

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

2 July 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Second Book of the Kings 4:8-11, 14-16 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 Matthew 10:37-42*

Today's Gospel is directed not just to the Twelve, but to all who accept the invitation to follow Jesus and proclaim his Gospel. The call to self-sacrifice and the cross is uncompromising: Jesus demands priority for himself over the most binding family ties.

### 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.**

**WELCOME** A warm welcome to Fr John Jolliffe SM who is on supply in the Parish during Fr Eamon's annual leave. We wish Fr Eamon an enjoyable time away. Fr John will be with us for the month of July.

### ENROLMENT FOR THE 2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

Reconciliation, Confirmation, and First Holy Communion for baptised Catholic children who are at least 8 years old. The enrolment will be held at St Columba's Parish Centre, either Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 3.00 pm or Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 6.00 pm.

### PARISH HOSPITALITY

Volunteers - either individuals or Parish community groups are being sought to go on a roster, so we can create groups to start having morning tea after the 8 am & 10 am Sunday Masses. Please contact the Parish office 847 5688 or [stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz), if you are available to help with this.

**SALES TABLE** After 10 am Mass today there will be a sales table with hand knitted items and greeting cards available for purchase. Payment by cash only please. All proceeds to Dementia Waikato.

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION Sunday July 2nd** *Originally a "tax" of a penny per household, Peter's Pence is a collection taken up each year in support of the Pope and his works of charity. Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we unite with Pope Francis as he reaches out to our brothers and sisters suffering the effects of war, natural disasters, and religious persecution.* A special collection will be taken up **today Sunday 2 July** for the support of the Pope's charitable works. Thank you.

### 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)

**PLANNED GIVING** New sets of planned giving envelopes are available to you in the marked box in the church foyer. Sets of special envelopes for those on AP are also available for collection. 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.*



## CHURCH LIFE SURVEY OF HAMILTON CITY PARISHES

To participate online, scan the QR code, or use the link:

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rIdawic/01H27EM5DS44YN5CZGZ2VY11WZ/en-rc>

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

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS			
Sunday		8.00 am	
		10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	<i>St Thomas</i>	9.00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday		9.00 am	Forgotten Souls
Wednesday		9.00 am	
Thursday		9.00 am	Carlito Ramajo RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
Friday		9.00 am	Conversion of Sinners
Saturday		9.00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 2nd Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13 Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

## Diocesan Snippets

### Host Family in Hamilton Required

Hamilton diocese is looking for billeting accommodation for one of our Vietnamese pre-seminarians until February 2024, in Hamilton City and close to a bus stop. Remuneration will be provided

Contact Chris at the Chanel Centre [chrisp@cdh.org.nz](mailto:chrisp@cdh.org.nz)

**Behold, I Make All things New Hearts Aflame Catholic Summer School** for young adults aged 18 to 35 who want to know more about their faith at Nga Tawa Diocesan School, Marton, from 29/12/23 until 7/01/24. **Registrations open Sunday July 2nd at 2pm:** [heartsaflame.org.nz](http://heartsaflame.org.nz) to register or find out more.

**Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy** [www.studyjoy.nz](http://www.studyjoy.nz)

\***Mary in the Scriptures** with Kieran Fenn fms. **Mondays 3 & 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 4/11/18 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/>

**Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women Monday 3rd July, 7 - 9pm** Cathedral, 494 Grey Street Ham 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)

**Young Adults Retreat, Exult 2023** Narrows Park in Hamilton **July 13 - 16.** [Registration](#)

### Common Good Foundation - Catholic care in action Calf Rearing Scheme

We are seeking farmers willing to make a virtual donation or pledge to raise and sell a calf or lamb.

Contact Jessica at [admin@commongood.org.nz](mailto:admin@commongood.org.nz) or call 07 856 6989.

### Catholic Family Support Services Situations Vacant - Receptionist Administrator; Senior Practitioner.

For a job description and application form for either role, please contact Dianne at Catholic Family Support Services, ph. 0800 24 20 25 or [admin@cfss.org.nz](mailto:admin@cfss.org.nz)

**Alone Again?** A weekend away to help those suffering the heartache of Separation, Divorce, or Widowhood on **25-27 August.** **The Beginning Experience** provides support and offers an opportunity to turn the pain of loss into an experience of positive growth. Cost \$350 or \$325 if paid by 26 July.

Lynda 027 489 8003 or (09)478 9742 or Kelly evenings 027 686 4416 [www.beginningexperience.org.nz](http://www.beginningexperience.org.nz)