

13th September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Please find attached Bishop Steve's letter allowing us to have weekday Masses. To have Mass we need volunteers to manage the door at the moment we have only three volunteers which is not enough. I am encouraging Parishioners to attend only one Mass per week, so that everyone has a chance to go. We also don't know how long we will be in Alert Level 2.

We will commence with weekday Masses starting on Monday next week and this is our schedule:

Raglan : Monday - 10.00 am
St. Columba's, Frankton: Tuesday - 10.00 am.
Wednesday - 10.00 am.
Thursday - 5.30 pm for working people and their families.
Friday - 10.00 am.
Friday - 7.00 pm for working people and their families.
Saturday - 10.00 am.

We need two people to manage the door for each mass at St Columba's. If you are able to assist, please email me at freamonkennedy@gmail.com and send me your phone number.

A link will be sent out on Saturday so people can book in for the week.

Currently, under Alert Level 2 there are no Sunday Masses. 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 or you may email me at 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.

Tuesday's Scriptures

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm 77:1-2,34-38

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

A short reflection.

The Scripture readings for today's feast are so meaningful and beautiful to reflect on. Those who were bitten by the serpent in the first reading, looked at the bronze serpent and were saved. The

second reading shows how powerful Jesus' name is. God loved the world so much that he sent his only son and raised him on high. Today the Scriptures assist us to reflect on the love of God through the suffering of Jesus on the Cross.

Kind regards

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