

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

3 September 2023 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27

Today's Gospel remains a challenge for every generation of believers. The only path to life is the way of the cross.

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

A FATHERS' DAY PRAYER *God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless all to whom you have given the responsibility of parenting. Strengthen them by your love, that they may be the loving persons they are called to be. Amen.*

MASS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Saturday 9 September, 10.30 am

There will be a 'Living Rosary' and Mass celebrated for this feast of Mary in the Parish this Saturday 9 September at 10.30 am. Refreshments to follow. *All very welcome.*

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

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	
	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00 am	Doc Nicholson RIP
Wednesday	9.00 am	Forgotten Souls
Thursday	9.00 am	Nora Hill RIP
Friday <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	Fr Aherne RIP

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9 2nd Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

Social Justice Week 3 - 9th September Each year, the NZ Catholic Bishops set aside a week in September to focus on Catholic social teaching which provides the moral framework to guide our decisions and actions. Social Justice Week invites us all to reflect and take action on current social justice issues. This year's theme is: *Imagine peace for All. Peace begins with you!* **Personal peace with ourselves and with God is the first step on the path to building peace in our communities and in the world. We cannot promote peace effectively until we understand and experience peace ourselves.**

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

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.

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women

Speaker: Christine Kornman **Topic:** Prayer Teaching and Testimony

Date: Monday 4 September **Time:** 7.00pm – 9.00pm

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*

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

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

March for Life Wellington (1st - 3rd December)

Register here for our Wellington Convoy