

5th November 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

On Sunday, 7th November, euthanasia and assisted suicide will officially become legal in NZ.

Do you understand the new law?

Please take a moment to watch the short video presentation by Bob McCoskrie from Family First below which gives an overview of the new law, the significant problems and risks, and most importantly, how you can protect your loved ones and other vulnerable people. Please share the video with family and friends.

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wloorTHPW20>

Family First have additional material at [Protect.org.nz](https://www.protect.org.nz) and the Fact Sheet on euthanasia can also be ordered in bulk quantities [HERE](#).

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/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.

Saturday's Scriptures

Romans 16:3-9,16,22-27

Psalm 144:2-5,10-11

Luke 16:9-15

A short reflection

The Gospel today says that the Pharisees loved money and they laughed at Jesus when he spoke of money being a tainted thing. Another translation says the Pharisees were lovers of money. This is not a great thing to say about anyone, that they are lovers of money. If we love money, then we know where our priorities lie. We should value money because we need it for our material needs e.g. food, paying the bills etc but we shouldn't love it. Therefore, the Pharisees laughed at Jesus because their hearts were set on money.

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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