

20th October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Currently, we are 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 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.

Thursday's Scriptures

Romans 6:19-23

Psalm 1:1-4,6

Luke 12:49-53

A short reflection on the Gospel

Jesus' words can be confusing. Today he says he has come to bring division and not peace. Then after his Resurrection Jesus says to his Apostles, 'Peace be with you.' Today in the Gospel he is in distress, thinking of what is come, his Passion and Crucifixion. We read the Scriptures as a whole and not just the Scriptures we like or prefer to read. Today Jesus speaks to us of division and tomorrow he will speak to us about forgiveness or something else. Everyday there is a different message.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Let us pray for those in our community who have Covid. We pray for their speedy recovery.

We pray for those who are caring and looking after those who have Covid, that the Lord will keep them safe and assist them in their medical work.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the decisions of our government.

Kind regards

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