

8th October 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We are 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.

Saturday's Scriptures

St Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs (250) Optional Memorial

Prophet Joel 4:12-21

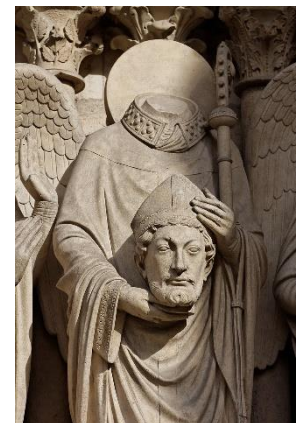
Psalms 96:1-2,5-6,11-12

Luke 11:27-28

A short reflection

St Denis is the patron saint of France and the first bishop of Paris. He was sent from Rome to France and was martyred, beheaded during the persecution under Valerius in 258. According to the legend, he picked up his severed head and walked six kilometres along the Rue des Martyrs or the Martyrs Street to where he wished to be buried. The Catholic Faith was brought to France or Paris by St Denis and Bishop Pompallier, the first bishop of New Zealand, brought the faith from France to New Zealand. I wonder if there is a connection between Pompallier and St Denis. Our faith is passed onto us, someone has to preach the Good News. We are all called to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ and spread the Faith.

St Denis holding his head. This picture comes from Notre Dame de Paris.



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