

1st September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In 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)

The Parish office at St Columba's will remain closed under Alert Level 3. Parishioners are welcome to contact the Parish by phone or emailing me at freamonkennedy@gmail.com

Click here to read the latest edition of NZ Catholic:

www.catholic.org.nz/assets/Uploads/NZ-Catholic-Special-Digital-Issue-Sept.1.pdf

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.

Thursday's Scriptures

Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:9-14

Psalm 97:2-6

Luke 5:1-11

A short reflection on the Gospel

Today's Gospel is a good Scripture to use your imagination as you pray with it.

Jesus is preaching the word of God; he notices the crowd getting bigger. He uses one of Simon Peter's boats to distance himself from the crowd so he does not get crushed but can still be seen and heard by those who had come to hear him.

So, we imagine Jesus sitting on the boat, we can see the crowd on the shore, we can sense the smell of the water and feel the warmth of the sun and the sea breeze.

Our imagination helps us to pray and become part of the Scripture we are reading.

Kind regards

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