

22nd September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

For St Columba's Parishioners they are required to book in for Sunday Mass. Please consider attending the Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm to take the pressure off the 10.00 am mass. There are a number of Parishioners who do not have emails or are not getting the email updates. If you know of anyone, please give them a call, and assist them to book in which you can do for them or they can contact me, and I will book them in.

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

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

Raglan and Te Mata (no booking required)
Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm
St Columba's
Saturday Vigil 7.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am
Sunday 10.00 am

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

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 :

Thursday - 5.30 pm.
Friday - 10.00 am.
Friday - 7.00 pm.
Saturday – No Mass on Saturday Morning

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 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.

Thursday's Scriptures

St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (1887-1968) Memorial

Galatians 2:19-20

Psalm 127

Matthew 16:24-27

A short reflection

The Strategic Plan for our diocese takes its theme from our first reading today. "Living no longer for ourselves but for Christ." It is a catchy theme, but what does it mean? Maybe to understand these words we need to understand today's first reading beginning with these words, "I have been Crucified with Christ..." Christians are called to carry their cross and follow Jesus. This is not what we want to do, but it is what we are called to do. Padre Pio is a modern-day saint and was canonised in 2002. He had the stigmata which made his life very difficult, it was painful for him. Padre Pio said: "I am only a poor brother who prays."

Kind regards

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