

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### **Covid-19 Vaccinations**

Dr John Kleinsman, director of the Bishops' Nathaniel Centre for bioethics, appeared on TV3's AM Show promoting the Church's message of the importance and safety of the Covid-19 vaccine.

[Coronavirus: Church leaders preach the good word about vaccines | Newshub](#)

At 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 \(cdh.org.nz\)](#)

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](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.

### **Saturday's Scriptures**

Letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:21-23

Psalm 53:3-4,6,8

Luke 6:1-5

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

It is often helpful to look at more than one translation of the Scriptures to assist us to understand what the Scriptures are about, if we are having trouble understanding them. The Jerusalem Bible which is the translation we use at Mass (except for the Book of the Gospels) has different wording from the New Revised Standard Version for today's Gospel reading. The Jerusalem Bible talks of cornfields and corn and the NRSV talks of grainfields and heads of grain. In both Scriptures the disciples rubbed them in their hands before eating them. I would have thought the corn would need to be peeled back, before being eaten and not rubbed between their hands. The differences in the Scriptures don't take away from the point that Jesus is making, that is, the sabbath is a day to rest, a day to do good, a day to enjoy the corn or grainfields.

Kind regards

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