

20th September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

With Monday's announcement from the government, we await instructions from Bishop Steve regarding Sunday Masses.

Weekday Masses

Parishioners no longer need to book in for weekday Masses. We will continue with the Mass timetable as below for the rest of the week and then return to the normal weekday Mass timetable next week.

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.

Bishop Steve will livestream masses on weekdays at 8.00 am and here is the link [Livestream Mass — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream-mass)

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
Saint Matthew (Feast)
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13
Psalm 18:2-5
Luke Matthew 9:9-13

A short reflection

Today we celebrate the feast of St Matthew who was called Levi. He collected taxes for the Romans, but he was a Jew. He would have been hated for his job, especially because he was Jewish. He was probably wealthy, taking a percentage from the taxes he collected. Jesus calls him and he leaves his work and follows Jesus straight away, which was impressive. Perhaps St Matthew knew about Jesus because everyone was talking about him. Maybe he was ready to change his life and follow this controversial and charismatic figure. When the Pharisees complained that Jesus was eating with sinners, he said this very important sentence, "And indeed I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners." These are words of great hope.

Kind regards
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