

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

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Easter Sunday

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Acts of the Apostles 10:34. 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9

The resurrection of Christ in today's Gospel shows us that death is not the end of life, but rather entry into the fullness of life.

*Christ is risen. Alleluia Alleluia.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad!*

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Easter Sunday 10 am **ONLY**

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

THE CELEBRATION OF EASTER

The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of Baptism speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus' triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection. *This Easter, allow yourself time apart, holy time, to spend with Jesus. May it be a time set apart to unclutter your heart and renew your faith in Jesus.*

EASTER VIGIL Please do not bring candles to the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening. Non-drip candles will be provided by the Parish for your use.

PARISH THANK YOU Grateful thanks to Phuong Thai and Tommos Bakery for providing the hot cross buns for our shared hospitality with West Hamilton Community Church after the Ecumenical Way of the Cross on Good Friday.

WYD PILGRIMS' PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST THANK YOU

Thank you so much from the world youth day pilgrims for your generous support through our breakfast fundraiser last week. We were blown away with the amount of support and donations that we received; it is amazing to know that we have a parish that supports us through prayer and helping us get to world youth day.

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	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday		9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday		9.00 am	
Wednesday		9.00 am	
Thursday		9.00 am	
Friday		9.00 am	
Saturday		9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 2:42-47 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9 Gospel: John 20:19-31

Diocesan Snippets

Our Place Preschool

We currently have a small number of vacancies. If you are looking for a small family owned and operated centre founded on Catholic values—come and check us out. We offer 20 free hours for 3 and 4 year olds. Please contact Kelly on **8477 472** or admin@ourplacepreschool.co.nz

Achieving Pregnancy Naturally

The Billings Ovulation Method™ can help you to optimise your chances of conceiving naturally. The Billings Ovulation Method™ is effective, non-invasive and affordable! It is backed by over 50 years of medical research. For a free information leaflet, contact Billings LIFE NZ. 0800 693 378 info@billingslife.org.nz or visit www.billingslife.org.nz

Finance Admin / Reception *Part Time*

Three to Four hours daily Monday to Friday. The role is a Finance team support for accounts receivable and accounts payable, with Reception cover at the Diocesan office Chanel Centre Hamilton.

Applications close Wednesday 12th April. Visit <https://www.cdh.org.nz/jobs>

2023 Guided Retreats at Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

Weekend Retreats: [April 14-16, Cluny](#) **Weekday Retreats:** [May 21-26, Cluny](#)

And at Tyburn, Ngakuru [April 14-16, Tyburn](#) [September 22-24, Tyburn](#)

Visit cdh.org.nz/retreats for more information and to register.

Family Camp Weekend April 14-16, St Thomas Moore, Mt Maunganui

Limited spots available. [Register here](#) <https://fb.me/e/14RggYZ0T>

Youth / Young Adult Festivals - Set Free and Heaven Come - 18th - 23rd April

kirstym@cdh.org.nz 027 261 6140

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

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 Ph 027 884 8408

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>

Catholic Development Fund *Looking for a socially responsible investment? Want to earn interest and pay no fees? Want an investment that aligns with your values and is guaranteed by the Bishop? Want to know more about CDF?* Visit online: cdh.org.nz/cdf or email: cdf@cdh.org.nz

New website for Catholic Enquiry Centre

Visit www.catholicdiscovery.nz to find out about faith, explore Catholicism, order booklets or make a donation.

NZ Catholic bishops welcome Vatican's rejection of "Doctrine of Discovery"

The Vatican has formally repudiated the "Doctrine of Discovery" used by many European powers to colonise much of the world from the 1400s onward. Our bishops have been considering calls for the Church in NZ to repudiate the Doctrine, and have issued a public statement welcoming the Vatican's announcement. <https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/doctrine/>