

29th 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@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.

Saturday's Scriptures

Romans 11:1-2,11-12,25-29

Psalm 93:12-15,17-18

Luke 14:1,7-11

A short reflection on today's Gospel.

Today, instead of the Pharisees watching Jesus, Jesus is watching the Pharisees. What was going on was more about the Pharisees than about where one sits at a wedding. The Pharisees were interested in making a big show of themselves and they lacked humility. They wanted to be honoured and to feel important. This was their practice and Jesus could see through this nonsense. "For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." The final sentence in today's Gospel is a frequently used verse in the Scriptures. It is not a small thing to be humble. Humility affects every aspect of 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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