

12<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### **Volunteers needed**

When we have Masses again, we will need volunteers to manage the door, count the people and make sure everyone scans the QR code and/or leaves their details in the box provided for contact tracing. If you are able to assist, please email me at [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com).

After each Mass the church will need to be sanitized and the surfaces wiped down.

Contact tracing will also continue in Alert Level 1.

Currently, under Alert Level 2 there will be no Masses on weekdays or Sundays, 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)

St Columba's Church will be opened during the day for private prayer, not for group prayers.

Normal Confessions will happen on Saturday morning at 9.30 am.

Please remember to scan the QR code or place your details into the box provided and wear a mask.

The Parish office will be open and operating more like a 'click and collect' set up. Parishioners are welcome to contact the Parish by phone or by email [stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz) or you may email me at [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto:freamonkennedy@gmail.com)

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**

#### **St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor (347-407 AD) Memorial**

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

Psalms 39:2,4,7-10

Mark 4:1-10,13-20

### **A short reflection on the Gospel**

The second part of the Gospel explains Jesus' parable about the sower sowing seeds on different types of soil or ground. Sometimes our soil (souls) may not be ready to receive the word, so it cannot produce a rich harvest. "Listen, anyone who has ears to hear." We need ears to hear the word of God. Sometimes the word of God makes us feel uncomfortable which is a good feeling. It means the word of God is doing its job. St John Chrysostom was known for being a wonderful preacher and received the nickname 'chrysostomos' meaning 'golden mouth'. His preaching also upset some who were offended by his message. They didn't really want to hear the word of God. The word of God is here to challenge us and make us better people.

Kind regards

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