

16th October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Synod on Synodality

This Sunday Bishop Steve will launch our part of the Synod at the livestream Mass at 9.00 am. 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)

Here is the prayer for the Synod for us to pray:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen

Here is the most recent edition of the NZ Catholic in PDF form:

[NZ Catholic Issue 622 Oct 3, 2021 \(adobe.com\)](https://www.adobe.com/au/creativecloud/creativecloud-issues/issue-622-oct-3-2021)

On page 10 of the NZ Catholic there is a really good article by Helen Luxford on Lockdown Fatigue, which is well worth reading.

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@xtra.co.nz or you may email me at freamonkennedy@gmail.com

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

Sunday's Scriptures

Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 32:4-5,18-20,22

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45

A short reflection on the Gospel

The Apostles were upset with the brothers James and John because they wanted to sit on each side of Jesus in heaven. Jesus had come to serve and not to be served. We can choose to be servant and slave or to be master and Lord. We are reminded again that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. Jesus teaches us what we need to do by his example.

Kind regards

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