

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

29 October 2023 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Exodus 2:20-26 Thessalonians 1:5-10 Matthew 22:34-40

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that love of God and love of our neighbour go hand in hand. True love is a matter of fidelity and commitment.

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.

ALL SOULS DAY Thursday 2 November On All Souls Day there will be an extra Mass in the Parish at **7.00 pm**. *Following both Masses, there will be a short blessing service at the Columbarium.*

FIRST FRIDAY MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

The Filipino Community First Friday Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 3 November** at **6:30 pm**. The Mass will be offered in memory of our departed loved ones. *All welcome.*

MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to last Sunday's appeal, for your generosity in supporting the missionary work of the Church in developing countries. If you would still like to contribute to this Appeal, the *MissionNZ* bank account number is: **BNZ 02 0506 0022477 068**.

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	Special Intention
Wednesday	<i>All Saints</i>	9.00 am
Thursday	<i>All Souls</i>	9.00 am 7.00 pm
Friday		9.00 am Doris Thompson RIP
Saturday	<i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	9.00 am Special Intention

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. If you have recently set up an internet payment, please email your name & contact details to the Parish for tax receipt purposes.



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**.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2. 8-10 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13 Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

HOLY SOULS *The month of November is a special time to pray for the Holy Souls, those family and friends who have gone before us.*

Diocesan Snippets

The Catholic Diocese of Hamilton rejoices in the announcement of a new Bishop.

"The Holy Father has appointed the Reverend Richard Philip James Laurenson, of the clergy of Hamilton, until now parish priest of the All Saints by the Sea parish in Papamoa Coast and diocesan chancellor, as bishop of the diocese of Hamilton, New Zealand" (the Holy See, 25th October 2023, 11 pm NZDT)

The Anglican and Catholic Bishops of Aotearoa New Zealand have issued a statement jointly expressing their horror at the latest acts of violence in the Holy Land and joining international voices in calling for an immediate ceasefire. *"To the people of Aotearoa New Zealand; we urge you to pray for peace and to support aid appeals for those impacted by this humanitarian crisis."* Their joint statement [is online here](#).

[Te Kupenga - Catholic Theological College](#) has an upcoming webinar series focusing on the Foundations of Christian Leadership! Speaker: Dr John Evangelista. **3 Tuesdays, 31 Oct - 14 November**, 5.30-6.30 pm on ZOOM. To register, visit: www.tekupenga.ac.nz/leadership

Dove Catholic Fellowship for Women November Meeting

Topic: Transformation Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Date: **Monday 6th November**

Venue: Cathedral of the blessed Virgin Mary, 494 Grey Street, Hamilton East.

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/>

World Day of the Poor 2023: Sunday 19 November marks the 7th annual World Day of the Poor, a day to consider how we all can stand in solidarity with those in need.

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

An invitation to all for the Ordination of Brother Jonathon Kilkelly to the Priesthood Verbum Spei Saturday 25th November 11am, St Mary's Catholic Church, Rotorua. *Refreshments to follow.*

March for Life Wellington (Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd December) [Register here for our Wellington Convoy](#)