

11th 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)

The Parish office will be closed. Parishioners are welcome to contact the Parish by phone or by email
stcol.parish@extra.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.

Friday's Scriptures

St Josaphat - Bishop and Martyr (1580-1623) Memorial

Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13

Psalms 1:1-4,6

John 17:20-26

A short reflection

In 1050, a schism occurred between the Eastern Church centred in Constantinople and the Western Church centred in Rome. More than five centuries later a group of Orthodox bishops decided to unite the Orthodox Church again with the Catholic church which was opposed by many Christians. This change in the church happened while St Josephat was a child. Later as St Josephat worked as a Bishop to unite the Orthodox and Catholic Church, he was sadly killed for his efforts by a mob.

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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