

27th August 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In Alert Level 4 and Alert Level 3 there are no Masses, not until we move into Alert Level 2 with gatherings of a maximum of 100. You may watch livestream Masses by Bishop Steve via this link, every day at 9.00 am.

[Livestream Mass — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.cdh.org.nz)

Please keep in contact by phone with fellow Parishioners and if you discover they are not getting an email from me please forward their email address to me so I can add them to the Parish Google Groups.

As a suggestion for your daily prayer, I would encourage you all to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

Saturday's Scriptures

St Augustine, Bishop and Doctor the Church (354-430) Memorial

First letter of St John 4:7-16

Psalm 118:9-14

Matthew 23: 8-12

A short reflection

St Augustine was the son of St Monica who was converted, thanks to her prayers. St Augustine reminds us that God can use us for his good. He went from being a sinner to someone who was defending the faith. God's grace is abundant for those who want to use it. Augustine was influenced by St Ambrose, a Bishop, who was able to speak to Augustine's intellect. Augustine became one of the greatest thinkers of his time and his writings still influence the Church to this day. Augustine reminds us that we all need to educate minds in the faith so that it may nourish our souls.

Kind regards

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