

25th 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.

Tuesday's Scriptures

Romans 8:18-25

Psalm 125:

Luke 13:18-21

A short reflection on the Gospel

What is the Kingdom of God like? This question is often raised by Jesus in the Gospels. It requires us to do some reflection on it, to understand what it means for us. The Kingdom of God is here among us sometimes without us knowing it. A small seed grows into a big tree and the birds shelter in its branches. When did this happen? It happens without us knowing how. One minute it is seed and then before we know it, it is a tree. This is the wonder of the Kingdom of God. We need to have eyes to see this wonder working in the world, and to take time every day to notice the Kingdom of God working in our lives.

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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