

15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

**Synod on Synodality.**

This weekend Bishop Steve will launch our part of the Synod at the livestream Mass at 9.00 am on Sunday. The Mass link is below.

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/livestream-mass)

Useful resources can be found at the Hamilton Diocese's website to help us understand more about what the Synod is about and how it works.

[Synod 21-23 — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.cdh.org.nz/synod-21-23)

Everyone is encouraged to read the preparatory document for the Synod which was sent out to you yesterday.

Currently, we are in Alert Level 3 and the churches remain closed for the mean time.

The Parish office will be closed. Parishioners are welcome to contact the Parish by phone or by email [stcol.parish@extra.co.nz](mailto:stcol.parish@extra.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 to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

**Saturday's Scriptures**

Romans 4:13,16-18

Psalm 104:6-9,42-43

Luke 12:8-12

**A short reflection on the first reading**

"Your descendants will be as many as the stars". These words of St Paul from the first reading today are the words the angel said to Abraham as he prepared to sacrifice his son Isaac as an offering. The angel saw Abraham's obedience and stopped him and then said, "I will shower blessings on you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore." We are reminded today that we are descendants of Abraham, he is our father in faith. We are also reminded in this story of God the Father who sacrificed his Son on the Cross.

Kind regards

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