

13th 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)

Shine TV will broadcast Mass at 2.00 pm on free-to-air TV Channel 25 and Sky Channel 201.

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.

Sunday's Scriptures

Daniel 12:1-13
Psalm 15:5,8-11
Hebrews 10:11-14,18
Mark 13:24-32

A short reflection

The liturgical year is coming to an end and soon we will begin the season of Advent, which prepares us to celebrate Jesus' Second Coming and his birth. The Scriptures are now focusing on the end times. It is a warning; Jesus is coming on a cloud. We can assume everything will stay the same, which of course it doesn't. Life is full of change and even turmoil e.g. Covid. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." What an incredible statement to reflect on from today's Gospel reading. Jesus' words will not pass away. I wonder what this means for us.

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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