

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

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Ascension of the Lord

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:17-23 Matthew 28:16-20*

Today's Feast of the Ascension celebrates the presence of the risen Lord in his people. Our mission as disciples is to carry on the work of Jesus.

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Sunday 8 am and 10 am

### CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

- after the Saturday morning Mass.
- before and after the Sunday Masses.

Please sit in the back seat of the church.

### ALPHA THANK YOU

*Last week was the conclusion of our Alpha programme. Thank you for your prayers and to those who volunteered to be leaders in the Alpha team. Also, we are grateful to those who provide dinner each week. It is very much appreciated, and we thank you for your delicious food which we all enjoyed. God bless you for your generosity and your commitment.*

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

You are invited to come and learn about the Catholic Faith. Our programme runs weekly on **Wednesday nights at 7.00 pm** at the Parish Centre which is next door to St Columba's Catholic Church.

For further enquiries, please email Fr. Eamon Kennedy at [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)

### ROSARY PRAYER

*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. A rosary will be prayed straight after Sunday Mass beside the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.*

**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	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	9.00 am	
Wednesday	<i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>	9.00 am
Thursday	9.00 am	Forgotten Souls
Friday	<i>St Philip Neri</i>	9.00 am
Saturday	9.00 am	Anthony Tri Phan

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** Pentecost Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 2:1-11 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23

## 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>

### 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](http://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](mailto:admin@commongood.org.nz)

### Dove Catholic Women's Fellowship Meeting - Monday 5th June, 7 - 9pm Cathedral Grey St, Hamilton

All women, all ages, all walks of life, very welcome.

For more info or transport please contact Megan on 021 750 586 or [nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com)

**The NZ Catholic Medical Association** provides pastoral care and chaplaincy for people involved in health care. **Retreat and Seminar 9-10 June**, at the Home of Compassion, Island Bay, Wellington.

Register for this event at [www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz](http://www.newzealandcatholicmedical.co.nz)

For general inquiries email: [newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com](mailto:newzealandcatholicmedical@gmail.com).

### 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](http://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](http://www.thetravelwarehouse.co.nz) Ph. 0800 356 728.

### Join the Caritas Team!

*This is an exciting opportunity to work within a Catholic organization, that's committed to the mission of the church. Joining our team will see you connect our work with the world and provide you with the opportunity to practice your faith in a practical way.*

*At Caritas, it's our mission to be known as 'love in action', if you want to join us in this mission, email us on [Caritas@caritas.org.nz](mailto:Caritas@caritas.org.nz) or see the link: <https://www.caritas.org.nz/work-with-us>*