

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

20 August 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Isaiah 56:1. 6-7 Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus acknowledges the deep faith of the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel, through the cure of her daughter.

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.

LAST CHANCE TO ENROL FOR 2023 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION /CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Thursday 24 August 3.00 pm Parish Centre. In-person enrolment only. For children 8 years old and over. Child's Baptism Certificate required, please. Course cost: \$20 per child.

PARISH OFFICE Please note the Parish Office may not be attended during normal hours next week due to Jury Service. Please leave a message on 847 5688 or email stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz.

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	Peter Quyen Truong
		10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	<i>St Pius X</i>	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	<i>Queenhip of Mary</i>	9.00 am	
Wednesday		9.00 am	Rob Hale RIP (anniv)
Thursday	<i>St Bartholomew</i>	9.00 am	Agnes Faraimo
Friday		9.00 am	Fr John Pereira RIP
Saturday		9.00 am	Bill Hill RIP

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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.

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.



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.

Diocesan Snippets

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, 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.*

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

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](#)

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?*

Catholic Diocese of Hamilton Vacancies

Parish Property Support Manager For enquiries and application form, please email graemer@cdh.org.nz

Schools Property Manager For enquiries and application form, please email graemer@cdh.org.nz