

12th 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.

Saturday's Scriptures

Wisdom 18:14-16, 19:6-9
Psalm 104:2-3,36-37,42-43
Luke 18:1-8

A short reflection

The Scriptures are full of suggestions for our prayer life and today's Gospel is a good example of this. It shows the importance of praying continually and to never lose heart. These are two important aspects of prayer. One of the issues we may face in our prayer, is sometimes our prayers are not answered or not answered in the way we want. So, we are called to pray continually and not to lose heart. It is important to persevere in our prayer, like the persistent widow who never gave up on pestering the Judge.

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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