

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

19 February 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23 Matthew 5:38-48

In today's Gospel, Jesus presents us with the challenging command to love our neighbour, even when they are at fault.

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*

ASH WEDNESDAY 22 February Mass will be celebrated at both 9.00 am & 7.00 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS are held in the Church every Friday during Lent at 7 pm, starting 24 February.

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 & Methodius</i>	9.00 am	Bill Hill RIP
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday	9.00 am	
		7.00 pm	
Thursday		9.00 am	Thomas Philip RIP
Friday		9.00 am	
Saturday		9.00 am	Willie Turner RIP

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: First Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-19 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

THE PARISH LIBRARY

The new-look Library is now open for your use and parishioners are welcome to take books home to read. *Please do return the books to where you found them.*

CARITAS LENTEN APPEAL 2023

The theme for our 2023 Lent Appeal is '*I am the Light of the World.*' This reminds us that Jesus brings light to a world darkened by disease, disasters and violence. He is the Word that continues to echo down the ages, helping us to meet the darkness of our times.

POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE 2023 *Food For Faith For Lent*

"Let us not allow this Lenten season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion." Set aside 5 minutes each morning and evening of Lent to sit in stillness and silence, aware of your need for Jesus, that he will keep you aware of his loving presence with you every moment.

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

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](#)

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

<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/>

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 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

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

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 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

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.

2023 Chrism Mass : Tuesday 4th April, 6pm Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton East