

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

2 April 2023

Palm Sunday

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:11-54*

Today, Jesus makes his entry into Jerusalem as King. As we enter Holy Week, may we experience the passion, death and resurrection of Christ as a reality in our own lives, and in that of our community.

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am & 10 am

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

### WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST Today Sunday 2 April after 8 am and 10 am Mass

Matthew Fransen, Maria Smith, Geoffrey Smith, Daniel Scanlan and Junita Raman will be attending World Youth Day in Portugal in July this year. *We are fundraising for our trip and would love your support and prayer.* This weekend we will be serving up a cooked breakfast after 8 am and 10 am Masses for \$12 and we would love for you to join us. Please bring cash. We look forward to seeing you all there. Many thanks for your support.

### HOLY THURSDAY April 6

Please note: there will be **no 9 am Mass** on Holy Thursday. Following the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved for a time of prayer in the Parish Centre.

### HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

Chrim Mass Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 6.00 pm Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton East

Holy Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm

Good Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 3.00 pm

Easter Vigil Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 7.00 pm

Easter Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00 am only (no 8.00 am Easter Sunday Mass)

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF FAITH 7<sup>th</sup> April** The annual ecumenical walk of faith will begin with a service at St Columba's at 9:30 am, followed by a procession to West Hamilton Community Church.

### 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	Carlito Ramajo RIP
Sunday	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	9.00 am	
Wednesday	9.00 am	
Thursday	<i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	<b>7.00 pm</b>
Friday	<i>Passion of the Lord</i>	<b>3.00 pm</b>
Saturday	<i>Easter Vigil</i>	<b>7.00 pm</b>

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34. 37-43

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel: John 20:1-9

## POPE FRANCIS' LENTEN MESSAGE 2023

*"We need to listen to Jesus. And how does he speak to us? In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need."*

## Diocesan Snippets

**Chrism Mass** *At the Chrism Mass, the oil of the sick and the oil of catechumens are blessed, and the chrism oil is consecrated. In this way, the Church shows its care for those who are sick, those being initiated, and those designated for the ordained ministry. The Bishop concelebrates with priests from different parts of the Diocese, and it is during this Mass that their renewal of commitment to priestly service takes place.*

**The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 6pm.**

**Caritas Lent Appeal Message from Bishops** *'I am the Light of the World.'*

**Thank you everyone who has already given to the Caritas Lent Appeal 2023, helping Caritas deliver aid and development, and advocate for justice, around the world. [Here is a video message supporting the appeal from Archbishop Paul Martin SM, Bishop Michael Gielen and Bishop Michael Dooley.](#)**

### 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](mailto:admin@ourplacepreschool.co.nz)

### Achieving Pregnancy Naturally

The Billings Ovulation Method™ can help you to optimise your chances of conceiving naturally. Our Fertility Educators will teach you to recognise your body's natural signs of fertility and pinpoint the most fertile day in your cycle. 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](mailto:info@billingslife.org.nz) or visit [www.billingslife.org.nz](http://www.billingslife.org.nz)

### Post Cyclone Gabrielle

Within our diocese, St Vincent de Paul Societies (SVDP) have already been providing direct help within their areas. They are now preparing to meet the medium and long term needs of people affected by the storms. SVDP has a strong presence in many of our parishes and has shops throughout the diocese. Please consider donating to them in the future for these (and other) needs.

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

**Hui Aranga 2023 Commemoration of the Paschal Mystery. Tauranga** [Timetable](#) [Brochure](#)

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

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

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

[kirstym@cdh.org.nz](mailto:kirstym@cdh.org.nz) 027 261 6140

**Catholic Prison Chaplain** Currently there are Chaplaincy vacancies at Waikeria Prison and Springhill Correctional Facility. **Applications close 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](http://cdh.org.nz/cdf) or email: [cdf@cdh.org.nz](mailto:cdf@cdh.org.nz)