

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

6 August 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

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

Today's Gospel invites deep meditation to grasp what is being revealed about Jesus and our discipleship of him. The challenge to us is to come down from the mountain with Jesus and continue to journey with him to Jerusalem.

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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION Tuesday 15 August

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.**

THANK YOU Tui Cornes would like to thank parishioners for your support of their Craft Sale Table last month. \$400 was raised for the support of Dementia Waikato. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	<i>St Mary of the Cross</i>	9.00 am
Wednesday		9.00 am
Thursday	<i>St Lawrence</i>	9.00 am
Friday	<i>St Clare</i>	9.00 am
		Anna & Philip RIP
Saturday	9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9. 1-1 2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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.

PIONEERS Meeting Saturday 5 August 9 am Mass will be followed by a meeting in Parish Centre. Contact: Mary Mulhern 021 266 3455.



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

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

TOPIC: Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Maree Kowalewski. Megan 021 750 586 / nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com

Public Lecture The University of Otago – Centre for Theology and Public Issues and Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College are co-hosting a public lecture **Understanding Spiritual Abuse**.

Zoom link – **Tuesday August 7 - 8pm** Meeting ID: 940 1629 9257; Password: 219926

<https://otago.zoom.us/j/94016299257?pwd=UytHcXhlnFVWS013QjRkTmxUWTJHUT09>

Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School 2024: Bishop Basil Meeking Scholarship

There are two scholarship spaces available for the 2024 School. The Scholarship covers the full registration fee (\$645). Visit heartsaflame.org.nz to apply **before August 15 2023**.

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, 07/14/21 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 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

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*