

5th September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On Monday we will learn whether we will come down to Alert Level 2, which hopefully will mean that we will be able to have Mass with gatherings of a maximum of 100. We will also need to wait and see what instructions Bishop Steve sets out for us. We look forward in expectation to these announcements.

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

Monday's Scriptures

Colossians 1:24-2:3

Psalm 61:6-7,9

Luke 6:6-11

A short reflection on the Gospel

Today's Gospel reading is a continuation of Saturday's Gospel reading about the sabbath. Today Jesus is being watched to see if he will cure on the sabbath which the scribes and Pharisees would see as breaking the sabbath. The first thing we may notice is obviously they believed that Jesus could cure people or else why were they so interested in watching what he was doing. Maybe they were envious or jealous of Jesus' ability to cure people or the fact that people hung on his words as he spoke, taking attention away from them. The scribes and Pharisees couldn't be happy for Jesus, they had to find fault in him. They were so busy fault-finding that they can't see the wonderful miracles Jesus was doing.

Kind regards

Fr Eamon Kennedy

freamonkennedy@gmail.com

ph 07 847 5688 ext 3

www.catholicfrankton.org.nz