

15th November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Currently, we are in Alert Level 3 which will change to Alert Level 2 on Wednesday. Weekday Masses will resume on Wednesday and you will need to book in for Sunday Masses again.

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.

Tuesday's Scriptures

Maccabees 6:18-31

Psalm 3:2-7

Luke 19:1-10

A short reflection

The crowd could be jealous of Zacchaeus, which is why they reacted when they learnt that Jesus was going to his house. Maybe they too wanted Jesus to be a guest in their homes. Zacchaeus is also moved by the fact that Jesus has invited himself into his home and is prepared to make an amendment for his life. It is a moving story and humorous with Zacchaeus climbing a tree to see Jesus.

For your homework, if you wish, you can look up the town of Jericho and learn about this ancient city.

Kind regards

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