

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

13 August 2023

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

1 Kings 19:9. 11-13 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:22-33

Today's Gospel focuses on the power of Jesus who is always present to his disciples and comes to help us in time of difficulty.

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.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Meets in the Parish Centre on **Monday 14 August** from 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm for prayer & friendship followed by afternoon tea. *All welcome.*

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Tuesday 15 August

Mary is a model of faith for each of us. She is "blessed" because she consented unconditionally to God's Word. This feast celebrates Mary's Assumption into heaven as a sign and promise for us, the pilgrim people of God. Please note that there will be an **extra Mass in the evening at 7.00 pm.**

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	Ron & Tess Burgess RIP
		10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	<i>St Maximilian Kolbe</i>	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	<i>The Assumption of Mary</i>	9.00 am	
		7.00 pm	Evening Mass
Wednesday		9.00 am	
Thursday		9.00 am	
Friday		9.00 am	
Saturday		9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1. 6-7 2nd Reading: Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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/chis96Be2rldawic/01H27EM5DS44YN5CZGZ2VY11WZ/en-rc>

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

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

15th August 2023 - the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

As this is a day of Holy Obligation, and our Patronal Feast day for New Zealand, the Cathedral will be live streaming the 12.05pm Mass. You will find the link on their Facebook page.

ACTIV8 Pro-Life Training August registrations open!

The ACTIV8 Pro-Life Training week equips people to become a more effective and compassionate voice on abortion, euthanasia and other pro-life issues. [Register here.](#)

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy www.studyjoy.nz

***The Women in the Bible** with Kieran Fenn fms. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>
Mondays, 14/21 August and 04/11/18 September, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series

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

Current of Grace, Hamilton "Who do You say I am?" *Matthew 16:15*

Come and join us for a day of Reflection, Prayer & Worship Saturday 26 August 9.30am - 3:00pm

BYO lunch -Tea & Coffee provided **St Columba's School Hall**, 'Te Manawa', 50 Rifle Range Rd Hamilton.
(Parish Mass is celebrated in the Church at 9.00 am) *Contact: Helen 027 294 1270.*

Applications are open for the position of **Prison Chaplaincy Director** for the NZ Bishops Conference (NZCBC). Visit <http://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/prison/> *Role closes Monday 28 August.*

Catholic Family Support Services have three roles they are looking to fill: Email: admin@cfss.org.nz
[Supervised Contact Coordinator Role](#), [Supervised Contact Supervisor](#), [Receptionist Administrator](#)

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

Directed Retreats

We have 3 weekend retreats and 1 weekday retreat at Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru with a few spaces left as well as another new weekend one at Cluny Sisters Retreat Centre in Tauranga:

8 - 10 September 2023, Cluny

September 22-24, Tyburn

October 20-22, Tyburn

November 24-26, Tyburn

November 27- December 1, Tyburn

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 Friday 6 October St Pius X, Melville *Whatever Happened to the Modern World?*