

28th October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Synod

The next thing we need to do is register on our Diocesan website to participate in the Synod and here is the link: [Synod 21-23 — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.cdh.org.nz/synod-21-23)

The registrations close on Monday.

We may only be able to participate online since we could still be in Alert Level 3. The local discussions will happen during the month of November. Please do take the time to have a look at the Synod website for our diocese. It is very good and helpful in explaining about what the Synod is about.

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@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.

Friday's Scriptures

Romans 9:1-5

Psalm 147:12-15,19-20

Luke 14:1-6

A short reflection on today's Gospel.

Today's Gospel is parallel to the Gospel of Luke 13:10-17 which we read on Monday. Again, Jesus is dealing with what to do or not to do on the Sabbath. The man who needs to be cured has dropsy, (swelling in the body caused by fluid retention) and is being watched by the Pharisees to see what Jesus will do. On Monday Jesus used the argument of giving water to their animals and today it is saving their ox or son from a well on the Sabbath. The Pharisees had such rigid practices on how to keep the Sabbath which was more about control rather than making the Sabbath holy and a day set aside for God. We as Christians are constantly called to review how we treat the Sabbath, our Sunday, and to see how we make it holy for God.

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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