

29th 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.

Monday's Scriptures

First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalm 95:1,3-5,11-13

Luke 4:16-30

A short reflection on the Gospel

Jesus comes to his hometown where he had been brought up and the people thought they knew him, e.g., "This is Joseph's son, surely." They were astonished by the gracious words which came from his lips but when he spoke the truth to them which they didn't want to hear they were enraged and wanted to throw him off the brow of the hill their town was built on. Sometimes the truth hurts us and sometimes we must speak the truth which is going to hurt others.

President Joe Biden said after the bombing in Kabul "We will not forgive. We will not forget. We will hunt you down and make you pay." It was a very tragic thing which happened in Kabul and many people will be hurting which is understandable, but we should be careful about what we say. Our words are powerful. I think we are always called to forgive in all circumstances.

Kind regards

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