

24th 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.

Monday's Scriptures

Romans 8:12-17

Psalm 67:2,4,6-7,20-21

Luke 13:10-17

A short reflection on the Gospel

Jesus loved to heal, he couldn't help doing it and today in the Gospel he is at work doing what he loves, caring for people. Others on the other hand were indignant, finding fault with Jesus, hypocrites, as Jesus calls them. They would give water to their animals, but they won't allow someone to be healed on the sabbath. The synagogue's official knew Jesus could heal, as he said, 'Come and be healed on one of those days and not on the sabbath.' Maybe he was jealous of Jesus or envious and he couldn't see the good work Jesus was doing. The official himself needed to be healed as much as the woman who was bent double.

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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