

21<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Please find attached the letter from Bishop Steve. We can now have Sunday Masses with a maximum of 100. Raglan and Te Mata will continue to have their normal Saturday Vigil Mass times and they won't be required to book in.

St Columba's will now have a Saturday Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm and their normal 8.00 am and 10.00 am Sunday Masses. I am only able to do two Masses a day, and so I am encouraging Parishioners to consider attending the Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm to take the pressure off the 10.00 am mass which seems to be the most popular mass.

Here is the link to book in for Sunday Mass at St Columba's.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/AlexBailey1/SundayBookingStColumbasFrankton>

If you need assistance to book in for Sunday, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, landline or cell phone.

### **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 :

Wednesday - 10.00 am.
Thursday - 5.30 pm.
Friday - 10.00 am.
Friday - 7.00 pm.
Saturday – <b>No Mass on Saturday Morning</b>

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)

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.

### **Wednesday's Scriptures**

Book of Ezra 9:5-9

Psalm 13:2,4,6-8

Luke 9:1-6

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

The Twelve needed to have great faith and trust as they went from town to town “proclaiming the Good News and healing everywhere.” Since they didn’t bring enough supplies, they were dependent on other people’s generosity even right down to having somewhere to sleep. They were dependent on being welcomed by people they didn’t know. It is quite clear that not everyone would make them feel welcome. Not everyone wanted to hear the Good News. It is a real gift to make people feel welcome and especially to welcome the stranger.

Kind regards

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