

2nd 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 \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.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

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.

Friday's Scriptures

St Gregory the Great (Pope and Doctor of the Church, 540 – 604) Memorial

Second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 4:1-2,5-7

Psalm 95:1-3,7-8,10

Luke 22: 24-30

A short reflection on the Gospel

St Gregory the Great had a remarkable life and during a part of his journey he became (reluctantly), the Pope calling himself the "servant of the servants of God." The disciples in today's Gospel reading were arguing among themselves who was the greatest and Jesus says, "For who is the greater: the one at the table or the one who serves? The one at the table, surely? Yet here am I among you as the one who serves!" Jesus gives us an example of what it means to serve or what it means to be great. We are all called to wash each other's feet.

Kind regards

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