

St Columba's Parish Newsletter

19 November 2023 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Reflections on the Readings of the Day

Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-15. 19-21

Today's Gospel parable of the servants entrusted with different talents, teaches us the importance of being faithful. Do our daily lives reflect our expectation that the Lord will return soon?

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 note that on Saturday 25 November, Confessions will be heard before the 9 am Mass only. Please sit in the back seat of the church.**

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR Sunday 19 November

"Do not turn your face away from those who are poor" (Tob 4:7). Pope Francis has dedicated this Sunday as a day of reaching out to and learning from, the poorest members in our community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION Sunday 26 November *Please keep in your prayers the 20 candidates who will receive these Sacraments next Sunday at the 10 am Mass.*

ORDINATION of Bishop-Elect Richard Laurenson Friday 8 December, Cathedral, 6pm.

Please note this is a ticketed event. **Ten seats** have been allocated to each Parish. If you would like to go into the draw to attend, please email your name to the Parish office. Ten names will be drawn and those successful notified. The Ordination will be live-streamed on YouTube; also at Marian School Hall.

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	Dec'd Members Fahy Family RIP	
	10.00 am	Parishioners	
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	9.00 am	Communion Service	
Tuesday	<i>Presentation of Mary</i>	9.00 am	Gallien Family RIP
Wednesday	<i>St Cecilia</i>	9.00 am	
Thursday		9.00 am	Pereira & Hill Family RIP
Friday	<i>St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	9.00 am	
Saturday		9.00 am	Peter Barton & Family RIP

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: Christ the King

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Diocesan Snippets

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.

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

St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral (51 Victoria Street) Violinist Anne Loeser, with Jane Young, (cello) and Rachael Griffiths-Hughes (organ and harpsichord) will present the Joyful Mysteries: (Entry by koha).

Notices from Titipounamu Study & Joy www.studyjoy.nz

The Gospel of Mark with Kieran Fenn fms. **Monday 20 November, 7-8.30pm.** ZOOM. Free.

Donations/Koha are appreciated. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/10/10/the-gospel-of-mark/>

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 Enrolments for the 2024 First Semester Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology courses close **Friday 24 November.** www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes

Wondering why the faith is so hard to bear witness to in NZ?

St Mary's Convent Chapel Hamilton East, **Friday November 24, 6pm:** Adoration.

7pm: Fr Dominic Faure, of Verbum Spei (Word of Hope) talks about how to overcome kiwi apathy.

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](#)

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul requires a finance-oriented person to take on the role of Treasurer, requiring 8-10 hours of your time monthly. Contact Mike, Mary or Judith - 07 847 4044, Mon - Fri, 9 – 4.

Parish to Parish Bed and Breakfast, a wonderful way for Catholics to meet and enjoy the company of other Catholics. Cost per night: \$50 for one guest and \$30 for each additional guest, including breakfast. To purchase a book with details of hosts in N Z and Australia, contact: Marie Anderson 03 359 5541 or email: marie.ian@xtra.co.nz. *The cost for a book is \$15 which includes postage.*

MEDJUGORJE IN-DEPTH Experience being a pilgrim in Medjugorje. Departure 19 May 2024

See flyer for full details www.pilgrimage.nz | 0274 219 064 | info@mirpilgrimages.co.nz

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.

Prayer & Action For A Ceasefire In Gaza

If you would like to be on a mailing list for more info, contact Sister Barbara: barbpeace9@gmail.com.