

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

4 February 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Job 7:1-4, 6-7 Corinthians 9:16-19 Mark 1:29-39*

Today's Gospel describes the cure of Simon Peter's mother-in-law. Her immediate response to being healed by Jesus is to 'wait on them'. Healing leads to service in the community.

### 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.

### FR EAMON FAREWELL Sunday 4 February

There will be an opportunity after Mass today to farewell Fr Eamon. We thank him for his ministry with us over the last 3 years and wish him every blessing in his new appointment. If you would like to make a donation to him, please put an envelope clearly marked 'Fr Eamon' in the collection plate; or online donation via the Parish Account **020342 0050016 03**, using 'Father' as Reference. Thank you.

### MASS TIMES Ash Wednesday 14 February

9.00am and 1.30pm St Columba's Parish, Frankton

10.15am St Joseph's, Fairfield

7.00pm St Peter Chanel, Te Rapa

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS			
Sunday		8.00 am	
		10.00 am	Parishioners
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	<i>St Agatha</i>	9.00 am	Liturgy with Holy Communion
Tuesday	<i>Waitangi Day</i>	9.00 am	
Wednesday	<i>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</i>	9.00 am	<b>Liturgy with Holy Communion</b>
Thursday		9.00 am	
Friday		9.00 am	
Saturday	<i>St Scholastica</i>	9.00 am	

\*Please note that there will be no Mass in the Parish on **Wednesday 7 February**. Instead, a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will be celebrated.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2. 44-46 2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Gospel: Mark: 1:40-4

### 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.*

**WELCOME** Next **Sunday 11 February** we will welcome Fr Stuart Young and Fr Joseph George who have been appointed to the Parishes of Frankton and Raglan, while maintaining responsibility for the Parish of the Holy Cross which comprises the Parishes of Fairfield and Te Rapa.

**New Mass Times (for Fairfield & Te Rapa):**

**St Peter Chanel, Te Rapa**

Tuesday 10.15am            Thursday 10.15am

Saturday 5.00pm

**St Joseph's, Fairfield**

Wednesday 10.15am    Friday 10.15am

Sunday 9.00am

**OFFICE ASSISTANT REQUIRED** The Parish of the Holy Cross are seeking a person to fill the role of Office Assistant at St Joseph's Church Fairfield. The role will interface with a wide section of the community, so an ability to emphasize with people is required.

An ability to use Powerpoint, and Excel is required. It is also desirable if the applicant has knowledge of Xero accounting package or similar.

Maximum of 16 hours a week, with the possibility of this increasing later in the year.

Preference given to someone with the ability to work 10am to 2pm.

Please apply via email attaching a CV to [stuarty@cdh.org.nz](mailto:stuarty@cdh.org.nz)

## Diocesan Snippets

**2024 Schools' Commissioning Mass Thursday 8 February 6 pm** Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The Hamilton Diocese Schools' team would like to extend an invitation to our Commissioning Mass.

*Whether it is directly or indirectly, we are all involved in the education of the children of our diocese and we are all called to pray for our leadership teams, educators, support staff, board members, PTFA members, and pastoral carers.*

**World Marriage Day Tuesday 13 February.** In his 2023 apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis says: "Marriage based on an exclusive and definitive love becomes an icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love."

<https://www.nlo.org.nz/news-and-events/media-releases/world-marriage-day/>

**Dove Fellowship for Women *Stepping Out*** (The theme for the year)

Time to get out of our Waka, free up things holding us back and move forward on our journey with the Lord.

Come join us. **Monday 4 March, 7pm** at the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton East.

**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](mailto:marie.ian@xtra.co.nz). *The cost for a book is \$15 which includes postage.*

**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](mailto:barbpeace9@gmail.com).

**Diocesan Pastoral Services Manager Vacancy**

To receive a job description and application form, please email: [jobs@cdh.org.nz](mailto:jobs@cdh.org.nz)

Applications close on **Monday 19th February 2024**.