixroses@xtra.co.nz)

### SFC - Christian Life Program

**Singles For Christ** want to invite you to our Christian Life Program which will be held at St Matthew's Church, Hillcrest. This is an 8-week program from **Friday 24 February to 21 April**, starting at 6:30 PM. More details here - <https://facebook.com/events/s/sfc-christian-life-program/855092872446496/>

### 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](http://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](http://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 11am.

### 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](mailto:robertg@cdh.org.nz)

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

Registrations now open. [www.currentofgraceconference.info](http://www.currentofgraceconference.info) Phone: Helen 027 294 1270.