

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

27 August 2023

Twenty-First 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

The key question in today's Gospel is a challenge for us, as it was for Peter: Who is Jesus for us? Where do we find him in our lives?

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.

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

2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 25 students have enrolled for the First Holy Communion/ Confirmation programme which begins today. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS			
Sunday		8.00 am	Soosai Antony RIP & Soosai RIP
		10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	<i>St Augustine</i>	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	<i>St John the Baptist</i>	9.00 am	Des Hill RIP
Wednesday		9.00 am	
Thursday		9.00 am	Forgotten Souls
Friday		9.00 am	
Saturday		9.00 am	Leo Dove RIP

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 2nd Reading: Romans 12:1-2 Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK 3 - 9th – September Next week we celebrate Social Justice Week.

Theme: *Imagine peace for All. Peace begins with you!*



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

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, 04/11/18 September, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$90/series

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

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Speaker: Christine Kornman

Topic: Prayer Teaching and Testimony

Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Date: Monday 4 September

Venue: Cathedral of The Blessed Virgin Mary, 494 Grey Street, Hamilton East.

All women, all ages, all walks of life, very welcome. For more information contact Megan on 021 750 586 or nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com

What is Dove? Visit www.dove.org.nz

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