

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

30 July 2023

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Kings 3:5. 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52

The parables in today's Gospel challenge our patience and commitment to working to establish the kingdom of God.

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.

FAREWELL Today is Fr John Jolliffe's final Sunday in the Parish. We thank him for his ministry and presence with us, and look forward to next time. Fr Eamon will return to the Parish during the week.

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 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	
		10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	<i>St Alphonsus Ligouri</i>	9.00 am	
Wednesday	<i>St Peter Faber</i>	9.00 am	
Thursday	<i>St Dominic</i>	9.00 am	
Friday	<i>St John Mary Vianney</i>	9.00 am	
Saturday		9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Transfiguration of the Lord

1st Reading: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14 2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19 Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

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.



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.

PIONEERS The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart 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 today 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 Thank you.

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

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 (\$645).

Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply **before August 15 2023**.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy 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
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

***Liturgical Spaces** with Prof Thomas O'Loughlin. Series on Muffin Talk radio programme freely available online at: <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/07/17/liturgical-space-thomas-oloughlin/>

Alone Again? A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on **25-27 August**. Cost \$350. Contact Lynda 027 489 8003 or (09)478 9742.
www.beginningexperience.org.nz

Couples for Christ Christian Life Program runs **3 September to 29 October** at St. Matthew's Hillcrest 2:00-5:00 pm. Contact Rowena 021 0874 1825 Elmer 021 0268 5313 CFCHamiltonCLP@gmail.com

Bishop for Palmerston North Reverend John Adams will be installed as Bishop of Palmerston North on **Saturday 30 September 11 am**. Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North.

Catholic Answers Cy Kellett Hamilton Diocese Tour 5-7 October

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

Instrumentum Laboris – the Synod document that will guide the work Assembly that will meet in Rome in October 2023. 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->