

14<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

**Pope Francis is organising a Synod on Synodality.**

Please, find attached two documents concerning this Synod. The first document is from Brigid Conroy, who is the contact person for our diocese, explaining the Synod and the Summary Timeline. The second document is the Synod preparatory document.

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@xtra.co.nz](mailto:stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz) or you may email me at [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Friday's Scriptures**

**St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (1515-1582) Memorial**

Romans 8:22-27

Psalm 18:8-11

John 15:1-8

**A short reflection**

There is a funny story about St. Teresa of Avila traveling between convents. She steps out of her horse drawn carriage into a muddy pool of water. She looks up to the heavens and says "Jesus, if this is how you treat your friends, no wonder You have so few!"

"Prayer in my opinion is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us." St Teresa of Avila.

Kind regards

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