

4th November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

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 \(cdh.org.nz\)](https://www.cdh.org.nz)

The Parish office will be closed. Parishioners are welcome to contact the Parish by phone or by email stcol.parish@extra.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.

Friday's Scriptures

Romans 15:14-21

Psalm 97:1-4

Luke 16:1-8

A short reflection

The steward in the Gospel was denounced for being wasteful of his master's property and he was dishonest in how he used his master's wealth (oil and wheat) to gain friends, who would look after him after being dismissed from his employment. We could imagine it wasn't a small sum that we are talking about here. One hundred measures of oil came from 450 olive trees and one hundred measures of wheat came from about 40 hectares of land. The steward is praised for his astuteness. He was wise with how he dealt with the matters of this world, although the point of this story is not about being wise in this world but being wise in preparation for the next world. It is about using our gifts, talents and abilities to gain treasure in heaven.

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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