

23rd 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)

Shine TV will broadcast Mass at 2.00 pm on free-to-air TV Channel 25 and Sky Channel 201.

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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 125:

Hebrews 5:1-6

Mark 10:46-52

A short reflection on the Gospel

In the Marist Messenger there is a comic of one of Jesus' disciples who doesn't really want to go out and preach the Good News, saying to Jesus that he has a headache. Jesus turns to him and says, 'You are healed.' Jesus cures the blind man today in the Gospel because he had faith. He believed Jesus could cure him and that is why he was shouting at Jesus to get his attention. He has such a conviction that he didn't even care that he was mostly naked, e.g. '...throwing off his cloak' when he had jumped up and was talking to Jesus. Even his nakedness wasn't going to get in his way of talking to Jesus, this is a man of great faith.

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.

Update from the Cox's family

Malcolm, Marian and Annie Rose Cox are all making good progress with recovering from Covid and are so grateful for everyone's prayers and loving support.

Kind regards

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Saint Gianna's Home for Mothers and Babies, a programme of Family Life International NZ, is seeking a mature married couple, or single woman, to live in at our beautiful and well-appointed home in Pukekohe - to provide acceptance, love and care for pregnant mothers in need, and for their babies and perhaps toddlers, in a faith based setting.

This is a position for a missionary minded couple, or single woman, who perhaps have a medical background, and who are passionate about the sanctity of life. The position is supported by a day time staff member, a reliever for the parents, and also volunteers.

Our work is grounded on St Pope John Paul II's Gospel of Life, and the great example of St Gianna Beretta Molla. Saint Gianna's Home caters for up to four or five mothers and their babies at any one time.

To learn more and to obtain a Position Description, and Terms of Employment, please email: Dame Colleen Bayer DSG col.fli@xtra.co.nz OR Mrs Clare McClean clare@fli.org.nz (Co ordinator - Gianna's Choice Pregnancy Options and Support).