

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

14 May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Acts 8:5-8 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14 15-21

The Easter season extends for fifty days until the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Today's Gospel challenges us to show our faith through our commitment.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am and 10 am

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

MOTHERS' DAY PRAYER

Loving God, we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us. We ask you to bless them today with your loving presence. Amen.

ROSARY PRAYER

The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer in which we meditate with Mary upon the life of Jesus. During this month, let us consider this beautiful prayer as a means that we too can use to draw closer to Jesus and Mary.

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 Help.

ALTAR SERVERS' PRACTICE

An altar servers practice will be held on **Friday 19th May** from 4pm - 5.30pm in the church and parish centre. *New altar servers welcome if sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation have been received.*

TAX RECEIPTS are available to you this weekend in the marked box in the church foyer. Thank you.

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	
Wednesday	9.00 am	Forgotten Souls
Thursday	9.00 am	
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Ascension of the Lord

1st Reading: Acts 1:1-11 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23 Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

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

Check out the Diocese of Hamilton latest posts on **Month of Mary and Vocations** on their new socials page: <https://www.cdh.org.nz/socials>

Seminary Appeal: Stepping Out in Faith

If you have anything spare in your budget, please remember to donate to our Seminary Appeal. As mentioned, we currently do not have any local seminarians from our diocese, however your donation can make a huge difference to any future vocations on their spiritual journey of formation.

<https://secure.donman.net.au/.../catholicdioc.../donate.aspx>

Vocations Week

In the lead up to Good Shepherd Sunday, and into this week we touched on a few different vocations. If you missed any of our testimonies, you can find them here: <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.

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

Notice of AGM of the Common Good Foundation (formerly Catholic Care)

The 2023 AGM of the **Common Good Foundation** will be held on **Tuesday 30 May** at **6.30 pm** at the **Cathedral** of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton. *All welcome to attend.*

Agenda items at www.commongood.org.nz/news-item/agm-notice

Three speakers will convey how their charity has benefitted from the funds received from the last grant round. A light supper will be provided. To register your interest/apology, admin@commongood.org.nz

New Archbishop of Wellington Pope Francis has accepted Cardinal John Dew's formal resignation as Archbishop of Wellington. Coadjutor Archbishop Paul Martin SM succeeds Cardinal John and will be formally installed as Archbishop of Wellington on **Saturday 17 June** at St Teresa's Pro-Cathedral.

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.