

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

7 May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Acts 6:1-7 (8 am) Acts 2:14. 36-41 1 (10 am) Peter 2:4-9 John 14: 1-12

Today's Gospel invites us to discover more deeply the meaning of our faith in the risen Christ, and the Christian life. Jesus invites us to trust in him and never give up hope in difficult times.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am and 10 am

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

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Today **Sunday 7 May** at 10 am Mass, the Parish will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation - Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Please keep our catechumens in your prayers:

Corban Ellis, Isabella Huriwaka, Max M^cKenna and Jhoan Sanchez Perea.

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.

TAX RECEIPTS are still being processed and will be available to you shortly.

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	
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00 am	Peter Verheijen Intention
Wednesday	9.00 am	Holy Souls esp FoSS Members
Thursday	9.00 am	
Friday	9.00 am	Forgotten Souls
Saturday	9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Sixth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8:5-8. 14-17 2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18 Gospel: John 14:15-21

MONTH OF MAY *Especially in these days that prepare us for the solemnity of Pentecost, let us remain united with Mary, invoking for the Church a renewed effusion of the Holy Spirit.*

Diocesan Snippets

Pope Francis' Message for Vocations Sunday 2023

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/vocations/documents/20230430-messaggio-60-gm-vocazioni.html>

Seminary Appeal last Sunday 30 April: Stepping Out in Faith

Thank you Message from Fred Ralaimihoatra Fundraising Manager Catholic Diocese of Hamilton

I would like to thank you for supporting this year's Seminary Appeal. It is sad to know that we will have no local ordination to the priesthood for at least seven years, but let's pray for more young men to enter the Seminary in the years to come...

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 (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),
- or by calling our friendly Seminary Appeal Team at the Chanel Centre on 07 856 6989.

Vocations Week

This week you can check in at <https://www.facebook.com/catholicdioceseofhamilton> to read about people in our diocese and the Vocation they answered as part of God's plan for them.

This week follows recently ordained Fr Adam, currently assistant Priest at Parish of St Thomas Aquinas,

Tauranga, Week 2 : <https://www.sunlive.co.nz/.../317016-the-day-god-gave...>

Also Deacon Henk Gielen and the Heeney Family from the Parish of All Saints by the Sea, Papamoa.

<https://www.cdh.org.nz/service>

2023 Guided Retreats at Cluny Retreat Centre, Tauranga

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

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

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.colguhoun@xtra.co.nz Ph 027 884 8408

<https://www.cdh.org.nz/service>

Job Vacancy at Chanel Centre

The Accountant's role at the Diocesan Office has become vacant. For job application and position description, email jobs@cdh.org.nz

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy

***Mary in the Scriptures** with Kieran Fenn fms. **Mondays, 19/26 June & 03/10 July**, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM.

Fee: free. Donation/Koha appreciated.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

***Focus on Target - Draw Fresh Momentum** with Laetitia Puthenpadath

Tuesdays, 27 June & 04/11/18 July, 12.30-1.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session or \$70/4 sessions.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/01/11/focus-on-target-draw-fresh-momentum/>

For more information: www.studyjoy.nz

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](#)

Tour To The Holy Land April 9-20 2024

Fr Chris Friel from Timaru will lead a 12-day tour to Israel and Jordan, beginning in Amman on April 9 and concluding in Jerusalem on April 20th 2024. For full itinerary and details please contact Peter Fleming at Pilgrimage Tours in Auckland at: www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz Ph. 0800 356 728.