

# St Columba's Parish Newsletter

17 September 2023 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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## Reflections on the Readings of the Day

*Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35*

Today's Gospel reminds us that the extent to which we forgive others is the measure by which we will receive forgiveness from God.

### 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.

**CONDOLENCES Anna Diekerhof RIP** Prayerful sympathy and sincere best wishes to the Diekerhof family on the passing of Anna, their much loved mother. Her Requiem was celebrated in the Parish on Friday. *May she rest in peace.*

**PARISH OFFICE** The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 18 September for the last week of the school term and the first week of the holidays. It will re-open on Monday 2 October. The Parish answerphone will be checked daily during this time, or you may wish to contact Fr Eamon at his email address: [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)

**HOSPITALITY** Morning tea will be starting again after the 10am Mass today and on the Sundays when the Sacramental Programme is not being run. It will be offered after the 8am Mass on the first and third Sunday of the month. Grateful thanks to those people who have offered to help with this!

*Please stay for a cup of coffee or tea and a biscuit and enjoy some fellowship with other parishioners.*

### 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)

**2023 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME Sunday 17 September** The students preparing for First Holy Communion/Confirmation will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this afternoon. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

SUNDAY MASSES & INTENTIONS			
Sunday	8.00 am	Ma. Luisa Gatchalian RIP (40 days)	
	10.00 am	Parishioners	
WEEKDAY MASSES			
Monday	9.00 am	<b>Communion Service</b>	
Tuesday	9.00 am		
Wednesday	<i>St Andrew Kim &amp; Companions</i>	9.00 am	<b>End Of Term Mass</b>
Thursday	<i>St Matthew</i>	9.00 am	
Friday		9.00 am	
Saturday	<i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	9.00 am	

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:** 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16



## 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.

### 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.*

## Diocesan Snippets

Common Good Foundation would like to please remind everyone that it is not too late to donate to our **2023 Caring Sunday Appeal**.

**A big thank you to everyone who has already generously donated to the appeal to date.**

**Couples for Christ Christian Life Program** runs **3 September to 29 October** at St. Matthew's Hillcrest 2:00-5:00 pm. Contact Rowena 021 0874 1825 Elmer 021 0268 5313 [CFCHamiltonCLP@gmail.com](mailto:CFCHamiltonCLP@gmail.com)

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

\***The Women in the Bible** with Kieran Fenn fms. <https://www.studyjoy.nz/2023/04/25/mary-in-the-scriptures/>

**Monday 18 September**, 7-8.30pm. ZOOM. Fee: \$20/session.

**Te Kupenga – Catholic Theological College** will start accepting enrolments on **Monday September 25** for the 2024 First Semester Bachelor of Divinity and Graduate Diploma in Theology courses:

To learn more about the programmes, go to [www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes](http://www.tekupenga.ac.nz/programmes).

### Directed Retreats

- **Tyburn Monastery, Ngakuru , 74 Dods Rd, RD1 Ngakuru, Rotorua 3077**

Book - weekday retreat 27 Nov - 1 Dec : 1 space left

Book 24 - 26 Nov : 1 space left

Lenten Retreat 20 - 24 March **2024**

- **Cluny Sisters Retreat Centre, 21 Thirteenth Avenue, Tauranga South, Tauranga 3112**

Book Now 23 - 25 Feb **2024**

### New Bishop for Palmerston North

Bishop-Elect, Father John Adams will be ordained as the Bishop of Palmerston North Diocese on **Saturday 30 September at 11.00 am** at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 197 Broadway Avenue, Palmerston North.

*For those unable to attend in person, a live-stream of this Ordination may be found at [www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz](http://www.facebook.com/centralcatholic.nz)*

**Catholic Answers Cy Kellett Friday 6 October, 6.30 pm** St Pius X, Melville *Whatever Happened to the Modern World?*

### Catholic Diocese of Hamilton Vacancies

Parish Property Support Manager For enquiries and application form, please email [graemer@cdh.org.nz](mailto:graemer@cdh.org.nz)

Schools Property Manager For enquiries and application form, please email [graemer@cdh.org.nz](mailto:graemer@cdh.org.nz)

**Catholic Family Support Services** have three roles they are looking to fill: Email: [admin@cfss.org.nz](mailto:admin@cfss.org.nz)  
Supervised Contact Coordinator Role, Supervised Contact Supervisor, Receptionist Administrator

### March for Life Wellington (Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd December)

Register here for our Wellington Convoy