

30th August 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Please find attached a letter from Bishop Steve about instructions around Alert Levels and how they will impact the Catholic Community. The Parish updates and letters from the Bishop can also be found on the Parish website under the title Resources and then Newsletters.

www.catholicfrankton.org.nz

To summarise the Bishop's letter:

At Alert Level 3, the churches will remain closed.

Gatherings of no more than 10 for weddings and funerals.

No Holy Communion for the sick, only Anointing of the Sick.

For Alert Level 2, a maximum of 100 for gatherings, masks must be worn and Contract Tracing with the QR Code or signing in for Mass.

Alpha Programme at St Columba's

Our programme will be deferred until we go into Alert Level 1.

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 \(cdh.org.nz\)](http://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.

Tuesday's Scriptures

First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11

Psalm 26:1,4,13-14

Luke 4:31-37

A short reflection on the Gospel

When Jesus spoke, he made a deep impression, he spoke with authority, and they were seized with astonishment. It was the unclean spirit who knew who Jesus was. Everyone now was talking about him; he was the talk of the town. We learn about Jesus from reading his word (the Gospel) and praying with it. May the word of God leave us impressed with Jesus' words and actions.

Kind regards

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