

27th 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/livestream-mass)

The Parish office will be closed. Parishioners are welcome to contact the Parish by phone or by email stcol.parish@extra.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.

Thursday's Scriptures

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles (Feast)

Ephesians 2:19-22

Psalm 18:2-5

Luke 6:12-19

A short reflection on today's two saints.

In the Gospel, St Simon is also called Simon the Zealot. The Zealots were a group who fight for freedom for the Jews from the Romans. Simon must have been touched by Jesus' words to change and become a man of peace. St Judas' name was shortened to St Jude, not to be confused with Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. He was also called Thaddeus. St Jude has an epistle named after him although scholars do not think he was the author. In the Gospel today it says that people came from all over "to hear him and be cured of their diseases." So, we imagine people listening to Jesus today and being fed by his word.

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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