

11th October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We continue to be in Alert Level 3 and the churches remain closed for the mean time.

Bishop Steve's live streamed Mass is at 9.00 am everyday and here is the link:

[Livestream Mass — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.cdh.org.nz)

The Parish office will be closed. Parishioners are welcome to contact the Parish by phone or by email stcol.parish@extra.co.nz or you may email me at freamonkennedy@gmail.com

As a suggestion for your daily prayer, I would encourage you all to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

Tuesday's Scriptures

Romans 1:16-25

Psalm 18:2-5

Luke 11:37-41

A short reflection

The Pharisee was surprised that Jesus didn't wash before eating. Perhaps Jesus didn't wash to get a reaction from the Pharisee, to see what he would say. The Pharisee was concerned about being clean on the outside while Jesus was concerned about being clean on the inside, where you can't see. Jesus is sometimes confusing; hygiene is a good thing but the cleaning that the Pharisee wanted was more a ritual act than an act of cleaning. Jesus suggests that he gives alms instead of being so concerned about ritual cleanliness.

Kind regards

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