

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

8 October 2023 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Isaiah 5:1-7 Philippians 4:6-9 Matthew 21:33-43

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us as his disciples, to look at how we use the gifts God has entrusted to us.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS Dora Fransen is 99 on Tuesday! The Mass intention on Monday will be for Dora and the Fransen family. Prayerful best wishes from the Parish for this special celebration. May God's blessing continue to sustain Dora and all the members of her family.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP Meets in the Parish Centre on **Monday 9 October** from 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm for prayer & friendship followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

NATIONAL CLERGY ASSEMBLY Fr Eamon will be away during this week from 9th to 12th October. There will be Mass in the Parish on Monday 9th and a Liturgy with Holy Communion from the 10th to 12th October. Please note that the only weekday Masses in the City next week are at St Joseph's Parish Fairfield on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9.00 am.

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

2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME resumes next Sunday 15 October. Please keep the students preparing for First Holy Communion/Confirmation and their families in your prayers.

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	
	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	Dora Fransen Family Living & Dec'd
Tuesday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Wednesday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Thursday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	9.00 am	May Waters (90 th B'day)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14



CHURCH LIFE SURVEY OF HAMILTON CITY PARISHES

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

<https://clsnz.org/chis96Be2rldawic/01H27EM5DS44YN5CZGZ2VY11WZ/en-rc>

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

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

The **Synod Assembly** started in Rome this week on **Wednesday 4 October**. All are invited to participate in prayer for the Synod.

Support Life Sunday 8 October The Catholic bishops have updated *Te Kahu o te Ora – A Consistent Ethic of Life*; a document which inspires the protection and promotion of all life. “This understanding of the sacredness of all life guides us in making decisions in regards to human life in all its stages, our care for the vulnerable and our care of the Earth.” Bishop Steve’s statement is also online here:

<https://www.catholic.org.nz/news/media-releases/tekahu/>

The PDF copy of *Te Kahu o Te Ora* is online here: <https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Consistent-Ethic-of-Life-booklet-26-September-2023.pdf>

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy www.studyjoy.nz

The Corinthians - who were they? with Kieran Fenn fms.

Monday 9 October, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: Koha.

<https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/09/19/letters-to-the-corinthians-who-were-they/>

Family Life Catholic Gifts would like to celebrate this month of the rosary with a great sale - 20% OFF ALL ROSARIES. The sale will run until **Saturday 14 October**, online at catholicgifts.co.nz. Proceeds from shop sales go to support the work of Family Life International.

Bishops' 2023 Election Statement

The NZ Catholic Bishops have published their 2023 Election Statement, which urges the politicians elected on **14 October** to focus on issues that matter to the people of the nation rather than the trivia and scandals that dominate public debate. The Election Statement is also available online here as a PDF: https://www.catholic.org.nz/assets/NZCBC_Election2023_A4.pdf

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal next **Sunday 15 October**. Envelopes available from Parishes next week.

Current of Grace: God's Repair Shop *Behold, I am making all things new* Worship, Mass, Healing Prayer Cathedral **Wednesday 18 October 7.00 pm**. Contact: Helen 027 294 1270 Current of Grace Hamilton.

Couples for Christ Christian Life Program runs until **29 October** at St. Matthew's Hillcrest 2:00-5:00 pm. Contact Rowena 021 0874 1825 Elmer 021 0268 5313 CFCHamiltonCLP@gmail.com

Directed Retreats

- **Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru, 74 Dods Rd, RDI Ngakuru, Rotorua 3077**

Book - weekday retreat 27 Nov - 1 Dec : 1 space left

Lenten Retreat 20 - 24 March **2024**

- **Cluny Sisters Retreat Centre, 21 Thirteenth Avenue, Tauranga South, Tauranga 3112**

Book Now 23 - 25 Feb **2024**

March for Life Wellington (Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd December)

[Register here for our Wellington Convoy](#)