

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

22 October 2023 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Isaiah 45:1.4-6 Thessalonians 1:1-5 Matthew 22:15-21

In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the questions to the Pharisees as an opportunity for teaching his disciples the importance of having a sincere heart.

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.

Mission Sunday today Sunday 22 October "Hearts on Fire. Feet on the Move" (Lk 24:13-35)

Today we are encouraged to celebrate our missionary calling as Christians. The Pontifical Mission Appeal invites us to reach out to communities who have been affected by poverty and disability.

A special Collection will be taken up today to assist the Church's missionary outreach throughout the world. *Those on planned giving, please use your 'special' envelopes.*

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 was delayed and will now be celebrated in the Parish on **Wednesday 25 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 freamonkennedy@gmail.com

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS		
Sunday	8.00 am	
	10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES		
Monday	9.00 am	Communion Service
Tuesday	9.00 am	
Wednesday	9.00 am	
Thursday	9.00 am	
Friday	9.00 am	
Saturday	<i>Sts Simon & Jude</i>	9.00 am

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 22:20-26 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

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**.

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

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

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

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

Your generosity in providing financial support for evangelization in the Catholic Diocese of Hamilton 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

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 the Diocesan Centre at fundraising@cdh.org.nz or 07 856 6989.

Thank you for your donations, support and prayers.

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.

Voice for Life Youth First meet: **Friday 3 November**, 7pm, St Patrick's Church, Te Awamutu.

Monthly meets for teens and young adults. Learn how to articulate a pro-life argument, find your courage, speak out and stand up for the voiceless and vulnerable.

For more info see: [Voice for Life - YOUTH](#) or text Ephrem on 020 4089 4407.

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/>

Mass for Deceased Bishops and Priests

Annual Mass for the Deceased Bishops & Priests of the Diocese

Date: **Tuesday 21st November** Time: 11:00 am Location: St Patrick's Church Te Awamutu.

This will be followed by the blessing of the graves at Ohaupo cemetery. All are welcome.

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](#)

Directed Retreats

Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru, 74 Dods Rd, RD1 Ngakuru, Rotorua **Lenten Retreat 20 - 24 March 2024**

Cluny Sisters Retreat Centre, 21 Thirteenth Avenue, Tauranga South **Book Now 23 - 25 Feb 2024**