

6<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

**We are now in 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 Parish.

Mass is live streamed daily at 9.00 am from Bishop Steve's chapel 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](mailto:stcol.parish@xtra.co.nz) or you may email me at [freamonkennedy@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Thursday's Scriptures**

**Our Lady of the Rosary (Memorial)**

Acts of the Apostles 1:12-14

Luke 1:46-55

Luke 1:26-38

**A short reflection.**

Today's feast day blends well into yesterday's Gospel on the Our Father and our desire to pray. The Rosary assists us to pray and meditate on the life of Jesus accompanied by Mary. Today's Gospel reading of the Annunciation is so beautiful and we could spend the rest of our lives meditating on this one mystery of our faith. The Annunciation is such an important mystery of faith because of the 'yes' of Mary, God became flesh (human), he lived, healed people, spoke, died for our salvation and rose from the dead. Then in the Gospel reading we move into the story of Mary rushing to the care of her elderly cousin who is with child. It is a beautiful scripture to meditate on as we pray the Rosary.

Kind regards

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