

3rd October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Now we are moving back tonight into Alert Level 3.

The churches are closed except for funerals and weddings up to a maximum of 10 people.

No weekday or Sunday Masses.

No communion to the sick.

Anointing of the sick is available if you contact me by phone or email.

The same Level 3 restrictions apply as set out by Bishop Steve on 29th August 2021.

Please let others know who are not getting emails from the Parish in case they need a refresher of what Alert Level 3 means for the church.

The Mass is live streamed 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 open. 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 all to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

Monday's Scriptures

St Francis of Assisi (1181/82-1226)

Galatians 6:14-18

Psalms 15:1-2,5,7-8,11

Matthew 11:25-30

A short reflection

The entrance antiphon for the Memorial of St Francis sums up his life well. "Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up."

Prayer of St Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O, Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

it is in dying that we are born again to eternal life.

Kind regards

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