

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

5 March 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Genesis 12:1-4 2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9*

Today's Gospel reveals our destiny as children of God transfigured by grace as we move towards our true completeness in God.

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am & 10 am

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

### 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.

**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> March from 4-5pm. Please call Heidi if you have any questions – 021 686 959

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

### CONFESSIONS FOR LENT

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 7.00 pm

### HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

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

Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm

Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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	Inna Soon (B'day)
Sunday	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	9.00 am	Holy Souls esp FoSS Members
Wednesday	9.00 am	Joe Misica RIP
Thursday	9.00 am	Hazel & Ted Bason RIP
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	Thomas Soon (B'day)

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Third Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Exodus 17:3-7 2nd Reading: *Romans* 5:1-2. 5-8 Gospel: John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

## 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."*

## 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](http://www.foodforfaith.org.nz/sign-up)

**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](http://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>

**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](mailto:nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com) [www.dove.org.nz](http://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](mailto:robertg@cdh.org.nz)

### Royal Commission survivor registrations close on Tuesday 21 March

**Tuesday 21 March** 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](#)

**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](http://www.currentofgraceconference.info) Phone: Helen 027 294 1270.

### 2023 Guided Retreats Available at Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

**Weekend Retreats:** [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](http://cdh.org.nz/retreats) for more information and to register.

**Iftar Dinner Invitation:** This is a free interfaith event on **Saturday April 8th** in the Claudelands Event Centre at 5.30 pm. Please register by Monday March 20 to participate. All are welcome. Inquiries to Teresa [teresafz@waikato.ac.nz](mailto:teresafz@waikato.ac.nz) or phone 022 366 0908.

### Family Weekend April 15-16, Mt Maunganui

**Come join us for a fun and faith filled weekend that caters to all ages!**

We have booked the Collings Lodge with Pacific Park. Limited spots available. [Register here](#)

**Catholic Development Fund** *Looking for a socially responsible investment? Want to earn interest and pay no fees? Want an investment that aligns with your values and is guaranteed by the Bishop? Want to know more about CDF?* Visit online: [cdh.org.nz/cdf](http://cdh.org.nz/cdf) or email: [cdf@cdh.org.nz](mailto:cdf@cdh.org.nz)