

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

5 November 2023 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Malachi 1:14-2:2. 8-10 1Thessalonians 2:7-9. 13 Matthew 23:1-12*

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches us that our life as disciples must be marked by integrity, humility, and by practising what we preach.

### 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 APPEAL

Thank you to all who contributed to the Mission Sunday 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](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS			
Sunday	8.00 am	Carlito Ramajo RIP	
	10.00 am	Parishioners	
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	9.00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>	
Tuesday	9.00 am	Duncan Family	
Wednesday	9.00 am		
Thursday	<i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i>	9.00 am	David Woodward RIP
Friday	<i>St Leo the Great</i>	9.00 am	
Saturday	<i>St Martin of Tours</i>	9.00 am	

### 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.*

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

**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.



## 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**.

## 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 and diocesan chancellor, as bishop of the diocese of Hamilton, New Zealand.*

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. Their joint statement [is online here](#).

### **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.

**Webinar series** on the Foundations of Christian Leadership! Speaker: Dr John Evangelista. **Tuesdays 7th & 14th November**, 5.30-6.30 pm on ZOOM. To register, visit: [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/leadership](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/leadership)

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

**The Joyful Mysteries:** The Rosary Sonatas of Heinrich Biber **Sunday 19 November, 5pm**

**St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral (51 Victoria Street)** Violinist Anne Loeser, accompanied by Jane Young, (cello) and Rachael Griffiths-Hughes (organ and harpsichord), will present the Joyful Mysteries: *The Annunciation; The Visitation; The Nativity; The Presentation in the Temple; The finding of Jesus in the Temple.* (Entry by koha).

### **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](http://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](#)

**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.

**The Ukrainian Catholic Church** is an Eastern Church in communion with Rome. The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saints Peter and Paul Melbourne covers Australia, New Zealand and the rest of Oceania. Ukrainians immigrated to New Zealand after the Second World War, and after the collapse of the Soviet Union. A Ukrainian parish was established in Auckland in 2015 which caters for the whole of New Zealand. It is on the new website here: <https://catholicukes.au/parishes/nz/>