

8th September 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Under Alert Level 2 there will be no Masses on weekdays or Sundays, 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)

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

Colossians 3:12-17

Psalm 150:1-6

Luke 6:27-38

A short reflection on the Gospel

Today's Gospel is one of those Scriptures which is full of helpful advice, and we could pray and even memorise its helpful suggestions. "Treat others as you would like them to treat you." This is the golden rule although in a sense most of the sentences in today's Gospel reading could be seen as the golden rule, a rule to be lived by. "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly."

Kind regards

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