

26<sup>th</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.

### **Tuesday's Scriptures**

Romans 8:26-30

Psalm 12:4-6

Luke 13:22-30

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

Yesterday Jesus raised the question, what is the Kingdom of God like? Today he gives an example of the Kingdom of God for those outside looking in and seeing 'Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets...' Maybe these outsiders are missing out on the Kingdom of God. Perhaps we are part of the Kingdom of God when we are listening to God's messengers, the prophets and in particular Jesus. Jesus is God's mouthpiece, and this is why we reverence the Gospels more than any other part of the Bible. When we read from the Gospels, God speaks to us, gives us a message through Jesus' words.

### **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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