

10th November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Currently, we are in Alert Level 3 and there are no Masses.
St Columba's Church will be opened during the day for private prayer only and not for groups.
Please remember to scan the QR code or place your details into the box provided and wear a mask.

Bishop Steve's live streamed Mass is at 9.00 am everyday 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 to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

Wednesday's Scriptures

St Martin of Tours - Bishop (317-397) Memorial

Isaiah 61:1-3

Psalms 88:2-5,21-22,25,27

Matthew 25:31-40

A short reflection

When St Martin of Tours was a soldier, he met a poor beggar on the road trembling with cold, begging from those passing by. He had nothing to offer him, so he took his sword and cut his cloak in half and gave half to the beggar. Bystanders laughed at St Martin wearing half a cloak and others felt ashamed that they hadn't helped the beggar themselves. That night as St Martin slept, he saw Christ dressed in half a garment and heard these words: "Martin, still a catechumen, has covered me with this garment."

Our first reading today is a good Scripture to use for your prayer. In the verses, the Lord is speaking to us directly. "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me...."

Prayers of the Faithful:

Let us pray for those in our community who have Covid. We pray for their speedy recovery.

We pray for those who are caring and looking after those who have Covid, that the Lord will keep them safe and assist them in their medical work.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide the decisions of our government.

We pray for the holy souls. May they rest in peace and see God face to face.

We pray for those who are considering euthanasia and assisted suicide that the Lord will touch their hearts and send them the support and love that they need to know that they are a precious child of God.

Kind regards

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