

6th September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today the government announced that under Alert Level 2, with stricter restrictions, gatherings inside will be limited to a maximum of 50 people. We await instructions from Bishop Steve for the diocese under these new restrictions.

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/livestream-mass)

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 2:6-15

Psalm 144:1-2,8-11

Luke 6:12-19

A short reflection on the Gospel

After a night of prayer Jesus named his apostles. We learn that Peter receives a new name Simon and Peter's brother Andrew is also chosen as an apostle. Then Simon (not to be confused with Simon Peter) was called the Zealot (they were an extremist group, although we don't really know much about Simon) and there were also two Judases chosen and the second Judas named was the one who would betray Jesus. The Scriptures are full of historical information.

The apostles were real people who are the foundation of faith. They were the first to listen to Jesus and to pass his teaching on to us through the Scriptures. People came from all over to listen to Jesus and be cured, from Judaea, Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. People wanted to listen to Jesus. Jesus had no problem attracting a crowd.

Kind regards

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