

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

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Pentecost Sunday

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13 John 20:19-23*

The gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is the culmination of the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Spirit's task is to lead us more deeply into the mystery of Jesus, so that as disciples, we can bear witness to what we have experienced.

### 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.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** is celebrated 50 days after Easter, marking the last day of the Easter Season. It is also recognised as the Birthday of the Church. The Mass celebration recalls the example of the Apostles and disciples who persevered in prayer, together with Mary the Mother of Jesus, as they awaited the Holy Spirit.

### 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 Help.

### 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)

**FINANCIAL REPORT** St Columba's Financial Report 2022 is now available from the church foyer, with the update of the maintenance projects which have been completed and those that are ongoing.

**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                                   | John Mol-Krijnen RIP |                          |
|                            | 10.00 am                                  | Parishioners         |                          |
| WEEKDAY MASSES             |   |                      |                          |
| Monday                     | <i>Mary Mother of the Church</i>          | 9.00 am              | <b>Communion Service</b> |
| Tuesday                    |   | 9.00 am              |                          |
| Wednesday                  | <i>Visitation of the BVM</i>              | 9.00 am              |                          |
| Thursday                   | <i>St Justin</i>                          | 9.00 am              |                          |
| Friday                     |   | 9.00 am              |                          |
| Saturday                   | <i>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</i> | 9.00 am              |                          |

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Trinity Sunday

1st Reading: Exodus 34:4-6. 8-9

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 3:16-18

## Diocesan Snippets

### 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. To register your interest, [admin@commongood.org.nz](mailto:admin@commongood.org.nz)  
**2023 CYCLONE APPEAL** Thank you all for your generous donations in response to our Cyclone Appeal. We are pleased to advise the \$40,000.00 raised has been distributed to five charities working on the ground in the most devastated areas. For more information visit our website [www.commongood.org.nz](http://www.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 [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

\***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/>

### Holy Family Parish, Te Atatu Conference with Dr Peter Holmes Thursday 29 June – Saturday 1 July.

Topics: *Health Sexuality in a Pornified World, Life Hacks for a Happy Marriage, The Mission of Masculinity*. Please contact 09 834 6677 for more information.

**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>*

### Fundraiser for Catholic School in Israel [www.holysepulchrenz.org.nz](http://www.holysepulchrenz.org.nz)

New Zealand members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem are helping fund the installation of a fire sprinkler system for the Elementary Greek Melkite Catholic School. Please see [attached](#) for more details. Payment may be made to their account 02 0108 0620770 000. Put your name and "GM" in the reference section.