

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

16 July 2023

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:9. 18-23 Matthew 13:1-9

The parable of the sower in today's Gospel reveals the power of God's word in our lives. It is living truth and it is effective in hearts that are open to receive it.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am and 10 am

CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

- after the Saturday morning Mass.
- before and after the Sunday Masses.

Please sit in the back seat of the church.

SEMINARS ON THE SACRAMENTS Fr John Jolliffe will present two Seminars on the Sacraments in the Parish Centre on **Tuesday 18 July** and **Tuesday 25 July** at **9.40 am** and **7.00 pm**. The morning session will be repeated in the evening and each Seminar will last up to one hour. *These seminars present an adult understanding of the Sacraments and will be of special interest for those parents intending to enrol their children for First Holy Communion.* All are welcome.

***Topic 1: Reconciliation**

***Topic 2: Holy Spirit**

2023 WORLD YOUTH DAY August 1-6, Lisbon, Portugal. *Mary Arose and Went with Haste*

Please keep our Parish pilgrims in your prayers as they leave this Friday to begin their journey - Geoffrey and Maria, son and daughter of Peter and Marietta Smith; and Maria Scanlon's son Daniel.

ENROLMENT FOR THE 2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion for baptised Catholic children who are at least 8 years old. The enrolment will be held at St Columba's Parish Centre, either **Wednesday 16th August 3.00 pm** or **Thursday 17th August at 6.00 pm.**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

You are invited to come and learn about the Catholic Faith. Our programme runs weekly on **Wednesday nights at 7.00 pm** at the Parish Centre which is next door to St Columba's Catholic Church.

For further enquiries, please email Fr. Eamon Kennedy at freamonkennedy@gmail.com

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	Special Intention
	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00 am	
Wednesday	9.00 am	
Thursday	9.00 am	Peter Truong (B'day)
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	<i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	9.00 am

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 12:13. 16-19 2nd Reading: Romans 8:26-27 Gospel: Matthew 13:24-33



CHURCH LIFE SURVEY OF HAMILTON CITY PARISHES

To participate online, scan the QR code, or use the link:

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rIdawic/01H27EM5DS44YN5CZGZ2VY11WZ/en-rc>

Hard copies are available from the Church foyer to be returned to the Parish office, please.

PARISH HOSPITALITY

Volunteers are being sought to go on a morning tea roster after the 8 am & 10 am Sunday Masses. Please contact the Parish office 847 5688 or stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz, if you would like to help with this.

PLANNED GIVING New sets of planned giving envelopes are available to you in the marked box in the church foyer. Sets of special envelopes for those on AP are also available for collection. Thank you.

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.

Diocesan Snippets

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship

*There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School for any young adult aged 18 to 35 who wants to know more about their faith. One of the scholarship places is reserved for a young adult involved in Catholic Education (teaching, teacher training or chaplaincy). The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply **before August 15, 2023**.*

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy www.studyjoy.nz

***Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath

Tuesday 18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions.

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

***Beauty in Islam** with Dr Christopher E. Longhurst

Saturday 22 July, 10.00-11.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25/session.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/beauty-in-islam/>

***The Women in the Bible** with Kieran Fenn fms.

Mondays, 07/14/21 August and 04/11/18 September, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series (incl. study material).

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

Catholic Family Support Services Situations Vacant Receptionist Administrator; Senior Practitioner.

For a job description and application form for either role, please contact Dianne at Catholic Family Support Services, ph. 0800 24 20 25 or admin@cfss.org.nz

Alone Again? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on **25-27 August**. **The Beginning Experience** provides support and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Cost \$350 or \$325 if paid by 26 July.

Lynda 027 489 8003 or (09)478 9742 or Kelly evenings 027 686 4416 www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Catholic Answers Cy Kellett Hamilton Diocese Tour 5-7 October

Thursday 5 October, 6.30 pm (St Patrick's, Taupo) **Friday 6 October** (St Pius X, Melville, Hamilton)

The Cycle of the Christian Life: Encounter, Conversion, Communion, and Mission

Instrumentum Laboris – the Synod document that will guide the work Assembly that will meet in Rome in October 2023 and October 2024. https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/ENG_INSTRUMENTUM-LABORIS.pdf

Read about the Synod process here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/synod-update/>

Read a Vatican News article about Instrumentum laboris here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-06/instrumentum-laboris-calls-welcoming-yet-diverse->