

2nd October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Sunday Mass booking

22 seats left at the 8.00 am Mass.

The 10.00 am Mass is full.

If you need assistance to book in for Sunday Mass, please do not hesitate to contact me by email, landline or mobile.

Here is the link to book in for this Sunday's Mass at St Columba's.

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/AlexBailey1/SundayBookingStColumbasFrankton>

At Alert Level 2, we will only have Mass at Raglan and not at Te Mata.

Holy Name of Jesus Raglan (no booking required)
Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm
St Columba's - seats remaining
Saturday Vigil 7.00 pm
Sunday 8.00 am (22)
Sunday 10.00 am (full)

The Mass is live streamed from the Cathedral at 10.30 am on Sunday and here is the link [Livestream Mass — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.cdh.org.nz/livestream-mass)

Weekday Masses

The normal weekday Mass timetable has started at St Columba's, 9.00 am Mass every except Saturday where there is no morning Mass and instead there will be the Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm.

Confessions

Confessions will happen on Saturday morning at 9.30 am and after each Sunday Mass at St Columba's.

St Columba's Church will be opened during the day for private prayer.

Please remember to scan the QR code or place your details into the box provided and wear a mask.

The Parish office will be open and operating more like a 'click and collect' set up. 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

Please keep in contact by phone with fellow Parishioners and if you discover they are not getting an email from me please forward their email address to me so I can add them to the Parish Google Groups.

As a suggestion for your daily prayer, I would encourage you all to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

Sunday's Scriptures

Genesis 2:18-24

Psalm 127

Hebrews 2:9-11

Mark 10:2-16

A short reflection on the first reading

“It is not good that man should be alone.” God cared about the man and was concerned that he was alone, and he didn’t want this. We have two creation accounts in the Book of Genesis and today’s first reading comes from the second creation account. It would be helpful to read the second creation account in full. One thing I noticed is that God put Adam in Eden ‘to till it and keep it.’ (v 15). I would have thought that Eden would have been a perfect garden, not needing care. But even Eden was dependant on Adam to care for it, e.g. till it. Adam is the same as Eden, needing care (helpmate) and no wild beast or bird was found to be a suitable helpmate for him, so woman was created as man slept. We were created not to be alone and to work e.g. ‘to till it and keep it,’ and this was before Adam and Eve sinned.

Kind regards

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