

26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

### **Blessing of the Columbarium**

There will be a blessing of the Columbarium St Columba's at 3.00 pm on Sunday.

### **Book in for Mass**

Here is the link to book in for this Sunday's Mass at St Columba's which includes the Vigil Mass at 7.00 pm.

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/AlexBailey1/SundayBookingStColumbasFrankton>

At Alert Level 2, we will only have Mass at Raglan and not at Te Mata.

<b>Holy Name of Jesus Raglan</b> (no booking required)
Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm
<b>St Columba's</b>
Saturday Vigil 7.00 pm (60 seats remaining)
Sunday 8.00 am (44 seats remaining)
Sunday 10.00 am (21 seats remaining)

### **The Traffic Light System**

With the Traffic Light system being introduced on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, this will affect the way we gather. I am proposing to continue the Sunday Masses we are currently having and designating the 7.00 pm Vigil Mass for those who are not vaccinated and/or for those who prefer smaller gatherings. The 8.00 am and 10.00 am masses will be for those who have the Vaccine Passport.

The weekday Masses will be for everyone since our numbers are small.

If we begin in Orange, the 7.00 pm Vigil Mass will be limited to 50 and the 8.00 am and 10.00 will have no limit, although a limit could be set to keep people safe.

The Mass in Raglan will be for both the vaccinated and not vaccinated since the numbers there are below 50.

We are most likely to have a different plan for Christmas.

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)

As a suggestion for your daily prayer, I would encourage you to read slowly one the Scripture readings of the day.

### **Saturday's Scriptures**

Daniel 7:15-27

Daniel 3:82-87

Luke 21:34-36

**A short reflection**

It is important to watch our hearts as Jesus says today in the Gospel, so they don't become coarsened by the cares of life. We live in uncertain times, with lots of stresses and concerns and we could become hardened if we are not careful. Coarsened, like very rough sandpaper. Coarsened is the opposite to smooth and soft and loving and compassionate.

Kind regards

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