

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

23 April 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Acts 2:14. 22-33 1 Peter 1:17-21 Luke 24:13-35*

Today's Gospel from Luke represents the Christian life as a journey of faith which enables us to recognise Jesus in the "breaking of the bread." As disciples we are called to make space for others in our lives through our hospitality.

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am and 10 am

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated every Saturday morning at 9:30 am.

### ROSARY PRAYER

The rosary will be prayed straight after the 8 am and 10 am Sunday Masses in the church next to the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

### 2023 SEMINARY APPEAL

Next Sunday 30 April is the annual Day of Prayer for Vocations and the Bishop's Seminary Appeal.

### TERM 2 MASSES

- Wednesday 3 May 9 am School Welcome Mass
- Sunday 7 May 10 am Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion Mass
- Pentecost Sunday 28 May 10 am School & Parish Mass
- Wednesday 28 June 9 am End of Term Mass

### 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.*

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	Parishioners
	10.00 am	Slawek Gawlik Intention
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	<i>ANZAC Day</i>	9.00 am
Wednesday	<i>St Mark</i>	9.00 am
Thursday		9.00 am
Friday	<i>St Peter Chanel</i>	9.00 am
Saturday	<i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	9.00 am

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:14. 36-41 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20-25 Gospel: Luke 10:1-10

## Diocesan Snippets

### Interim Rector Appointed for Holy Cross Seminary

Retired Catholic Bishop of Dunedin Colin Campbell has been appointed Interim Rector of Holy Cross National Seminary for the formation of diocesan priests until a permanent appointment is made.

**Parish-based Initiative.** *Are there needs in the parish community which require addressing?* There is now an avenue to fund parish-based projects to cater for the needs of the disadvantaged through the Common Good Foundation. If you have any ideas, please check out the poster in the foyer and discuss your suggestion with the Parish Priest. Applications via the website are due in September. More information can be found at [www.commongood.org.nz](http://www.commongood.org.nz)

### **Pro-Life Vigil Outside Waikato Hospital**

Is anyone interested in attending a fruitful, legal and regular pro-life vigil outside Waikato Hospital? Times and days that we meet: Wednesdays 10.45am-1.15pm; alternate Fridays 6am-7.45am  
If you are interested in coming along, please contact Ria Rose via email at: [sixroses@xtra.co.nz](mailto:sixroses@xtra.co.nz)

**2023 Weekend Retreats at Tyburn, Ngakuru** April 28 - 30, Tyburn: September 22-24, Tyburn: October 20-22, Tyburn: November 24-26, Tyburn

**Weekday Retreats** November 27- December 1, Tyburn

Visit [cdh.org.nz/retreats](http://cdh.org.nz/retreats) for more information and to register.

**2023 Guided Retreats at Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga**

**Weekday Retreats:** [May 21-26, Cluny](#)

### **Notices from *Titipounamu Study & Joy***

**The Book of Job – a Book of Hope?...** with Kieran Fenn fms.

**Monday 24 April**, 7-8.30 pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$25 (incl. study material)

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/03/28/the-book-of-job-a-book-of-hope/>

For more information: [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

### **Are you being called to study?**

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College will be accepting enrolment for Second Semester for Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology **Monday April 24 – Friday May 19.**

Contact: [admin@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz), (09)361 1053 or check the website [www.ctc.ac.nz](http://www.ctc.ac.nz) for more information.

**Catholic Prison Chaplain** Currently there are Chaplaincy vacancies at Waikeria Prison and Springhill Correctional Facility. **Applications close Friday 28th April.** Visit <https://www.cdh.org.nz/jobs>

### **Seminary Appeal Sunday 30 April: Stepping Out in Faith**

**Sunday 30th April** is the Day of Prayer for Vocations.

*Your prayers and donations do make a difference! Giving by any of the following ways is greatly appreciated:*

- through the Diocesan website at [www.cdh.org.nz](http://www.cdh.org.nz) (appeal information & secured donation page),
- through a one-off or recurring automatic internet banking payment on the account of RC Bishop of Hamilton 02 0342 0050008 003 (code : SA2023 | reference : your donor number if known),
- through your parish special envelope,
- or by calling our friendly Seminary Appeal Team at the Chanel Centre on 07 856 6989

*May God bless you for your gifts and your continued prayers for those stepping out in Faith.*

### **Our Priestly Role As Men - A One Day Conference For All Men**

**Saturday 13 May**, 9.00 – 3.30 p.m Church of the Holy Angels, Matamata

Speakers: Fr Prakash Somu and Dr Kevin Kannan

Lunch provided/cost: koha Enrolments: [dave.colquhoun@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dave.colquhoun@xtra.co.nz) Ph 027 884 8408

**Synodal Response Document** The Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania recently approved the final version of the Federation's response to *Enlarge the Space of Your Tent*, the Working Document for the Continental Stage of the Synod of Bishops for a Synodal Church. A PDF copy of the response can be found [here](#)

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