

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

15 October 2023 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Isaiah 25:6-10 Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 Matthew 22:1-14

In today's Gospel, Jesus sets out the entry requirements for the Kingdom of Heaven and challenges us as his disciples, to look at how we are prepared to change our lives.

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.

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal today **Sunday 15 October** "*In His Name, We Reach Out*".

Donation envelopes available from the Church foyer.

CONDOLENCES Peter Barton RIP Prayerful sympathy to Gerald and Claire Barton and the family on the passing of Gerald's brother Peter. Funeral Mass for Peter will be celebrated in the Parish on **Wednesday 18 October at 11.00 am**. *May he rest in peace.*

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 freamonkenedy@gmail.com

2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME resumes today 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	Communion Service
Tuesday	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	9.00 am
Wednesday	<i>St Luke</i>	9.00 am
Thursday		9.00 am
Friday		9.00 am
Saturday		9.00 am

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 45:1. 4-6 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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/chis96Be2rldawic/01H27EM5DS44YN5CZGZ2VY11WZ/en-rc>

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

The final Sunday for participating in the 2023 Church Life Survey is **26 November**.

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MONTH OF THE ROSARY *The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is primarily a scriptural prayer, in which we meditate with Mary upon the life of Jesus. During this month, let us consider this beautiful prayer as a means that we too can use to draw closer to Jesus and Mary.*

Diocesan Snippets

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2023 : Sunday 15 October 2023 : "In His Name, We Reach Out"

Your generosity in providing financial support for evangelization in the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton is invaluable and will allow funding for parishes, religious education programs, outreach to the needy, and pastoral ministries. Donation can be made in 3 ways:

- **INTERNET BANKING**

RC Bishop of Hamilton, Account: 02 0342 0050008 003, Particulars: Your Name, Code: BA2023, Reference: Your Donor Number

- **ONLINE SECURE PAYMENT**

Go to www.bishopappeal.cdh.nz with a Debit or Credit Card

- **PHONE CALL or MAIL TO THE DIOCESE**

Please call or email our friendly staff at the Diocesan Chancel Centre for any assistance at fundraising@cdh.org.nz or 07 856 6989. *Thank you for your donations, support and prayers.*

The Synod Assembly 2023 continues in Rome from **4 - 29 October**. All are invited to participate in prayer for the Synod.

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

Catholic Family Support Services Fundraiser (0800) 24 20 25 Account Details: 02-0342-0008002-00 \$100 will cover a small food hamper, \$150 a large food hamper, for a family in need this Christmas.

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy www.studyjoy.nz

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms. Mondays **13 and 20 November**, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Free. Donations/Koha are appreciated. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>

Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College now accepting enrolments for the 2024 First Semester Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology courses: Enrolments close **Friday 24 November**. For more information, go to www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes

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

[Register here for our Wellington Convoy](#)