

3rd November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Please find attached two documents from the NZ Catholic Bishop's called:
[A Pastoral Statement from the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference on The spiritual and pastoral care of persons contemplating assisted dying in Aotearoa New Zealand](#)
and [Principles and Guidelines for those working with and ministering to people contemplating assisted dying.](#)

Currently, we are in Alert Level 3 and the churches remain closed for the mean time.

Bishop Steve's live streamed Mass is at 9.00 am everyday and here is the link:
[Livestream Mass — Catholic Diocese of Hamilton \(cdh.org.nz\)](#)

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.

Thursday's Scriptures

St Charles Borromeo, Bishop (1538-1584) Memorial

Romans 12:3-13

Psalm 88:2-5,21-22,25,27

John 10:11-16

A short reflection

St Charles' uncle, Pope Pius IV, made him a cardinal even though he was still a layman, but later was ordained and became the archbishop of Milan at the age of 25. St Charles played a major role in concluding the Council of Trent and started seminaries for the training of future Priests. During the famine and plague of 1576 St Charles fed 60 000 to 70 000 people a day, causing his diocese to have a significant debt. He cared for the sick and dying and he himself died at the young age of 46, worn out by his work.

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.

Kind regards

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