

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

18 June 2023

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Exodus 19:2-6, Romans 5:6-11 Matthew 9:36-10:8*

Today's Gospel teaches us that the invitation to follow Jesus is a gift freely given by the mercy of God who loves us. It is a call to action: to proclaim the Kingdom and to serve others in the name 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.

**CHURCH LIFE SURVEY OF HAMILTON CITY PARISHES** The Hamilton Diocese would like to hear from all Parishioners in the city of Hamilton through this survey; and in particular what your experiences are of the present, so we can make plans for the future for Hamilton city Parishes. To participate online, scan



the QR code, or use the link: <https://cls.nz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01H27EM5DS44YN5CZGZ2VY11WZ/en-rc>

Hard copies are available from the Church foyer to be returned to the Parish office, please.

*Thank you for your co-operation.*

**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.

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	John Mol-Krijnen RIP
	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday	9.00 am	
Wednesday	9.00 am	<i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>
Thursday	9.00 am	Holy Souls esp FoSS Members
Friday	9.00 am	James Thompson RIP
Saturday	9.00 am	<i>Birth of John the Baptist</i>

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13 2nd Reading: Romans 5:12-15 Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

## 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.*

## Diocesan Snippets

### **Sunday June 18 Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants *Building a Future For All***

In his message for this world day of prayer, Pope Francis calls on us to be builders in the construction of God's city.

### **Feast of St Josemaria Escriva, Founder of Opus Dei, Friday 23 June**

*You are warmly invited to come to Mass and celebrate the feast of St Josemaria Escriva, patron saint of ordinary life: 6:30pm, Friday 23rd June* Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary Hamilton.

Refreshments will be provided after the Mass. *All welcome.*

### **Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women Monday 3rd July 7- 9pm**

Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 494 Grey Street Hamilton East.

**Topic:** *Holy Spirit, He Loves Me* **Speaker:** Helen Smithson

For more information please contact Megan on 021 750586 or [nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com](mailto:nzdove.hamilton@gmail.com)

### **Month of the Most Sacred Heart**

Please see the diocesan website socials page for the **9 First Fridays** devotion.

### **Pro-Life Essay writing competition**

The aim of this essay competition is for students to examine, through sound research and critical analysis, the Catholic perspective on the issue of abortion. Total prize pool of \$1200.

It is open to all students in Year Levels 10 - 13. Please email [prolifeessaycompetition@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeessaycompetition@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/>

**Catholic Youth Office Community Dinner Saturday 1 July** for those doing it tough or living life on the streets. We are looking for some specific items to give to the guests at the dinner including:

- Warm sleeping bags + blankets
- Toiletries such as razors, shampoo+conditioner, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant
- Warm jackets, sweatshirts, thermals, gloves, beanies - in good condition

Donations can be dropped between 9am-5pm to the Chanel Centre - 51 Grey St, Hamilton East or the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 494 Grey Street **until Monday 26 June.**

If you would like to support the dinner with a monetary donation, please contact Jil at [jily@cdh.org.nz](mailto:jily@cdh.org.nz) or Danielle at [danimourits@gmail.com](mailto:danimourits@gmail.com)

### **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.

### **Online Safeguarding Course** *Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for July 2023*

- The Safeguarding in the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand (SCCANZ)
- Cost \$150

Email or call [admin@ctc.ac.nz](mailto:admin@ctc.ac.nz) / 09 3611053 for more information.

To enrol go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/safeguarding](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/safeguarding)