

7th 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 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 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 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.

Friday's Scriptures

Prophet Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Psalm 9:2-3,6,16,8-9

Luke 11:15-26

A short reflection

Jesus had come to conquer evil and in today's Gospel they are accusing him of being evil. What a slap in the face for Jesus. Such a negative way of treating him. Some cannot see good in anything, and this is a problem. They can only see bad or evil. Today in the Gospel they cannot see the good that Jesus was doing.

Today for our prayer we could use the first verse of today's psalm and repeat it slowly.

I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will recount all your wonders.

I will rejoice in you and be glad,

and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Kind regards

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