

22<sup>nd</sup> 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](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 to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

### **Saturday's Scriptures**

Romans 8:1-11

Psalm 23:1-6

Luke 13:1-9

### **A short reflection on the Gospel**

Jesus reminds us today in the Gospel that God patiently waits for us to return to him. Like the gardener who waits patiently for the fig tree to bear fruit, as he manures the soil, hoping that this year there will be fruit on the tree.

### **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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