

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

23 July 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Wisdom 12:13. 16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-33*

The parable of the weeds and wheat in today's Gospel reveals the mystery of good and evil in the world: both are permitted to grow and flourish until the harvest at the end of time.

### 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 the second of two Seminars on the Sacraments in the Parish Centre on **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 2: Holy Spirit**

### 2023 WORLD YOUTH DAY August 1-6, Lisbon, Portugal.

Please keep our four Parish pilgrims in your prayers as they continue on their journey – Matthew Fransen, son of Marcel and Suzanne; 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 16<sup>th</sup> August 3.00 pm** or **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 [freamonkenedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkenedy@gmail.com)

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	
	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	9.00 am	<i>St James</i>
Wednesday	9.00 am	<i>Sts Joachim &amp; Anne</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	<i>Sts Martha &amp; Mary</i>

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 3:5. 7-12 2nd Reading: Romans 8:28-30 Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52



## 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.

### 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](mailto:stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz), if you would like to help with this.

**PIONEERS** *You are invited to join the Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart. We pledge to abstain from alcohol, wear the pioneer badge, and recite the Pioneer prayer morning and evening for the conversion of excessive drinkers. We meet on the Saturday following the first Friday of each month at St Columba's Church, Frankton, for Mass at 09:00 followed by a meeting in the parish centre. Contact: Mary Mulhern 021 266 3455.*

### 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

### Caring Sunday Appeal next Sunday 30 July

Common Good Foundation is asking for your support please on **Caring Sunday** so we may help all people in our community who are struggling at this time. Online donations are always gratefully received at [www.commongood.org.nz/donate](http://www.commongood.org.nz/donate) Thank you.

### 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. The Scholarship covers the full registration fee for the 2024 School (\$645) Visit [heartsaflame.org.nz](http://heartsaflame.org.nz) to apply **before August 15, 2023.***

### Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

\***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/>

\***Liturgical Spaces** with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin.

4-part series on our YouTube channel. Online. No fee.

Part 1: *Do we gather as consumers or celebrants?*

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

### Dove Catholic Fellowship For Women Monday 7th August 7.00pm – 9.00pm Cathedral, Grey St,

TOPIC: Gifts of the Holy Spirit SPEAKER: Maree Kowalewski. For more information, contact Megan on 021 750 586 or [nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)

### Catholic Answers Cy Kellett Hamilton Diocese Tour 5-7 October

**Thursday 5 October, 6.30 pm** (St Patrick's, Taupo) The Cycle of the Christian Life: Encounter, Conversion, Communion, and Mission

**Friday 6 October** (St Pius X, Melville) Whatever Happened to the Modern World?-*the loss of Christ*